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# **ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024**

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**Quality Enhancement Cell**

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## QARSHI MISSION

**Insaniyat ki Bhalai**

انسانیت کی بھلائی

**Ummah ki Sarbulandi**

امہ کی سر بلندی

**Pakistan ki Taraqqi**

پاکستان کی ترقی

Qarshi University aims to develop change managers imbued with the capacity for personal holistic well-being and creation of national wealth essential to achieve Qarshi Mission.

## Our Ethos

### **Mission**

To be a premier source of knowledge and leadership for the achievement of marketable education, learning, and research to develop managers of change in the society based on Islamic values.

### **Vision**

Distinctive leadership in quality education, human resource, research and development, and corporate social responsibility.

### **Values**

Nake Niyati, Justice, Self Respect and Positive Thinking.

### **Operational Principles**

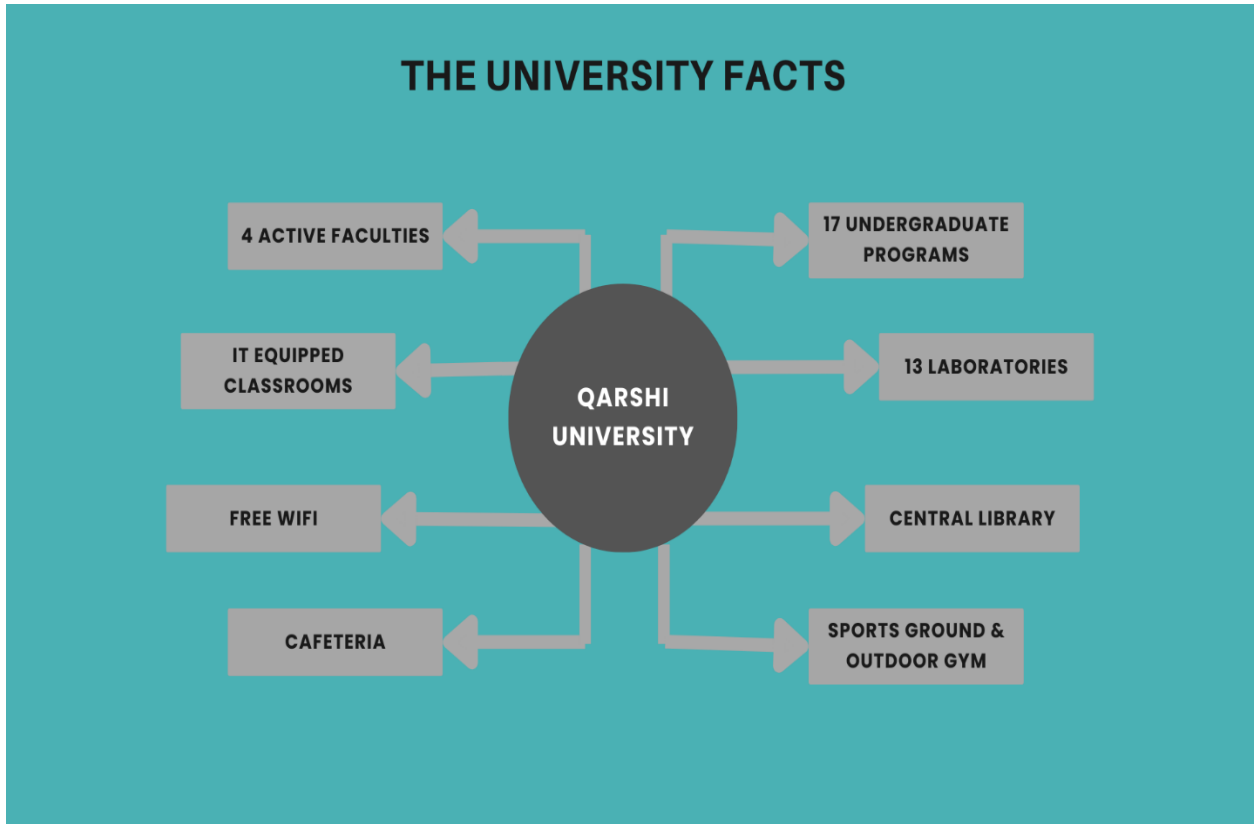
Autonomy with Accountability, Transparency, Merit, No Conflict of Interest.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Qarshi University (QU) aspires to be a leading institution of higher education in the area, known for its commitment to excellence in teaching, learning, and community service. We are dedicated to develop graduates who are prepared to meet the challenges of a globalized world as *Managers of Change* and contribute to the advancement of their communities. Our mission is to provide quality education that fosters critical thinking, innovation, and ethical values.

QU has undergone significant transformations in recent years ranging from the building of new infrastructure to the upgradation of campus facilities and resources, providing a conducive learning environment equipped with modern technology and amenities. The year 2023-2024 has been a transformative year when we look back to the initiatives taken through the last year. The dedication and hard-work of the team and most importantly the direction set-forth by the leadership for continuous improvement and innovation has been phenomenal.

The introduction of new programs and interdisciplinary courses designed to equip students with the skills needed for the modern workforce. Implementation of rigorous quality assurance measures, to ensure excellence in education and governance. Enhanced focus on research and advancement, resulting in collaborative projects and sharing of ideas. Introduction of various student development measures, to ensure they are well-prepared for their careers and last but not the least active engagement of key stake-holders for a better governance structure. Through these transformations, QU continues to uphold its commitment to providing quality education and fostering an environment that nurtures intellectual and personal growth.



