



# MONTHLY CONNECT

SEPTEMBER | 2025



## UCP Through September's Lens

Voices that echoed with purpose, moments that defined our journey.  
Together at UCP, we turned inspiration into impact.



# Highlight of the Month

## Orientation Fall 2025

University of Central Punjab hosted Orientation Week Fall 2025, a vibrant celebration to welcome the newest members of the UCP family. The week was filled with activities designed to help students adapt to university life, connect with peers and explore the endless opportunities UCP has to offer. From welcome notes by Pro Rector, Provost, Deans & administration to faculty interactions, students gained valuable insights into academic resources, administrative support and the diverse culture that defines UCP.

Highlights of the week included Campus Tour, music performances and societies membership stalls that brought the entire campus together. Students also discovered the wide range of societies and clubs that will allow them to pursue their passions beyond the classroom.

With a strong message of academic excellence, community and growth, Orientation Week concluded on a high note, leaving students motivated and excited for the journey ahead.

It was more than just a welcome, it was the start of new friendships, opportunities and experiences that will shape the leaders of tomorrow.









# Sangat e Dostan: Alumni Qawwali Night 2025

Living it like the old days.









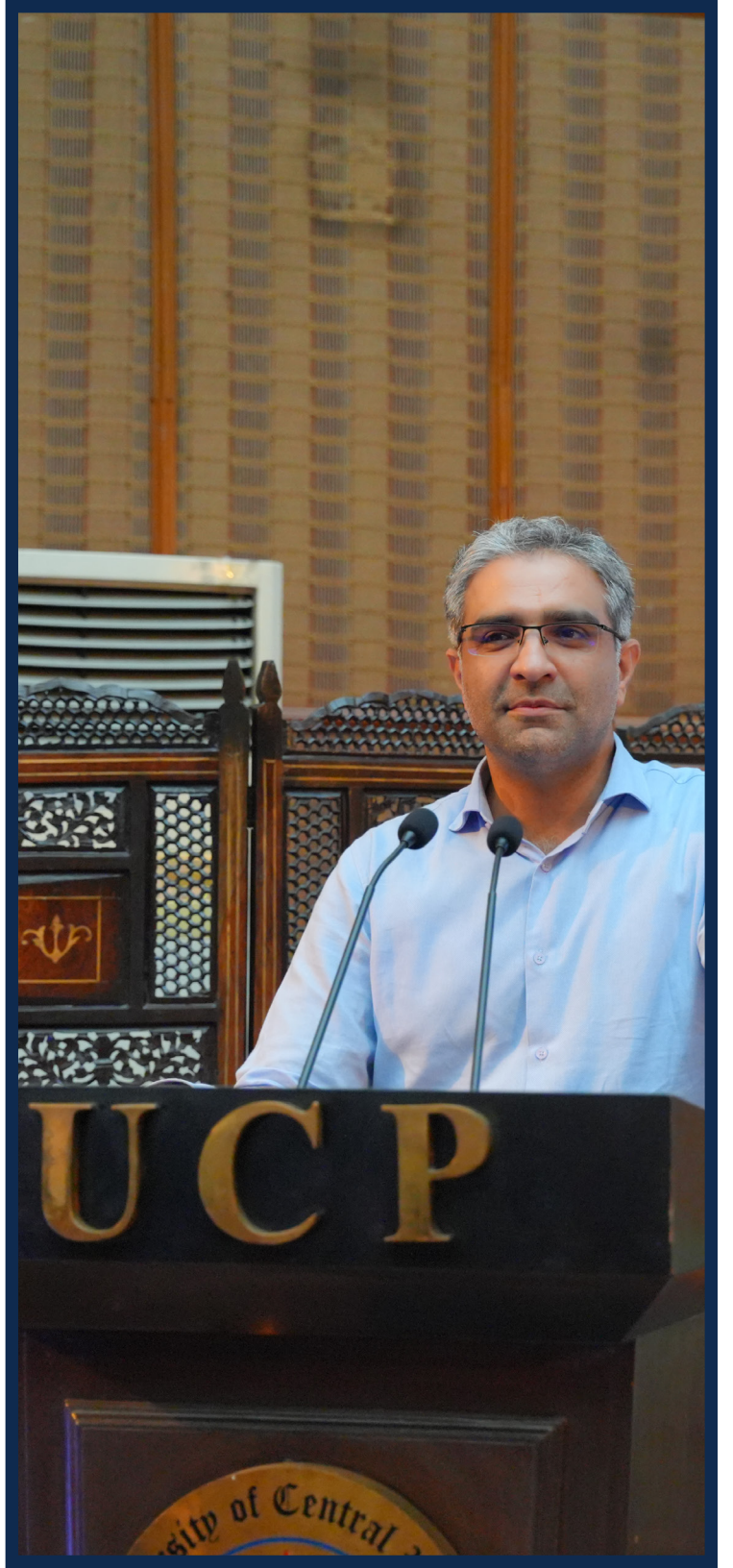
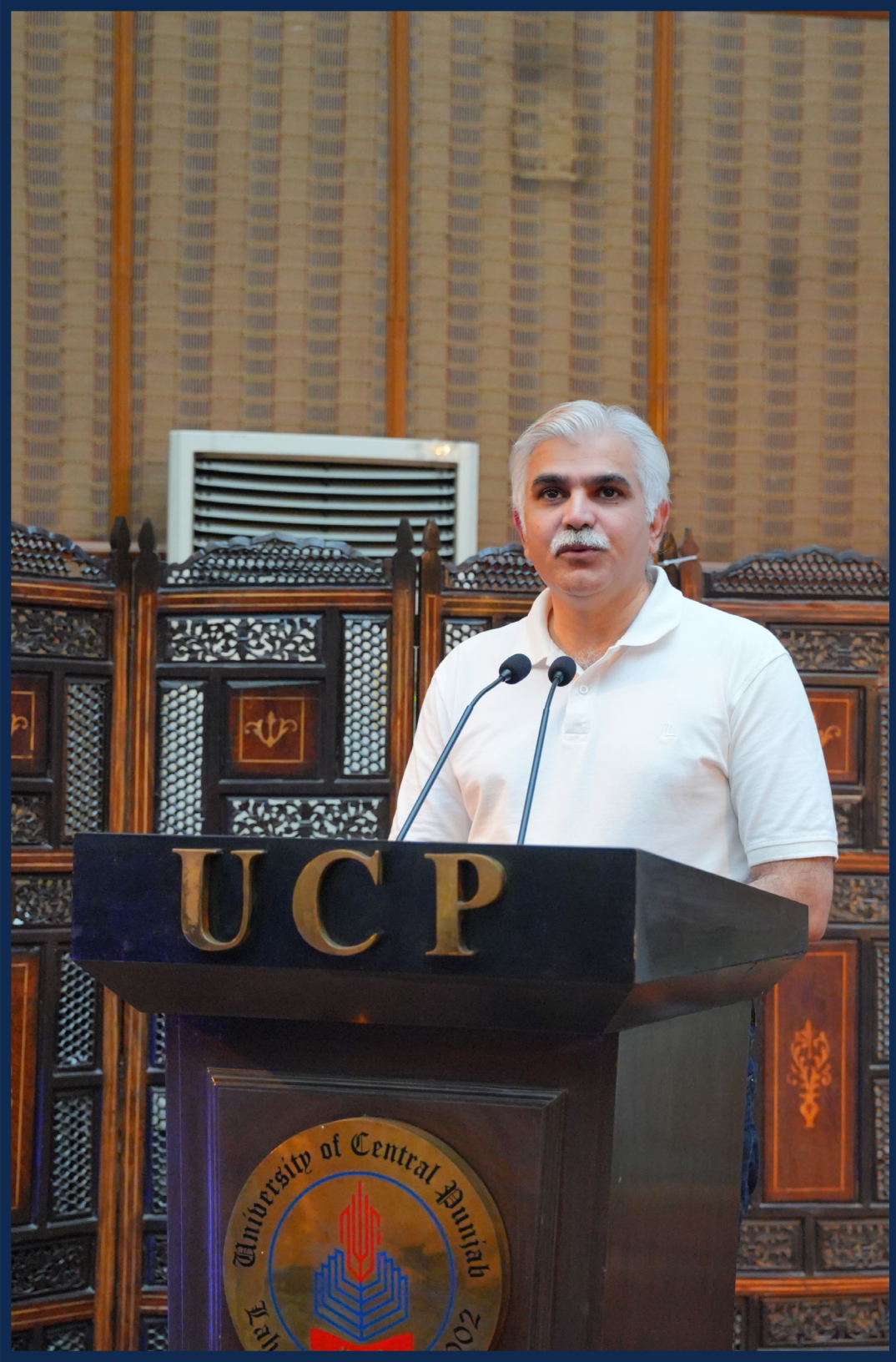
# Faculty Champs 2025