## CHARTING NEW HORIZONS WITH PREMIERE DEGREE PROGRAMS

The previous academic portfolio of only four-degree programs has been increased to 17-degree programs in the last two years. We are pleased to announce the introduction of several new degree programs that will be available for enrolment starting from the Fall semester of 2024. In the Faculty of Social & Management Sciences, students can now explore programs such as BS Economics with Sociology and Political Sciences, BS Business Analytics, and BS Clinical Psychology with Counselling. In the Faculty of Medicine, Eastern Medicine & Allied Health Sciences, the Doctor of Physiotherapy program is designed for aspiring physiotherapy practitioners, emphasizing holistic patient care and physical rehabilitation techniques. In the Faculty of Sciences, students can opt into BS Biotechnology with Health Informatics, BS Biomedical Sciences and the BS Food Science and Technology program.



In Fall 2023, BS Software Engineering, BS Medical Laboratory Technology, BS Human Nutrition & Dietetics, BS Biochemistry and BS Microbiology, Bachelor in Business & Information Technology were added to the previous academic portfolio of only four-degree programs (BSCS, BBA, BS Biotech & BEM). The BS in Human Nutrition and Dietetics delves into the intricate relationship between food, health, and lifestyle, emphasizing holistic well-being. In the realm of healthcare, the BS in Medical Lab Technology equips students with essential skills for diagnostic and laboratory practices. For tech enthusiasts, the BS in Software Engineering provides a platform

to innovate and contribute to the ever-evolving digital landscape. The Bachelors in Business & IT blends business and information technology, and for those inclined towards economics and finance, the BS in Economics & Finance covers both. Finally, the BS in Biochemistry and Microbiology empower students to explore microscopic worlds and gain profound insights into life sciences.

Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm-D) is in the process of approval by Pharmacy Council of Pakistan. QU is proud to provide industry-aligned curricula that cultivates innovation and accomplishment.

## **ACCREDITATIONS & NOC's**

Our degree programs meet all regulatory requirements. The BSCS program received NCEAC accreditation in 2023, and the BSSE program successfully completed its initial review (zero visit). Both the BS MLT and BS HND programs are registered with the Allied Health Professionals Council (AHPC). Additionally, the AHPC has recently issued a No Objection Certificate (NOC) for the launch of our DPT program.

## Faculty-Department wise Academic Programs offered in 2023-2024

S. No	Faculty	Department	Academic Program
1	Faculty of Medicine, Eastern Medicine & Allied Health Sciences	i. Department of Eastern Medicine	i. Bachelor of Eastern Medicine (BEM)
		ii. Department of Allied Health Sciences	i. Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition & Dietetics (BS-HND) ii. Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Technology (BS-MLT)
2	Faculty of Computer Sciences and Information Technology	i. Department of Computer Science	i. Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (BSCS) ii. Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering (BSSE)
3	Faculty of Social Sciences and Management Sciences	i. Department of Management Sciences	i. Bachelor in Business Administration (BBA) ii. Bachelor of Business & Information Technology (BBIT)

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iii. Bachelor of Science in Economics &amp; Finance (BSE&amp;F)</li> <li>iv. Master of Business Administration (MBA)</li> </ul>
4	Faculty of Sciences	i. Department of Biotechnology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Bachelor of Science in Biotechnology (BS Biotech)</li> <li>ii. Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry (BS Biochem)</li> <li>iii. Bachelor of Science in Microbiology (BS Micro)</li> </ul>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>

### Program wise Active Enrolments & Student Faculty Ratio 2023-2024

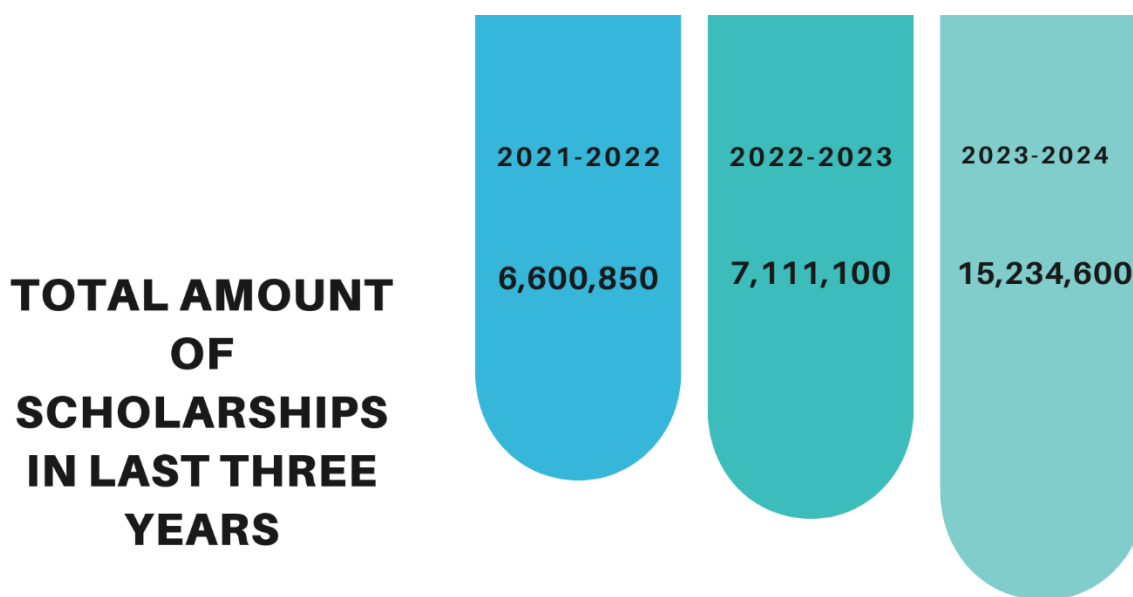
Academic Program	Fall 2023	Fall 2022	Fall 2021	Fall 2020	Fall 2019	Total Enrolment	Faculty	Ratio
BEM	22	13	10	7	8	60	8	1:7.5
BS HND	9	-	-	-	-	9	2	1:7
BS MLT	5	-	-	-	-	5		
BSCS	25	7	2	12	3	49	6	1:8
BBA	6	8	-	5	-	19	4	1:7
BBIT	9	-	-	-	-	9		
BS Biotech	13	41	4	5	-	63	5	1:13
<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8.5</b>