Faculty Champs 2025 was successfully celebrated at UCP, honoring the exceptional contributions of faculty members across disciplines. The event featured the announcement and recognition of outstanding faculty, followed by light refreshments in a warm and engaging setting. The celebration highlighted the dedication, excellence, and collaborative spirit of UCP’s academic community.

- Dr. Muhammad Zaman - Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Mr. Tahoor Ali - Faculty of Languages & Literature
- Mr. Asif Farooq - Faculty of Information Technology & Computer Science
- Dr. Nabeel Khalid - Faculty of Engineering
- Mr. Rehman Nasir - Faculty of Media & Mass Communication
- Ms. Pakeeza Haider Qasmi - Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences
- Ms. Maryam Khalid - Faculty of Science & Technology
- Mr. Syed Nabeel Haider - Faculty of Management Sciences
- Ms. Shaista Anwar - Faculty of Law









# Workshops and Seminars

## Youth and Volunteerism



Volunteers in Service Department organized an engaging motivational session on Youth and Volunteerism, featuring Capt. Muhammad Sannan Akbar, National Head of Volunteer Management at Al-khidmat Foundation Pakistan. Capt. Akbar inspired the audience by sharing his personal experiences and shedding light on the life-changing impact of volunteerism. In his talk, he emphasized the vital role of youth in driving meaningful social change, illustrating how volunteerism not only strengthens communities but also cultivates leadership, empathy, and problem-solving skills. He encouraged students to embrace volunteerism as a pathway to becoming agents of transformation in society.

## Short Course on Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Diagnostics



Department of Basic and Applied Chemistry organized the Short Course on Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Diagnostics to strengthen participants' understanding of biochemical techniques and their clinical applications. Day 2 of the training, led by Prof. Dr. Sumera Zaib, focused on ELISA techniques for cholesterol, uric acid, and glucose estimation. The session included an insightful lecture followed by interactive hands-on lab training, where participants gained valuable practical experience in linking biochemical theory with clinical diagnostics. The course provided participants with excellent guidance and feedback, equipping them with applied laboratory skills relevant to the field of clinical biochemistry.

## 7th National Hands-on Training Workshop on Advanced Bioinformatics & Molecular Biotechnology



The Department of Biotechnology organized the 7th National Hands-on Training Workshop on Advanced Bioinformatics & Molecular Biotechnology, attracting over 120 participants from 36 universities across Pakistan. The workshop provided in-depth exposure to cutting-edge topics, including Artificial Neural Networks, Whole Genome Sequencing Data Analysis, Molecular Biotechnology Pipelines, AI in Research Automation, Vaccine Design, and Mathematical Modelling in Healthcare Systems. The hands-on training enabled participants to apply theoretical knowledge to practical research scenarios, fostering skills in bioinformatics and molecular biotechnology. The event highlighted UCP's commitment to advancing scientific research and promoting collaborative learning at the national level.

## Annual Summer Workshop Series 2025



The Department of Mathematics launched the Annual Summer Workshop Series 2025, with Day 1 covering a wide range of themes, including Image Cryptography, Non-Uniform B-Splines, Viral Disease Transmission Modelling, Markov Chains in Epidemiology, and Molecular Predictions combining Mathematics, Chemistry, and AI. The session featured the Rapid Research Exchange activity, fostering vibrant cross-disciplinary collaborations among participants. Insightful talks were delivered by Dr. Muhammad Tanveer, Dr. Shahid Saeed Siddiqi, Dr. Usama Ghafoor, Ms. Asfar Nisar, and Ms. Qurat-ul-Ain, who shared their expertise across multiple mathematical and applied domains, inspiring attendees to explore innovative applications of mathematics in science and research.



## 2nd HPLC Hands-On Training Workshop at UCP



Department of Basic and Applied Chemistry in collaboration with the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences successfully organized the 2nd HPLC Hands-On Training Workshop, providing participants with practical training on Advanced Analytical Instruments, including High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC). The workshop attracted participants from universities across Pakistan. Sessions were conducted by Dr. Muhammad Riaz (Introduction, Working Principles, and Sample Preparation for HPLC), Dr. Muhammad Asad Saeed, and Tooba Mehboob (Sample Analysis and Interpretation of Results). The workshop concluded with a certificate distribution ceremony for organizers and resource persons, reflecting UCP’s commitment to enhancing research skills and practical expertise in analytical sciences.

## 1st Biotechnology Symposium & Stakeholders’ Dialogue on Maize Biotechnology & Molecular Breeding



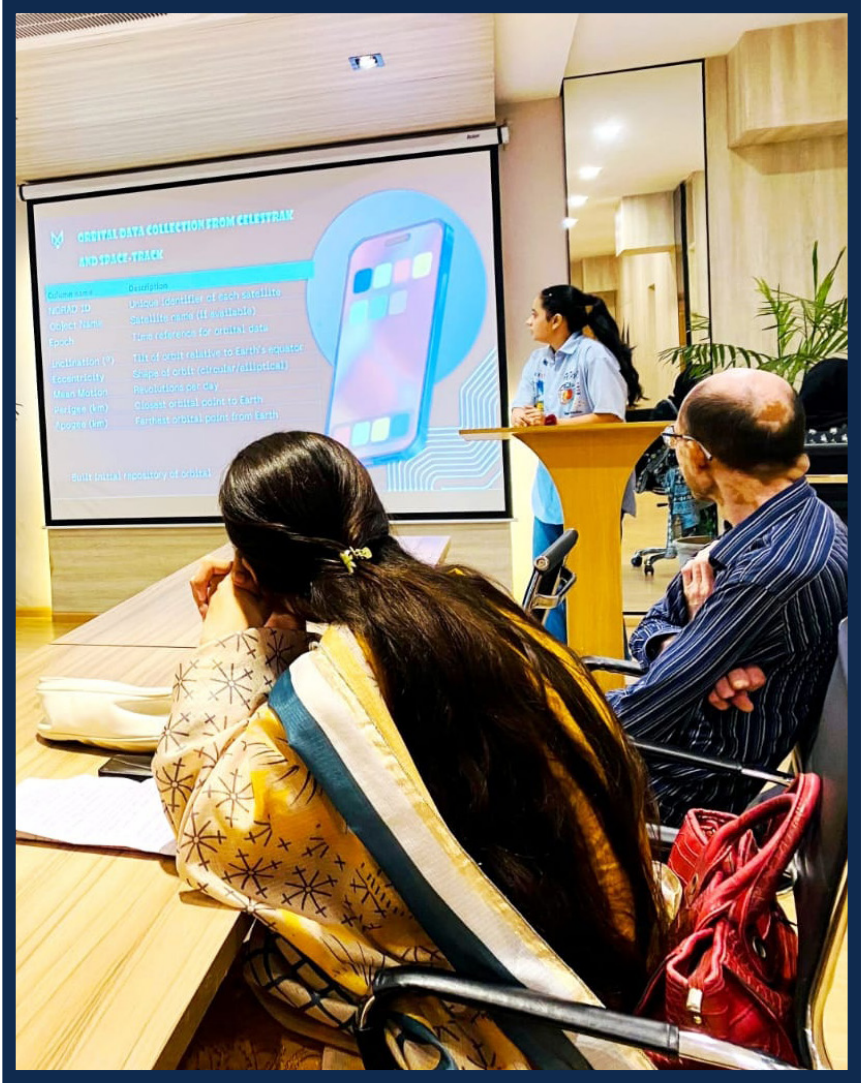
University of Central Punjab successfully hosted the 1st Biotechnology Symposium & Stakeholders’ Dialogue on Maize Biotechnology & Molecular Breeding, bringing together researchers, industrial experts, and academic leaders. The event focused on cutting-edge advancements, innovative research, and future prospects in maize biotechnology and molecular breeding. Participants engaged in in-depth discussions on emerging technologies, collaborative research opportunities, and strategies to enhance crop productivity and sustainability. The symposium highlighted UCP’s commitment to fostering research excellence, industry-academia collaboration, and knowledge exchange in the field of biotechnology.