## Department wise Faculty Resources

Sr #	Department	Name	Highest Degree	Specialization	Designation
1	Biotechnology	Ahmad Usman Zafar	PhD	Molecular Biology	Associate Professor
2		Nadia Batool Zahra	PhD	Biotechnology	
3		Rashid Saif	PhD	Molecular Biology & Biotechnology	
4		Rabbiya Pervaiz	PhD	Molecular Biology	Assistant Professor
5		Ammad Shafeeq	MPhil	Forensic Science	Lecturer
6	Management Science	Syed Salman Hassan	PhD	Management Sciences	Associate Professor
7		Rizwan Khalid	PhD	Management Sciences	Assistant Professor
8		Jawad Yousaf	MS	Management Sciences	Assistant Professor
9		Arb ul Mateen	MS	Management Sciences	Lecturer
10	Computer Science	Ejaz Ahmed	PhD	Computer Sciences	Professor
11		Muhammad Afzaal	PhD	Computer Sciences	Associate Professor
12		Amir Majeed	PhD	Statistics	Assistant Professor
13		Shavez Mushataq	MS	Computer Sciences	Lecturer
14		Abdullah Ilyas	MS	Computer Sciences	Lecturer
15		Asad Khattak	MS	Computer Sciences	Lecturer
16	Eastern Medicine & Allied Health Sciences	Akmal Faiz Bhatti	MD	Medicine	Professor
17		Khaleeq Ahmad	MBBS	Medicine	Assistant Professor
18		Rizwan Asif	PhD	Microbiology	Assistant Professor
19		Abdur Rehman	MPhil	Food & Nutrition	Assistant Professor
20		Modasrah Haroon	PhD	Biochemistry	Assistant Professor
21		Shehla Ambreen	MPhil	Microbiology	Lecturer

22		Madiha Mustafa	Pharm D	Pharmacy	Lecturer
23		Maham Hussain	MBBS	Medicine	Lecturer
24		Zaigham Wahab	MPhil	Eastern Medicine	Lecturer
25.1		Hafsa Khan	BEM	Eastern Medicine	Teaching Assistant
25.2		Sunia Tariq	BEM	Eastern Medicine	Teaching Assistant

### Scholarships & Financial Aid



<b>Total amount of financial aid given to the students from institutional funds in last three years</b>		
<b>Year (2021-2022)</b>	<b>Year (2022-2023)</b>	<b>Year (2023-2024)</b>
6,600,850	7,111,100	15,234,600

<b>Endowment assets per student</b>		
<b>Year (2021-2022)</b>	<b>Year (2022-2023)</b>	<b>Year (2023-2024)</b>
252,634	319,741	295,359

<b>Total expense per student</b>		
<b>Year (2021-2022)</b>	<b>Year (2022-2023)</b>	<b>Year (2023-2024)</b>
509,024	691,573	820,506

## MEETINGS OF OUR STATUTORY BODIES

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## **REFLECTING ON THE ACADEMIC QUALITY & INNOVATION INITIATIVES OF QU**

### **2023-2024**

Our home-grown Quality Assurance Framework (QAF) was developed after extensive consultations between the Vice Chancellor and the QEC, aimed at enhancing classroom teaching and improving student and faculty performance. In the year 2023-2024, the measures outlined in the QAF were implemented through a range of academic initiatives provided below with details.

## ADVANCING TEACHING EXCELLENCE: FACULTY DEVELOPMENT SERIES

To ensure the highest quality of education, two 2-day faculty development workshops were conducted at QU for the Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 respectively. During these workshops, faculty members were instructed to present their course outlines using a uniform template. This template emphasizes problem-solving skills and integrates 15-20 % experiential learning components, aligning with our commitment to providing a comprehensive and practical education. This initiative not only standardized course delivery but also ensured that students engage in real-world applications of their studies, preparing them for successful careers in their respective fields. These exercises allowed faculty to exchange ideas among themselves regarding enhanced teaching pedagogies.



Participants of two-day faculty development workshop for Fall 2023.

## TWO-DAY STUDENT ENRICHMENT WORKSHOP

Complementing the faculty workshop, a two-day student workshop was also conducted for the Fall 2023 semester to hone the quantitative and qualitative skills of the new intake. This workshop aimed to equip incoming students with the essential skills needed for their academic journey, focusing on critical thinking, data analysis, and practical application. By enhancing these skills early on, we aim to foster a strong foundation for academic success and professional development.



Two-day student enrichment workshop for new entrants of Fall 2023.

## STUDENT ADVISORY SYSTEM

To provide continuous advisement to students, a teacher-student advisory system was implemented in the academic year 2023-2024. This system allows students to seek faculty advice for resolving their academic and personal challenges. By fostering strong, supportive relationships between students and advisors, we aim to create an environment where students feel guided and supported throughout their academic journey. This comprehensive support system, coupled with our state-of-the-art facilities and innovative teaching methodologies, reflects Qarshi University's

dedication to providing a robust educational environment that equips our students with the tools and knowledge they need to excel in their academic and professional lives.

## **ENHANCING TEACHING QUALITY THROUGH PEER EVALUATION**

The Vice Chancellor implemented a comprehensive classroom teaching assessment aimed at evaluating and enhancing the effectiveness of teaching practices across the university. This assessment involved observing classroom sessions. Based on the assessment findings, personalized feedback was provided to individual faculty members, highlighting strengths and areas for improvement in their teaching methods. This feedback mechanism proved instrumental in significantly improving the quality of classroom learning. Faculty members were able to incorporate constructive feedback to refine their instructional approaches, promote active student engagement. As a result, students benefited from more dynamic and effective teaching practices that fostered deeper understanding and application of course content. The VC's commitment to continuous improvement through targeted teaching assessments underscores the university's dedication to delivering exceptional educational experiences.