## Practical CFD Analysis Workshop for Engineers, Students, and Faculty



The Faculty of Engineering hosted a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Workshop titled “Practical CFD Analysis Workshop for Engineers, Students, and Faculty: From Basics to Application”, organized by Dr. Gulraiz Ahmedy. The workshop provided participants with a solid foundation in CFD principles, governing equations, and simulation methodologies, combining both theoretical understanding and hands-on learning. Attendees gained practical skills to apply CFD techniques to real-world engineering problems. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A, where participants shared insights and discussed challenges related to the use of CFD tools across diverse engineering domains.

## Department of Physics 1st Research Seminar



The Department of Physics successfully organized its 1st Research Seminar, providing a platform for M.Phil. Physics research students to present their ongoing projects and share progress updates. The seminar offered an insightful overview of diverse research topics, encouraging knowledge exchange, critical discussions, and feedback from faculty and peers. This initiative reflects UCP’s commitment to fostering research culture, academic excellence, and student engagement in advanced scientific studies.



## Conference of Youth 2025



The Native Youth Club for Climate Change (NYCCC), in collaboration with University of Central Punjab (UCP), hosted the Conference of Youth 2025, bringing together youth leaders, experts, and organizations to discuss sustainable solutions, green skills, climate economy, agriculture, governance, and the role of youth in addressing environmental crises such as floods and smog. The Chief Guest, Rana Mashood Ahmad Khan, Chairman of the Prime Minister Youth Program, emphasized the importance of collective action and the vital role of young people in shaping climate policies and promoting a sustainable future.

The event featured keynote speeches, panel discussions, and policy dialogues, fostering meaningful exchanges between participants and thought leaders. The conference concluded with a renewed commitment from all stakeholders to continue collaborative efforts for climate resilience, sustainability, and impactful policy advocacy.



## Generative AI in Research and Academics

Learning Innovation Centre (LIC) and ORIC organized a two-day workshop on using Generative AI in research and teaching. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh and Pro-Rector Dr. Hammad Naveed trained 100 faculty members from nine faculties, focusing on ethical AI use, research integrity, and practical tools for lesson planning, assignments, and assessments. The initiative reflects UCP's commitment to innovation and future-ready education.



## Outcome Based Education (OBE) 1st Training Session

Faculty of Engineering (FOE), in collaboration with UCP International Office, organized its first training session on Outcome-Based Education (OBE) under the guidance of the Pro-Rector Office. Faculty members from various departments actively participated in interactive discussions on Program Educational Objectives (PEOs), Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs)/Graduate Attributes, and Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs). The session focused on aligning UCP's curriculum with global best practices, reinforcing the university's commitment to academic excellence and quality education.



## 1st Computational Chemistry Software Hands-On Training Workshop

Department of Basic & Applied Chemistry, in collaboration with the Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization (ORIC), organized the 1st Computational Chemistry Software Hands-On Training Workshop under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh. The day-long workshop, led by Dr. Muhammad Perviaz, provided participants with comprehensive training on five premium computational chemistry software tools: Gaussian, Gaussian View, ORCA, Quantum Espresso, and Avogadro. These software packages were offered free of cost to all attendees for learning and practice purposes.

Faculty members and students from leading institutions, including FCCU, WCUF, UET, UOL, PU, and GCUL, participated in the workshop. Attendees gained valuable technical skills in computational chemistry applications through hands-on exercises and expert guidance.





## Masterclass: YouTube, LinkedIn & Upwork – Learn to Earn Opening Session

The Center for Professional Excellence (CPE) welcomed participants to the Opening Session of the Masterclass: Learn to Earn, led by Mr. Babar Khalil. The session brought together a diverse group of attendees, from students to senior professionals, eager to explore freelancing, YouTube automation, and LinkedIn branding. Mr. Muhammad Ali Aizaz, Head of CPE, encouraged participants to make the most of this learning journey for their professional growth. Through initiatives like this, CPE reinforces its commitment to equipping learners with globally relevant skills and opportunities for success.



## Beyond Chalk & Talk: AI for Modern Educators



Under the guidance of Ms. Tayyaba Binte Mehmood, a two-day training program equipped academic professionals and teachers with practical skills to integrate AI into modern teaching practices. Participants explored real-time applications of AI tools and techniques, including lesson planning, assessment strategies, and enhancing classroom engagement. By the conclusion of the program, educators gained the confidence and expertise to embrace AI as a collaborative partner in transforming education.

## 1st International Symposium on Recent Advances in Chemistry



Department of Basic & Applied Chemistry, Faculty of Science & Technology (FOST), successfully organized the "1st International Symposium on Recent Advances in Chemistry", featuring 11 renowned scientists from across the globe. Keynote speakers included Dr. Muhammad Farooq Wahab (USA), Dr. Thomas J. Webster (China; Nobel Prize Nominee), Dr. Sarah Haris (UK), and several distinguished researchers from Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. The inaugural session was led by Dr. Ghayoor Abbass Chotana (LUMS), while the concluding session featured Dr. Shazma Azeem (FCCU). With active participation from faculty, students, researchers, and industry professionals, the symposium showcased UCP's dedication to global collaboration, innovation, and advancing research in chemistry.

## Think, Solve, Code: Basics of Programming



UCP organized a practical workshop, "Think, Solve, Code: Basics of Programming", for learners from pre-medical backgrounds. The session introduced participants to logical thinking, problem-solving, and coding fundamentals, making programming accessible beyond computer science and equipping students with essential 21st-century skills.



# University Events

## Engineering Bootcamp



Faculty of Engineering launched its Bootcamp with an introductory session on 3D printing and Computer-Aided Design (CAD), featuring hands-on experience and live demonstrations. The session was attended by students of Mechanical Engineering, who received training and guidance from Engr. Qasim Goraya, Engr. Ahmad Farid Abbas, and Engr. Abdullah Khan along with faculty and staff. Dr. Rizwan Shad, Dean Faculty of Engineering, and Dr. Muhammad Kashif, Head of Mechanical Engineering, also engaged with participants in an interactive discussion on career opportunities in engineering.

### Space Camp 2025

Space Camp 2025 commenced with the theme “Design, Build, and Launch Your First Satellite”, organized in collaboration with SUPARCO’s RESOLVE program and the Space Research Centre (SRC).