## **UPHOLDING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE: NEW CLASSROOM DISCIPLINE AND ATTENDANCE POLICIES**

To maintain high academic standards and cultivate a culture of discipline and responsibility, rigorous classroom discipline practices have been implemented. Each faculty member is now expected to enforce a strict policy that does not allow any latecomers into the classroom, ensuring that classes begin promptly and without interruption. Additionally, the classroom attendance requirement has been raised to 90 %, emphasizing the importance of regular attendance and active participation in the learning process.

These practices are integral to the holistic development of our graduates, fostering traits such as punctuality, commitment, and professionalism. By adhering to these standards, students not only gain knowledge but also develop a strong work ethic and a sense of accountability, which are essential for their personal and professional success.

## VICE CHANCELLOR'S ENGAGEMENT WITH STUDENTS

The Vice Chancellor conducted special sessions with new entrants and the graduating class to gain a comprehensive understanding of their overall learning experience at the university. These sessions were designed to gather direct feedback from students regarding various aspects of their academic journey, including teaching quality, course content, campus facilities, and support services.

During these sessions, the Vice Chancellor engaged in open dialogues with students, addressing their concerns, and collecting valuable insights on their experiences. This initiative aimed to identify areas of strength and opportunities for improvement within the university's programs and services. This approach not only fosters a more responsive and student-centered institution but also helps in aligning university practices with the evolving needs and expectations of the student body.



Vice Chancellor's session with the graduating class of Spring 2024.

## REVAMPING THE EXAMINATION SYSTEM: NEW STANDARDS FOR STUDENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

The examination system has undergone significant changes in 2024 to enhance its rigor. The introduction of a standardized system for quizzes and assignments marks a pivotal shift aimed at ensuring a more robust and comprehensive assessment of student performance. This new system seeks to create a uniform framework for evaluating students, thereby promoting fairness and consistency across different

departments. Furthermore, this rigorous assessment method encourages students to engage more deeply with their studies.

## **CROSS-DISCIPLINARY CAPSTONE COURSE: FROM IDEA TO LAUNCH**

In an innovative approach to entrepreneurial education, a new course titled "Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Technology" has been introduced in Spring 2024. This course is unique in its experimental use of team teaching, bringing together faculty from diverse disciplines including Biotechnology, Management Sciences, and Computer Science. This collaborative teaching model aims to provide students with a comprehensive, cross-disciplinary learning experience.

The course structure integrates the strengths and perspectives of each discipline, offering students a holistic view of entrepreneurship. Biotech faculty contribute insights on innovation and its commercial potential, Management Science experts focus on business strategy and operations, and Computer Science instructors emphasize technological advancements and digital solutions. This integrated approach ensures that students are equipped with a broad skill set, essential for modern entrepreneurship.

As a capstone project, students are tasked with developing a business plan to launch their own small ventures. This project not only allows them to apply the knowledge gained throughout the course but also encourages practical, hands-on experience in starting and managing a business. By the end of the course, students not only have a theoretical understanding of entrepreneurship but also a tangible plan to bring their innovative ideas to market. This course exemplifies the benefits of cross-disciplinary education in fostering creativity, innovation, and practical business skills, preparing students to become successful entrepreneurs in a rapidly evolving technological landscape.

## **PERSONAL & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSE: TRANSFORMATIVE GROWTH**

In an effort to enhance the holistic development of students, a new course titled "Personal & Professional Development" has been introduced and offered throughout the university. This course is designed to focus on the comprehensive growth of students, both in their personal and professional lives.

The curriculum is structured to help students cultivate essential life skills, such as effective communication, leadership, time management, and emotional intelligence. Through a series of interactive workshops, lectures, and practical

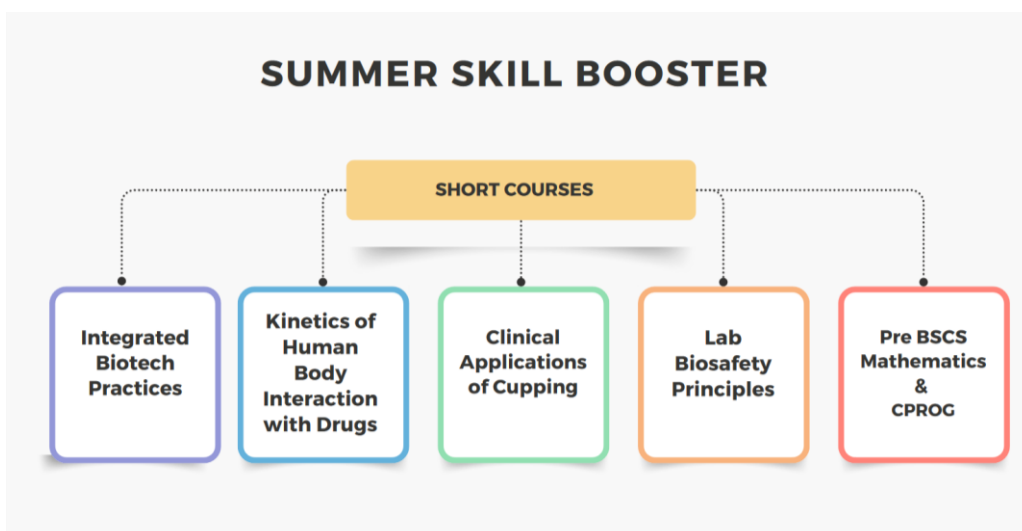
exercises, students are encouraged to engage in self-reflection, identify their strengths and weaknesses, and set meaningful personal and career goals. Additionally, the course provides students with valuable insights and strategies for continuous professional development.