The opening ceremony brought together academic and industry leaders, including Muhammad Yaqoob (Provost, UCP), Dr. Muhammad Waseem (Director RESOLVE – SUPARCO), Dr. Rizwan Shad (Dean FOE – UCP), and Dr. M. Kamran Saleem (Director – SRC). SUPARCO dignitaries Farhan A. Chudhery (Acting DG), Dr. Amir Gillani (Deputy DG), and Dr. Akhyar Farukh (Director ORIC – UCP) also attended to show their support.

On the first day, participants received an introduction to satellite subsystems, including power, communication, and payload, followed by hands-on work with EYASSAT kits. By assembling and testing parts of a satellite themselves, students experienced space science in action, gaining practical insights into the design and development of satellite technology.



### Advanced Web Programming Department of Software Engineering



Department of Software Engineering conducted a Faculty Training Program on “Advanced Web Programming” during the summer session. Led by Mr. Zain Asghar (Principal Lecturer, FOIT&CS), the program focused on MERN Stack technologies, equipping faculty with modern web development skills and reinforcing UCP’s commitment to faculty development and industry-relevant learning.



## Pinnacle of Plate: Cutting Edge Technologies in Food Sector



Department of Food & Nutritional Sciences, in collaboration with Forman Christian College and the National Alliance for Safe Food, hosted “Pinnacle of Plate: Cutting-Edge Technologies in the Food Sector” at Food Asia Expo 2025. Chaired by Dr. Shinawar Waseem and co-chaired by Dr. Muhammad Jawad Iqbal, the session featured experts including Dr. Kanza Aziz Awan and Dr. Ayesha Murtaza. Chief Guest Dr. Ijaz Ahmad (DG, PCSIR) presented shields, while discussions highlighted innovations in food technology and strengthened academia–industry collaboration.

## FOPS’ Second Summer Research Program (SRP) – 2025

Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, under the leadership of Dean Prof. Dr. Mahtab Ahmad Khan, has launched its second Summer Research Program (SRP) for Pharm.D students, free of cost. Led by Dr. Muhammad Imran Sajid, the program has received an overwhelming response and aims to foster research skills, critical thinking, and a spirit of innovation among future pharmacists.



## Workplace Well-Being and Sensitization

As part of University of Central Punjab’s commitment to fostering a safe, respectful, and inclusive work environment, the Human Resource Department organized a session on workplace well-being and sensitization. The session focused on promoting awareness about professional conduct, mental health, and creating a supportive workplace culture. Faculty and staff participated actively, gaining insights into strategies for enhancing well-being, mutual respect, and inclusivity across the university community.



## AI in Teaching and Learning Workshop

Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC) and Learning Innovation Centre (LIC) successfully conducted the second batch of the AI in Teaching and Learning Workshop, training over 120 faculty members. Led by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh, the sessions focused on using Generative AI for course design, lesson planning, assessments, and classroom engagement, reaffirming UCP’s commitment to future-ready education.



## Al-Moiz Applied Research Program Launched at UCP

Faculty of Science and Technology has inaugurated the Al-Moiz Applied Research Program, aimed at strengthening academia–industry linkages and providing postgraduate scholars with research incentives, access to raw materials, and opportunities for joint supervision on industry-driven projects. The launch ceremony was attended by Mr. Shoaib Awan (Vice President, Al-Moiz Industries), Dr. Muhammad Nasir (Member Food, PAFDA), Pro-Rector Dr. Hammad Naveed, Dean FOST, Director ORIC, and Director Takhleeq, adding prestige to the landmark event. The program is spearheaded by Dr. Kanza Aziz Awan, Head of the Department of Food & Nutritional Sciences, and is set to create meaningful research opportunities that align academic expertise with industry needs.





## Professional Chinese Language Course HSK-1

Under the UCP International Office, the Professional Chinese Language Course HSK-1 has been launched, led by Mr. Sahir Mushtaq. The first batch comprises students preparing for exchange and scholarship programs to China, alongside students with a general interest in learning the Chinese language. The Chinese Language Lab will also facilitate more advanced courses, including HSK Level 2 and beyond, introduced in response to strong demand from both students and business professionals, reflecting UCP's commitment to promoting global competencies and cross-cultural learning.



## Pedagogy Training



Department of Management & Entrepreneurship conducted a pedagogy training session facilitated by Dr. Nadeem Dogar and Dr. Irfan Siddique. This session provided faculty with valuable insights on innovative teaching practices, student engagement strategies, and outcome-driven learning approaches, aiming to enhance classroom effectiveness and promote academic excellence.

## Defense Day 2025



On Defense Day 2025, the University of Central Punjab paid tribute to the armed forces of Pakistan, honoring the brave men and women who shaped history through their courage, sacrifice, and unwavering love for the homeland. The day was marked by reflections on the valor, unity, and resilience that define Pakistan, reminding the UCP community that the nation is more than its borders. It thrives through the spirit, dedication, and patriotism of its people.

## Blockchain and Cryptocurrency



Faculty of Information Technology and Computer Science (FOIT&CS) successfully concluded its 2-week workshop on Blockchain and Cryptocurrency, conducted by Syeda Tayyaba Bukhari. Designed for students and faculty members, the workshop aimed to unlock the potential of Blockchain technology and explore its transformative applications. Across six interactive sessions, participants were introduced to both the foundational principles and advanced concepts of Blockchain, gaining valuable insights into this rapidly evolving field.

## Digital Marketing Bootcamp



Faculty members gained fresh industry insights from distinguished guest speakers:

- Mr. Jawad Zeb, GM Marketing, Maria B
- Mr. Omer Farooq, Marketing Head, JK Group
- Mr. Omar Farooq, Head of Marketing, Tissue Business, Packages Group
- Mr. Kamil Khan, Head of Marketing, Techverx
- Mr. Huzaifa Akbar, Creative Consultant

The sessions enhanced teaching perspectives and aligned academic learning with current market trends, strengthening FOMS' commitment to practical, industry-relevant education.

## Faculty Industry Placement Program 2025



As part of the Faculty Industry Placement Program 2025, Mr. Zain Asghar, Principal Lecturer at FOIT&CS, UCP, successfully completed his placement at PikesSoft, gaining practical experience with modern technologies and contributing to industry-level projects.



# Department of Advanced Studies and Research

## PhD Synopsis Open Defense: Mr. Muhammad Faheem



The Directorate of Advanced Studies & Research (DASR) conducted the PhD Synopsis Open Defense of Mr. Muhammad Faheem, a PhD scholar in Pharmaceutics under the supervision of Dr. Hafiz Shaoib Sarwar. Mr. Faheem successfully presented and defended his research proposal before the defense committee. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A, highlighting the importance, depth, and potential impact of his research in the field of Pharmaceutics.

## PhD Synopsis Open Defense: Ms. Naila Tabassum



The Directorate of Advanced Studies & Research (DASR) conducted the PhD Synopsis Open Defense of Ms. Naila Tabassum, a PhD scholar in Pharmaceutics under the supervision of Dr. Hafiz Shaoib Sarwar. Ms. Tabassum successfully presented and defended her research proposal before the defense committee. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A, highlighting the importance, depth, and potential impact of her research in the field of Pharmaceutics.

## PhD Synopsis Open Defense: Mr. Razi Ullah



Directorate of Advanced Studies & Research (DASR) organized the PhD Synopsis Open Defense of Mr. Razi Ullah, a PhD Pharmaceutics scholar under the supervision of Dr. Hafiz Shoaib Sarwar. Mr. Razi Ullah successfully defended his research proposal before the defense committee. The session concluded with an engaging Q&A segment, highlighting the significance and depth of his research work.