## TAILORED SUPPORT: TUTORIALS FOR GRADUATING CLASS

Offering student tutorials to the graduating class holds significant importance in enhancing the overall educational experience and preparing students for their future endeavors. To ensure the graduating class of Spring 2024 is well-prepared for their future endeavors, Qarshi University introduced a series of tutorials aimed at honing their skills. These tutorials are designed to bridge the gap between academic learning and real-world application, providing students with the opportunity to refine their knowledge and capabilities before they step into their professional careers. Through these sessions, students engaged in in-depth discussions, received constructive feedback, and practiced applying theoretical concepts to practical scenarios. This targeted approach helps in reinforcing their understanding and boosting their confidence.

## SHORT SUMMER COURSES: SUMMER SKILL BOOSTER

In addition to the new academic courses introduced, the university has launched an initiative to offer summer short courses starting this summer. This initiative is aimed at providing students with opportunities to enhance their skills, explore new areas of interest, and accelerate their learning outside the regular academic calendar along with generating an additional income stream for the university.



## RECOGNIZING ACHIEVEMENT: THE INAUGURAL DEAN’S HONOR LIST

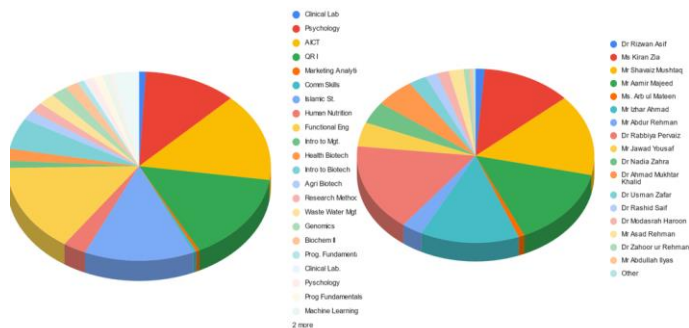
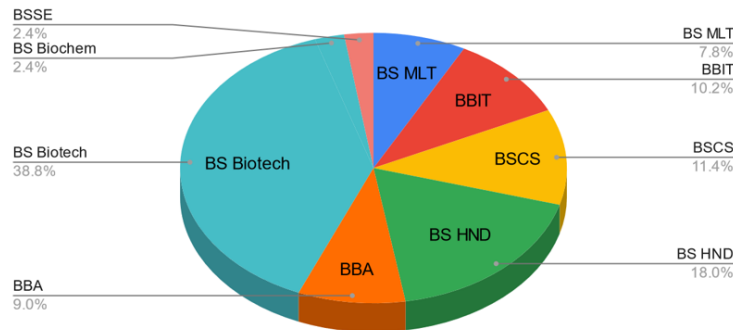
For the first time, the university is initiating a Dean’s Honor List to recognize and appreciate the outstanding academic achievements of its students. This prestigious honor is designed to celebrate those who have demonstrated exceptional scholastic performance and dedication to their studies. The Dean’s Honor List will be compiled at the end of each academic term by the Dean Academic Affairs, highlighting students who have not only met but exceeded the rigorous academic standards set by their respective faculties.

## TEACHER & COURSE EVALUATIONS

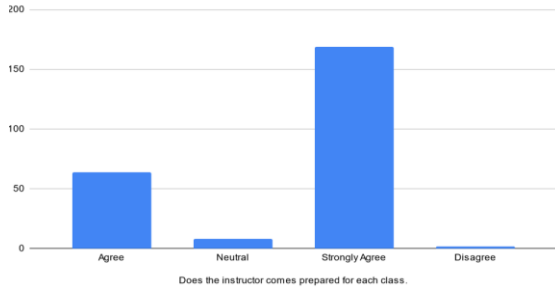
Teacher and course evaluations by students are performed under the ambit of QEC and results are shared with the respective Deans/HoDs and faculty members.

Teacher & Course Evaluations, Fall 2023

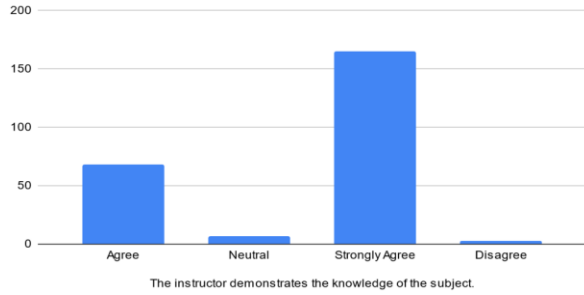
Count of Degree Programs



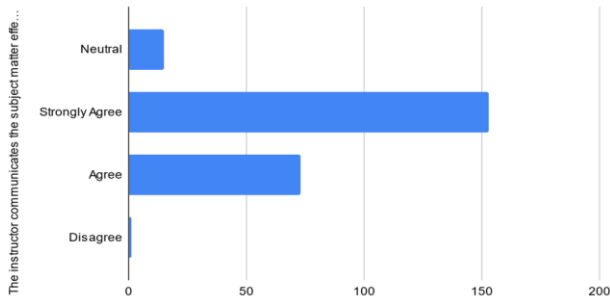
**1. Preparedness of instructors for class.**



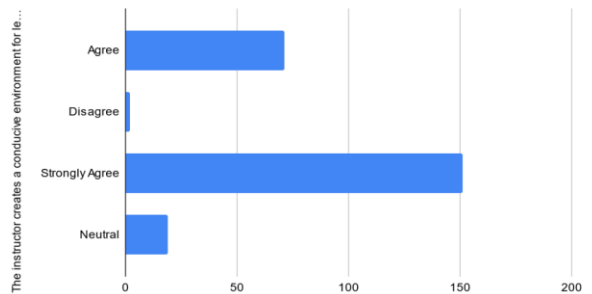
**2. Knowledge of the subject.**



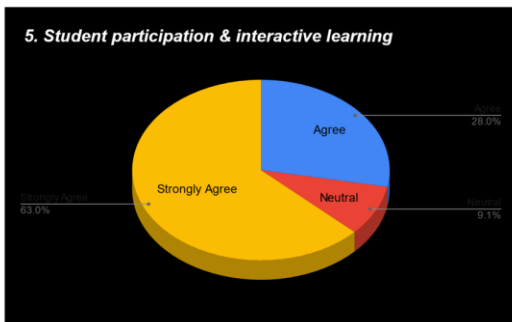
**3. Effective communication w.r.t subject matter**



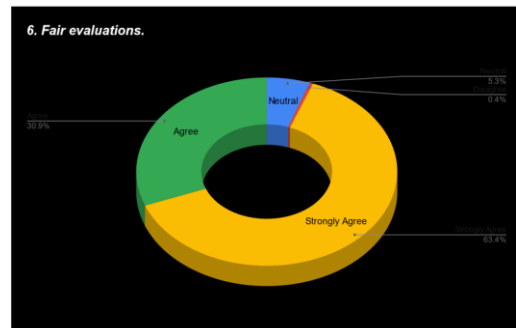
**4. Conducive learning environment.**



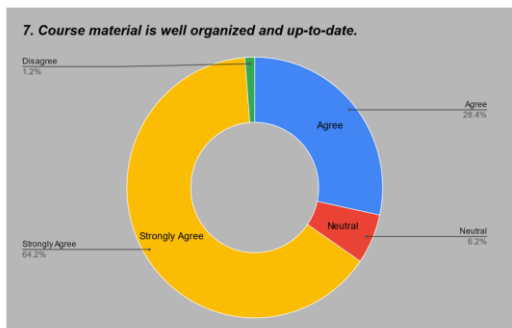
**5. Student participation & interactive learning**



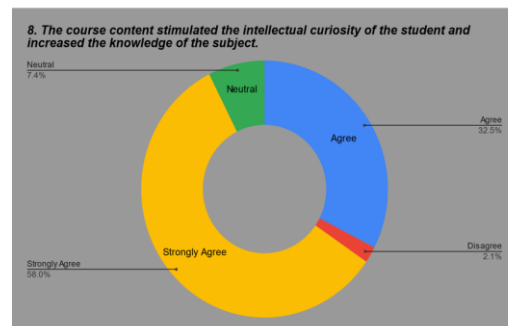
**6. Fair evaluations.**



**7. Course material is well organized and up-to-date.**



**8. The course content stimulated the intellectual curiosity of the student and increased the knowledge of the subject.**



## **RESEARCH & ADVANCEMENT INITIATIVES OF QU 2023-2024**

Qarshi University's Research & Advancement initiatives are dedicated to pushing the boundaries of knowledge and fostering a culture of research & innovation across multiple disciplines.

## QU LAUNCHES RESEARCH PLATFORM TO CULTIVATE INNOVATION & EXPLORATION

In the constantly changing landscape of academia, Qarshi University is not merely adapting; it's leading the charge. Under the guidance of Dr. Rashid Saif, Head of the Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization (ORIC), the university proudly announced the launch of a ground breaking initiative – the Qarshi University research platform to call forth the intellectual prowess of our esteemed faculty members from every department. The goal is ambitious yet profoundly impactful – to cultivate innovation and exploration that transcends disciplinary boundaries. We believe that great ideas can emerge from any corner of our academic community, and this platform is the fertile ground where these seeds of innovation will flourish. At the core of this initiative lies a commitment to empowering our faculty. The Research Platform beckons them to bring forth their visionary ideas and transformative projects. Crucially, the Research Platform is not just a stage for ideas; it's a launchpad for actionable research. Successful proposal entitled “Association of CYP2AG gene variant with nicotine metabolism and smoking tendency among Pakistani youth” submitted by Dr Rashid Saif, HoD Biotechnology was awarded university funding of Rs, 250,000 through the process of a competitive evaluation carried out by the research evaluation committee. This financial support is more than just an investment; it's a confirmation to our university's unwavering belief in the potential of every innovative spark that emerges within our academic family. As we embark on this exciting journey, we invite all faculty members to be catalyst of change, architects of progress, and pioneers of discovery. In the spirit of exploration and collaboration, we look forward to witnessing the incredible breakthroughs that will undoubtedly arise from the synergy of diverse minds united under the banner of Qarshi University.

## QU RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES

Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization (ORIC) at Qarshi University is at the forefront of fostering a vibrant research culture and promoting collaborative initiatives within the academic community. Through its "QU Research Seminar Series," ORIC continues to facilitate knowledge exchange and exploration of innovative concepts across various disciplines. Under the dynamic leadership of VC-QU Prof. Dr. Zafar Iqbal Qureshi, ORIC hosted nine impactful seminars in 2023-2024 that exemplified the university's commitment to advancing research and scholarly endeavors. In the first quarter Dr. Rashid Saif, Associate Professor Biotechnology shared insights on "Collaborative Research & Open Grants", providing a lens into the expansive world of cooperative research endeavors. Dr. Mudrasah Haroon, Assistant Professor Eastern Medicine discussed the intriguing field of "Identification & Biochemical Profiling of Bioactive Compounds in *Trichodesma indicum*," unraveling

the complexities of biochemical exploration. Dr. Zahoor-ur-Rehman, Professor Computer Sciences explored the realm of Automated Assay Scoring Using Deep Learning shedding light on the intersection of technology and academia.



Faculty members sharing their research ideas.