## PhD Synopsis Open Defense: Isma Idrees



Directorate of Advanced Studies & Research (DASR) successfully organized the PhD Synopsis Open Defense of Ms. Isma Idrees, a PhD Biochemistry scholar under the supervision of Dr. Salma Batool. Ms. Idrees effectively presented and defended her research proposal before the defense committee. The session concluded with an engaging Q&A, highlighting the significance and depth of her study. This event reflects UCP's continued commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and research advancement.



# Students Achievements

## Anas Amin and Adnan Justin Selected for U23 National Football Team – Asia Cup 2025



Anas Amin and Adnan Justin, BS Health & Physical Education students from UCP, have been selected for the U23 National Football Team to represent Pakistan in the Asia Cup 2025. The students met with Dr. [Insert Name], Dean, and Mr. Muhammad Yaqoob, Provost, to express their gratitude for UCP’s support and encouragement in nurturing their athletic and academic pursuits. This achievement highlights their dedication, talent, and the university’s commitment to promoting sports excellence.

## FOIT&CS Students’ Achievement



Students of the Faculty of Information Technology and Computer Science, Alishba Noor, Farrukh Javed, and Muhammad Zafar ul Haq, have been promoted to Silver Ambassadors in the Devsinc Campus Ambassador Program for the year 2025–26. This achievement highlights their dedication, technical skills, and active participation in technology-driven initiatives, reflecting UCP’s commitment to fostering student leadership and professional growth.

## Team Relief Represents UCP at Hult Prize National Round



Team Relief, winners of the Hult Prize UCP On-Campus Round, represented the University of Central Punjab at the National Round of the Hult Prize and emerged as Top Finalists among over 50 universities across Pakistan. The team showcased exceptional entrepreneurial skills, innovative thinking, and problem-solving abilities, with support from the Hult Prize UCP Chapter, Takhleeq, and the Innovation & Entrepreneurship Club. Their achievement reflects UCP’s commitment to fostering entrepreneurship, innovation, and leadership among students.


## Team UCP Participates in 3-Day Summer School at Namal University



Students from the University of Central Punjab, accompanied by Dr. Nabeel Khalid, attended a three-day Summer School on Supercomputing and AI for Tech Entrepreneurs held at Namal University, Mianwali. During the program, participants engaged in interactive technical sessions covering advanced topics such as Supercomputing and the role of AI in modern technology and entrepreneurship. The UCP delegation also visited the High-Performance Computing (HPC) Centre at Namal University, gaining hands-on insights into cutting-edge computing infrastructure and its applications in research, innovation, and technology-driven entrepreneurship.




# Secures Turkey Burslari Scholarship



University of Central Punjab  
Lahore, Pakistan 2002

**UCP Student Waqas Abdullah earned Turkey Burslari fully-funded scholarship to pursue his Master's at Selçuk University, Konya**



Waqas Abdullah, a BS International Relations graduate from UCP, has been awarded the fully-funded Turkey Burslari Scholarship to pursue his Master's at Selçuk University, Konya. With research publications, global certifications, and international recognition, Waqas continues to make UCP proud as a true ambassador of the university and Pakistan. This achievement highlights UCP's commitment to nurturing globally competitive students and supporting their academic excellence.

# UCP Student Muhammad Awais Secures Türkiye Burslari Scholarship



University of Central Punjab  
Lahore, Pakistan 2002

**UCP Student Muhammad Awais earned Türkiye Burslari Fully-funded Scholarship to pursue his Master's in International Relations**




We are delighted to announce that Muhammad Awais (Batch F20 – BS International Relations, Class of 2024) has been awarded the Türkiye Burslari Fully Funded Scholarship to pursue his Master's in International Relations. This remarkable achievement reflects his dedication, academic excellence, and UCP's commitment to nurturing global leaders. We congratulate Awais on this prestigious accomplishment and wish him continued success in his international academic journey.

# FOST Students' Participation in Food Loss and Food Waste Awareness Session




ORIC and LIC successfully held the second batch of the AI in Teaching and Learning Workshop, training 120+ faculty members. Led by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh, the sessions highlighted practical uses of Generative AI in course design, lesson planning, and classroom engagement, reflecting UCP's commitment to future-ready education.

# UCP Alumni Represent Pakistan and UAE in Tri Nation Cricket Tournament



University of Central Punjab  
Lahore, Pakistan 2002

**UCP Alumni Representing Pakistan and UAE National Teams in Tri Nation Cricket Tournament**



The University of Central Punjab proudly announces that its alumni are representing Pakistan and UAE in the ongoing Tri Nation Cricket Tournament, showcasing their exceptional talent on an international platform. Haider Ali is representing the UAE cricket team, while Agha Salman (Captain), Hussain Tallat, and Faheem Ashraf are representing Pakistan. Their participation highlights the strong sporting foundation nurtured at UCP and reflects the university's commitment to supporting excellence in athletics alongside academics.



## UCP Student Secures Runners-Up Spot



UCP’s student achieved the Runners-Up position in the Urdu Serious category at de’MONTSPECTRA ’25, hosted by the de ’Montmorency Debating & Literary Society. This accomplishment highlights the student’s exceptional debating and literary skills, reflecting UCP’s commitment to fostering talent, critical thinking, and active participation in extracurricular and literary activities.

## Faculty Achievements

### Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh Delivers Talk on Generative AI in Research



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh, Director ORIC & Head of Department, Basic and Applied Chemistry, UCP, delivered an insightful talk on “Using Generative AI in Research” at the GenAI4Univ Crash Course, organized by Inn ventures Global. During the session, he highlighted the transformative potential of generative AI in research and academic writing, while addressing critical concerns such as misuse, plagiarism, and over-reliance on AI tools. Prof. Dr. Farrukh emphasized the importance of ethical practices and academic integrity, encouraging faculty members to adopt AI as a support tool to enhance critical thinking rather than replace it.

### Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh Appointed Judge for QS Reimagine Education Awards 2025



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh, Director ORIC at UCP, has been recognized as a judge for the QS Reimagine Education Awards & Conference 2025, to be held in London, UK. Known globally as the “Oscars of Education,” the QS Reimagine Education Awards celebrate innovative contributions that transform teaching, learning, & EdTech. Now in its 12th year, the awards highlight pioneering initiatives from educators & institutions worldwide. In his role, Prof. Dr. Farrukh will evaluate transformative projects, recognize groundbreaking contributions, & support initiatives that prepare learners for the challenges of the future, reinforcing UCP’s commitment to educational innovation.

## Faculty of Law Triumphs at Henry Dunant Moot Court Competition



Faculty of Law has proudly won the 17th Henry Dunant Moot Court Competition Pakistan National Rounds, organized by ICRC Pakistan. The winning team, comprising Sheharyar Rabbani, Hussain Naeem, and Aiman Fareed, was mentored by Mian Bazaf Shahbaz. They will now represent both Pakistan and UCP in the Regional Rounds in Hong Kong. This outstanding achievement reflects the dedication, talent, and hard work of our students and alumni. Congratulations to the team, and best wishes for the international stage!

### Dr. Sumera Zaib Receives 7th Prof. Dr. Asghar Bajwa Gold Medal in Biochemistry



Dr. Sumera Zaib has been honoured with the 7th Prof. Dr. Asghar Bajwa Gold Medal in Biochemistry by The Applied Zoological Society of Pakistan. The prestigious award recognizes her outstanding contributions, exemplary achievements, and impactful innovations in the field of Biochemistry, highlighting her dedication to advancing scientific research and excellence.

### Dr. Muhammad Athar Siddiqui’s Participation as a Paper Presenter at 39th edition of British Academy of Management Conference



Dr. Muhammad Athar Siddiqui, Dean of the Faculty of Management Sciences at UCP, presented a full paper titled “How and when supervisor-related factors impact employees’ motivation to job crafting: A quantitative study” at the 39th British Academy of Management (BAM) Conference, held at the University of Kent, UK. Co-authored with Dr. Waheed Umrani and Dr. Alexandre Bachkirov of Sultan Qaboos University, Oman, the study offers novel insights into how supervisors’ family motivation, mediated through inclusive leadership and psychological contracts, influences employee job crafting—moving beyond the traditional view of job crafting as solely driven by individual personality traits. The paper was highly appreciated for its conceptual framework, methodological rigor, and practical implications for fostering pro-social motivation in organizational settings.



During his visit to the UK, Dr. Siddiqui also toured his alma mater, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, and met scholars from Rennes School of Business, EDHEC Business School, Hult International Business School, and University of Greenwich, London, to explore potential teaching and research collaborations with UCP Business School.

**Dr. Muhammad Naveed’s Guest Speech on Decoding Microbial Potential through Whole Genome Sequencing and Computational Tools at BZU, Multan**



Dr. Muhammad Naveed from the Department of Biotechnology, UCP, was invited as Lead Trainer and Guest Speaker at the National Hands-on Workshop on Advanced Bioinformatics Tools in Microbial Secondary Metabolites Discovery organized by the Department of Biochemistry, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan, 2025. He delivered a talk on “Decoding Microbial Potential through Whole Genome Sequencing and Computational Tools.”

**Dr. Muhammad Naveed’s Keynote Talk on the Role of Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) and Nanoinformatics in Biological Sciences**



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naveed delivered a keynote talk at the International Conference on Food and Applied Sciences 2025 held at the University of Okara. His session focused on the role of Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) and Nano informatics in Biological Sciences, highlighting their transformative potential in advancing research and applications in the food and biological sectors.

**FOE x IZHAR Group Tech Transfer**



Prof. Dr. Engr. Kafeel Ahmed, Head of the Civil Engineering Department, along with Prof. Dr. Khurram Rasheed from the Architectural Engineering Department, UET Lahore, conducted a comprehensive inspection of Izhar Group’s multi-storied under-construction building at Main Boulevard, Gulberg, Lahore. The assessment focused on the future durability of the structure and risk evaluation under normal and seismic loading conditions. Following the inspection, a detailed report was prepared and shared with the Izhar Group, providing valuable insights for safe and sustainable construction practices.





**Dr. Muhammad Naveed  
Participation as Local Referee  
in PhD Thesis Defense at GCU  
Faisalabad**



Dr. Muhammad Naveed, Head of the Department of Biotechnology, Faculty of Science & Technology, participated as a Local Referee in a PhD thesis defense at the Institute of Microbiology, Government College University, Faisalabad. Under the Higher Education Commission’s new graduate policy, Dr. Naveed reviewed and examined the PhD thesis and conducted the viva voce, contributing his expertise to uphold academic rigor and quality in postgraduate research. This engagement reflects UCP’s commitment to scholarly excellence and collaboration within the national academic community.

**Collaborative Visits**

**Honda Pakistan Donates Books to  
UCP Library**



As part of the ongoing collaboration between the Faculty of Engineering and Honda Pakistan, the company’s team visited the UCP Library to donate books titled “Reputation Management & Crisis Communication”. The delegation included Mr. Arshad Rao, Senior Manager, and Mr. Wajid Subhani, Manager of Safety, Health & Corporate Governance, Honda Atlas Cars (Pakistan) Limited. Personal copies were also gifted to Dr. Muhammad Rizwan Shad, Dean FOE, and Ms. Rakshanda Kokab, Director Libraries. The initiative reflects Honda Pakistan’s commitment to education, safety, and personal development under its CSR activities. The donated book aims to share crisis management techniques and encourage students across disciplines to value reading for academic and professional growth. Looking ahead, Honda Pakistan and UCP will jointly conduct traffic safety seminars to promote adherence to traffic rules, aiming to contribute to the global goal of zero traffic collision fatalities by 2050. Safety helmets will be distributed to deserving participants during these seminars as part of Honda’s CSR initiatives.



**University of Wah Delegation Visits  
UCP**



The University of Central Punjab welcomed a delegation from University of Wah to explore opportunities for academic collaboration. The delegation, led by the Vice Chancellor and accompanied by the Director ORIC, Director QEC, and Dean of Management Sciences, engaged in productive discussions with their UCP counterparts. During the visit, the delegation toured the UCP campus, participated in interactive sessions, and explored potential joint initiatives in research, quality enhancement, and academic development. Both institutions reaffirmed their commitment to fostering long-term partnerships aimed at promoting innovation, knowledge exchange, and academic excellence.

**Qarshi Foundation Delegation Visits  
UCP**



A delegation from Qarshi Foundation visited the University of Central Punjab and held an interactive session with the university leadership. During the meeting, the delegation proposed the establishment of a Qarshi Clinic of Natural Medicine at UCP to provide free medical services, including diagnosis and medication, to the entire UCP community. Following the session, the delegation was given a guided campus tour by Yasir Awan, Director of Research and Innovation. The visit marked a step forward in fostering collaboration between UCP and Qarshi Foundation to promote health, wellness, and community service on campus.