In the second quarter, the fourth seminar, held on January 29, 2024, featured Dr. Rizwan Khalid, Assistant Professor in Management Sciences. Dr. Khalid's presentation on the "Impact of Capital Account Liberalization on Stock Market Crashes" provided valuable insights into stock market dynamics across 65 countries. The seminar witnessed active participation from faculty members representing diverse departments, showcasing their enthusiasm for integrating contemporary research methodologies into their work. The engaging Q&A session not only reflected the faculty's eagerness to delve into cutting-edge research but also highlighted their dedication to collaborative research endeavors within the Qarshi University community. The fifth seminar, conducted on February 29, 2024, featured Dr. Nadeem Irfan Bukhari, the Professor of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences. His presentation titled "Making More Sense in Research" delved into the intricate aspects of Factors & Properties in various research domains. The sixth seminar, held on March 28, 2024 showcased the research prowess of Dr. Rizwan Asif, an Assistant Professor of Eastern Medicine. Dr. Asif's presentation on "Green Synthesis of Silver Nanoparticles from leaves Extract of Moringa oleifera: Characterization and Antibacterial Potential" shed light on the significant role of Eastern Medicine in addressing global health challenges.

On April 25, 2024 Dr. Ahmad Usman Zafar, Associate Professor Biotechnology delivered a compelling seminar on the "Development of Indigenous Technologies for Bioproducts." His presentation highlighted innovative approaches to creating bioproducts using local resources, reflecting QU's commitment to sustainability and technological advancement.



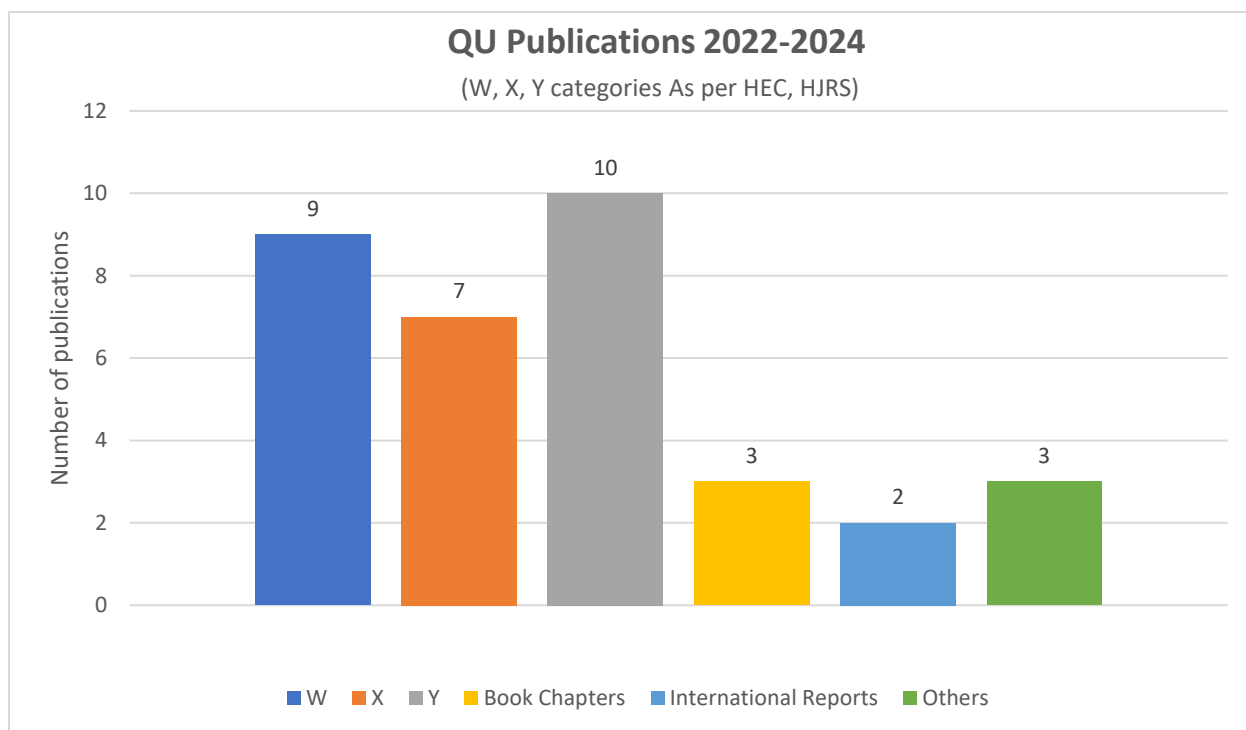
Dr. Muhammad Afzal, Associate Professor Computer Science, delivered an insightful presentation on "Efficient Hierarchical Pruning Algorithms for Speaker’s Identification." This event showcased Dr. Afzal's pioneering research and its significant impact on the field of speaker identification technology. His work on hierarchical pruning algorithms represents a major advancement in the efficiency and accuracy of speaker’s identification systems. On June 27, 2024, Dr. Ejaz Ahmed, Professor of Computer Science talked about "AI Basics" and provided valuable insights into different types of data, the ongoing AI revolution, and its future prospects. The seminar offered a comprehensive overview of artificial intelligence, and its demystifying complex concepts.



## PUBLICATIONS

From 2022 to 2024, Qarshi University Lahore has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to academic excellence and research innovation. During this period, the faculty has been making efforts to contribute to various fields through publications in national and international journals. Faculty and researchers at Qarshi University have explored a diverse array of topics, ranging from biotechnology, eastern medicine, pharmaceutical sciences, business management, and computer science. Below is a break-up of faculty-wise publications for the year 2022-2024. Only those research articles are projected in W, X, Y categories that have been verified through the HEC Journal Recognition System (HJRS) and bear the Qarshi University's affiliation.