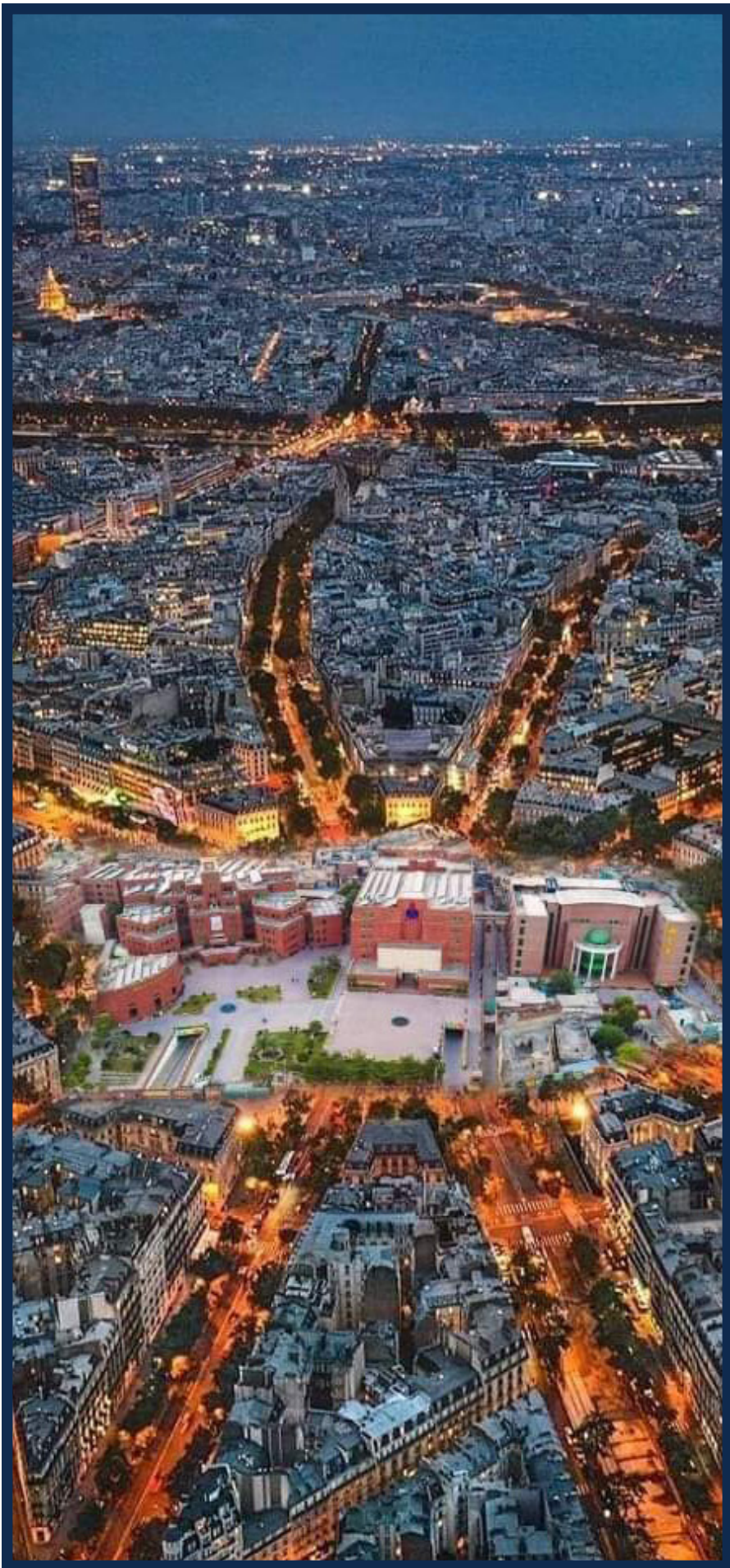


# Admissions Office

## Talent-Based Scholarships Interviews



We believe talent shines in many forms, whether in classrooms, on stage, or on the field. That’s why our Talent-Based Scholarships celebrate more than just grades. From achievers to artists and athletes, we recognize and reward the passion, dedication, and unique abilities that make our students exceptional. Our Talent-Based Scholarship Committee carefully evaluates beyond numbers, honouring extraordinary skills and helping shape brighter futures. At UCP, your talent isn’t just recognized. It’s celebrated and rewarded.



# MOU's

## UCP x Japanese Business Organizations MOU

University of Central Punjab (UCP) welcomed officials from leading Japanese business organizations for the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at providing student placement opportunities in Japanese companies. During the ceremony, Provost Mr. Muhammad Yaqoob and the Career Services team discussed strategies to enhance international employability, while Mr. Sikandar Sethi, Director International Office, highlighted UCP’s academic strengths and global collaborations. This MoU marks a significant step in expanding global exposure and professional opportunities for UCP students.



## UCP x Sigma Distributors (Pvt) Ltd MoU



University of Central Punjab has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Sigma Distributors (Pvt) Ltd to strengthen academia–industry linkages and provide students with opportunities for internships, job placements, training, skill development, and mentorship. The MoU was signed by Provost Muhammad Yaqoob on behalf of UCP and witnessed by Dr. Muhammad Athar, Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences. Representing Sigma Distributors (Pvt) Ltd, the agreement was signed by Director Mr. Ahmed Ijaz and witnessed by Ms. Yusra Kamran, Marketing Lead, and Mr. Afroz Haider, Head of Supply Chain Management and UCP alumnus.

## UCP x Federal Tax Ombudsman MOU



Faculty of Law at UCP, in collaboration with the Career Services Office, has signed an MoU with the Federal Tax Ombudsman (FTO), Pakistan’s premier tax accountability body. The partnership aims to foster academic, professional, and research collaborations, providing students with valuable exposure. Several Faculty of Law students have already completed internships at FTO, with more initiatives planned to strengthen practical learning and career opportunities.



# Faculty's Visits

## Prof. Dr. Sumera Zaib Completes Academic Visit to University of Oxford



Prof. Dr. Sumera Zaib from the Department of Basic & Applied Chemistry, UCP, successfully concluded her academic visit to the University of Oxford, UK. During the visit, she engaged with the Departments of Chemistry, Biochemistry, and Physiology, Anatomy, and Genetics, exploring advanced laboratory facilities and discussing opportunities for collaborative research and long-term academic partnerships.

## Faculty Townhall



Learning Innovation Center, in collaboration with the Human Resources Department, hosted a Faculty Townhall at UCP, facilitated by Pro-Rector Dr. Hammad Naveed. The gathering created an open and welcoming space for faculty members to share perspectives, strengthen collaboration, and work collectively toward growth. At UCP, we value our faculty as the essential link between the institution and our students, and remain committed to supporting their well-being, professional development, and continuous journey of learning and leadership.

# 12th Batch of Teaching Excellence Training Program



The Learning Innovation Centre successfully concluded the 12th Batch of the Teaching Excellence Training Program. This 3-day training featured 7 interactive modules, equipping new faculty hires with essential teaching and learning skills. The program concluded with a certificate distribution ceremony, where the Pro-Rector and Deans commended the active participation of trainers and trainees.

## AI Research and Academic Training



Learning Innovation Centre, in collaboration with the Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC), organized a training workshop on Artificial Intelligence in Research. The first session was conducted by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh, Director ORIC, who introduced generative AI, highlighting its advantages and challenges in academia. He guided participants on using AI tools for outlining, searching, understanding, and writing, while sharing practical insights on maintaining academic honesty and handling AI detection responsibly. The second session, led by Pro-Rector Dr. Hammad Naveed, focused on Research Integrity, underscoring the importance of originality, credibility, and ethical standards in adopting AI technologies. The first batch successfully trained 100 faculty members from all nine UCP faculties, marking a significant step towards empowering educators with responsible and ethical use of AI in academic and research practices.



**SPP Fall 2025 Orientation Session  
Conducted by Learning Innovation  
Centre**



Learning Innovation Centre organized the SPP Fall 2025 Orientation Session, engaging faculty members and student partners of the Fall 2025 cohort. The session focused on key themes such as pedagogy and its approaches, effective teaching strategies, strengthening student–faculty partnerships, enhancing communication and collaboration, and hands-on activities aimed at improving selected courses. Participants actively contributed to discussions, reflecting a shared commitment to academic excellence and innovative teaching practices.

**Office of Research,  
Innovation and  
Commercialization (ORIC)  
ORIC x Agrimore Pvt. Ltd. Strategic  
Meeting**



Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) continues to strengthen academia–industry linkages through impactful collaborations. A strategic meeting was held between UCP and Agrimore Pvt. Ltd. to explore joint research initiatives in sustainable technologies and agricultural innovation. The meeting was chaired by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh, Director ORIC, and attended by Mr. Asif Lone, Director Technical (Agrimore Pvt. Ltd.), along with UCP faculty members Dr. Shafiq Ur Rehman, Dr. Muhammad Afzal, Dr. Muhammad Perviaz, and Dr. Muhammad Riaz from the Faculty of Science and Technology. The discussions highlighted shared goals for research collaboration, innovation, and practical solutions to advance sustainable agriculture in Pakistan.

**International Office  
Initiatives**

**University of Central Punjab’s  
Participation in Study in Malaysia  
Education Fair**



University of Central Punjab actively participated in the Study in Malaysia Education Fair, organized by Education Malaysia Global Services (EMGS) and Career Advisory Services (CAS) at Nishat Hotel. The Pro-Rector, Provost, Director of International Office, and faculty members engaged with Malaysian universities to explore academic collaborations and strengthen institutional linkages in teaching and research. This initiative highlights UCP’s commitment to global partnerships, student development, and academic excellence.

**Pre-Departure Briefing for Students  
Heading to China on Exchange and  
Scholarships**



The University of Central Punjab (UCP) organized a pre-departure briefing for students selected for semester exchange and fully funded Master’s scholarships in China. Pro-Rector Dr. Hammad Naveed and Provost Mr. Muhammad Yaqoob congratulated the students, while Mr. Sikandar Sethi and Mr. Sahir Mushtaq provided guidance on cultural adaptation, language essentials, and professional conduct. The students are set to attend programs at Sichuan Vocational College of Information Technology and Guangdong Ocean University, reflecting UCP’s commitment to global exposure, academic excellence, and international collaboration.



**Exploring Global Scholarship Opportunities in Sciences: Introducing the Global Scholars Connect Series**



Department of Basic & Applied Chemistry, FOST-UCP, successfully launched the Global Scholars Connect Series with a seminar on “Exploring Global Scholarship Opportunities in Sciences” on September 18, 2025. The event featured inspiring talks by Dr. Ibrar Ahmed (Founder & CEO, Alpha Genomics Pvt. Ltd., Islamabad) and Mr. Hassan Mushtaq (DAAD Fellow), drawing over 200 participants from more than 50 universities nationwide. Organized by Dr. Salma Batool (Associate Professor) and Dr. Momal Akram (Lecturer), the seminar was graced by Prof. Dr. Hafiza Rizwana Kausar (Dean, FOST) and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh (HOD, Chemistry), who applauded the organizers’ efforts and presented certificates to the speakers and attendees. The session provided students with valuable insights into global scholarship opportunities and career pathways in the sciences.

**Juntendo University, Japan Delegation Visits UCP**



A delegation from Juntendo University, Japan, comprising Yoshihisa Shirayama, Associate Professor, Faculty of International Liberal Arts, and Ishtiaq Ahmad, Assistant Professor, Department of Global Health Research, Graduate School of Medicine, Tokyo, visited the University of Central Punjab. The delegation met with Provost Muhammad Yaqoob to discuss opportunities for student exchange programs, joint research initiatives, and broader academic collaborations. The meeting highlighted both institutions’ commitment to fostering international partnerships and promoting cross-cultural academic engagement.

**Japanese Business Organizations’ Delegation Tours UCP Campus**



University of Central Punjab (UCP) hosted officials from leading Japanese business organizations, including Mr. Omoto Shuhei, Mr. Hisayoshi, and Mr. Hassan Butt, in connection with an MoU to provide student placements in Japanese companies. During the visit, the delegation toured campus facilities, reviewed student projects, and expressed appreciation for UCP’s practical, hands-on learning opportunities. The visit further strengthened UCP’s international collaborations and highlighted the university’s commitment to preparing students for global career opportunities.

**Universiti Malaysia Terengganu Delegation Visits UCP**



Delegates from Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) visited the University of Central Punjab to explore opportunities for collaboration in student mobility, faculty exchange, and joint research initiatives. The UCP International Office welcomed the delegation, followed by discussions with Deans and a campus tour highlighting UCP’s experiential learning facilities.



# Alumni Relations Office Initiatives

## The CEO Circle



UCP Alumni Association, in collaboration with Startup Grind, launched “The CEO Circle”, a new monthly series featuring leading business leaders from Pakistan. The inaugural session featured Mr. Usman Asif, CEO of Devsinc, as the keynote speaker. The event brought together founders, CEOs, alumni, and students for an engaging discussion. Participants interacted in a Q&A session, gaining insights and practical advice from Mr. Usman Asif’s journey of building a global tech company. The CEO Circle aims to provide a platform for knowledge-sharing, inspiration, and mentorship, empowering the UCP community to learn from top industry leaders.

## UCP Alumni Association General Body Meeting



Alumni Association held a meeting to evaluate its performance over the past six months. The discussion highlighted achieved outcomes and outlined future initiatives aimed at strengthening alumni engagement and fostering meaningful connections within the community.

# Provost’s Office

## Evercare Hospital Delegation Visits UCP



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# Community Service

## UCP Volunteers Conduct Field Survey of Flood-Affected Families



Volunteers in Service (ViS) Department conducted a field survey of flood-affected families near Chung, Lahore, as part of the UCP Flood Relief Campaign 2025. The initiative aims to assess the immediate needs of affected communities and collect donations of food, clothing, bedding, and medicines. This effort reflects UCP’s commitment to community service and aligns with the UN Sustainable Development Goals: SDG 1 – No Poverty, SDG 2 – Zero Hunger, SDG 3 – Good Health & Well-being, and SDG 11 – Sustainable Cities & Communities.



UCP Volunteers Visit to Al-Khidmat Tent City in Chung, Lahore



The UCP Volunteers in Service (VIS) Department is actively carrying forward its Flood Relief Campaign 2025 with compassion and dedication. Volunteers visited the Al-Khidmat Tent City in Chung Lahore, distributing clothes to flood-affected families, ensuring care, dignity, and hope. This initiative underscores UCP’s commitment to humanitarian values and aligns with the UN Sustainable Development Goals: SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals). The Volunteers in Service (VIS) Department at UCP continues its Flood Relief Campaign 2025 with compassion and commitment. The second truck of relief goods was handed over to Akhuwat, including 4,500 pairs of clothes, 53 cartons of sanitizers, and 50 packs of dry ration, while more supplies such as blankets, food, medicines, and clothes continue to be collected.

UCP’s Flood Relief Goods Trucks Handover to Akhuwat for Flood-affected Families



Following this, the third truck was delivered, containing clothes, blankets, quilts, dry ration, medicines, and other essential items for flood-affected families. These initiatives reflect UCP’s dedication to humanitarian values and align with the UN Sustainable Development Goals: SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), SDG 3 (Good Health & Well-being), SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities), SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities & Communities), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals). Through these sustained efforts, UCP stands in solidarity with flood-affected communities, ensuring dignity, care, and hope.





# Opinion:

## The Weight of Expectations

There's something uniquely Pakistani about waiting — for good news, for better times, for victory. This past month, that waiting took the shape of three late Sunday nights, when millions stayed up to watch Pakistan play India in the Asia Cup. Students postponed their assignments, parents stayed in living rooms longer than usual, and entire cities held their breath.

But as the overs ended and the green shirts walked off the field, it wasn't anger that filled the air. It was silence — the kind that follows when expectations have quietly learned to lower themselves.

In those moments, the nation's disappointment felt familiar. We are used to wanting too much and receiving too little — from our teams, from our governments, and even from our institutions. The pattern repeats: the build-up, the hope, the collapse, the acceptance.

It mirrors the admission season at our universities. Thousands apply, many dream, few get in. Some celebrate; others move on as if they never expected otherwise. In an age where education has become both a necessity and a privilege, expectations now come with caution. Students talk of grades and prospects, but underneath, there's the quiet understanding that systems fail — and that one's worth cannot be measured by acceptance letters alone.

This quiet detachment is what philosophers of postmodernism would call the crisis of grand narratives. Once, stories of success and nationhood drove us. We believed effort led to reward, faith to victory, education to progress. But now, those neat lines have blurred. Meaning has fractured into fragments — one piece on the cricket field, one in a classroom, another in the grocery store where prices keep changing by the hour.

When news broke of Pakistan and Saudi Arabia renewing a defense pact, it barely made a ripple. A few years ago, such news would dominate dinner-table debates about sovereignty and security. Now, it scrolls past on our screens, quickly buried under inflation updates and electricity bills. Even the rising curve of terror attacks — once enough to make people cancel travel plans — now meets an exhausted shrug. Fear has been replaced by fatigue. Inflation, unemployment, and uncertainty have dulled the sharpness of dread.

Maybe this, too, is a kind of postmodern numbness: when nothing shocks because everything already has.

Our expectations — from cricket, from education, from the state — have adjusted not upward, but downward. And yet, there is a strange freedom in that. When nothing promises to make sense, you stop demanding sense. You look for meaning not in victories, but in persistence — in students reapplying, in fans still wearing green, in teachers showing up to class despite the power cuts.

Perhaps that is what remains: a quiet endurance.  
Not the blind hope of old, but a steadier  
kind — one that expects little but continues anyway.  
Because in a country that has learned to live beyond  
the promise of results, maybe the act of continuing  
itself is a kind of victory.



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