<b>Faculty- wise Publications 2022-2024</b>	
<b>Faculty of Medicine, Eastern Medicine &amp; Allied Health Sciences</b>	Research Articles = 12 Book Chapters = 02
<b>Faculty of Sciences</b>	Research Articles = 10 Book Chapters = 01 International Reports = 02
<b>Faculty of Social &amp; Management Sciences</b>	Research Article = 01 Others = 02
<b>Faculty of Computer Science &amp; Information Technology</b>	Research Article = 01 Others = 01
<b>Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences</b>	Research Articles = 02
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>



## LIBRARY UPGRADATIONS

In the academic year 2023-2024, Qarshi University's central library expanded its resources with a new section dedicated to pharmaceutical science, comprising approximately 300 books. Simultaneously, the university's digital repository underwent significant enhancement, now offering access to a vast collection of around 14,500 books in its digital section.

## UPGRADATION OF LABORATORIES

In another significant development, Qarshi University has established pharmaceutical laboratories in preparation for the launch of the Pharm-D program. The procurement of equipment for these laboratories was completed in the academic year 2023-2024. Furthermore, the university has upgraded its Eastern Medicine and Biotech labs by adding new equipment, chemicals, and consumables.

## ESTABLISHING THE ALUMNI OFFICE: ENHANCING ENGAGEMENT AND CAREER SUPPORT

The establishment of an Alumni Office is a significant step towards enhancing the relationship between the institution and its graduates. It will serve as a central hub for alumni engagement, record-keeping, and career support. The Alumni Office aims to strengthen the connection between alumni and their alma mater by providing a range of services and opportunities for interaction. In addition to engagement, the Alumni Office will be responsible for maintaining accurate and up-to-date records of alumni. The university aims to enhance alumni satisfaction and contribute to the reputation of the institution.

### QU E-NEWSLETTER

QU- E newsletter titled Campus Insights was also initiated in 2023 and three editions have been published.

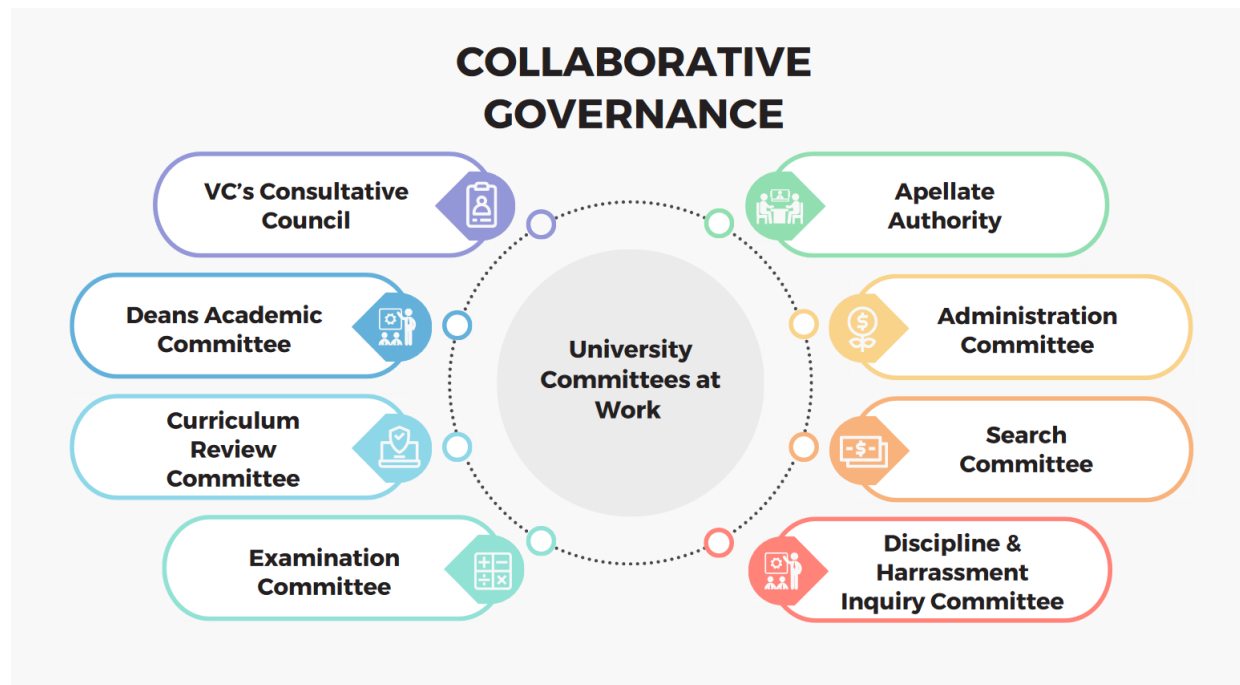


## **STRATEGIC & REGULATORY INITIATIVES 2023-2024**

Qarshi University is steadfast in its commitment to upholding the highest standards of educational excellence through its strategic and regulatory initiatives. These initiatives are taken in the academic year 2023-2024 to ensure the university's operations align with regulatory requirements and standards, fostering an environment of continuous improvement and accountability.

## INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES

University committees play a crucial role in the effective governance and operation of an educational institution. These committees have been constituted with the purpose of fostering a collaborative, efficient, and transparent environment that supports the institution's goals and ensures its smooth operation. The constitution and ToR's of all these committees are clearly established.



Anti-drug and tobacco committee and accessibility committee are also being constituted as per HEC directions.

## CHARTING THE FUTURE: STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

With extensive consultation from faculty and other stakeholders, the university has undertaken a comprehensive strategic planning exercise in the year 2024. This collaborative effort aimed to develop a detailed roadmap for the next five years, with an additional year dedicated to review and adjustment, ensuring the

achievement of long-term excellence and sustainability. The strategic planning process involved engaging with faculty members and administrative staff. Through a series of iterative meetings, valuable insights and perspectives were gathered, allowing for a holistic understanding of the university's strengths, opportunities, challenges, and areas for improvement.

The resulting roadmap outlines key strategic goals and initiatives designed to drive the university towards its vision of excellence. To ensure the roadmap remains relevant and effective, the additional year in the 5+1 plan is dedicated to monitoring progress, evaluating outcomes, and making necessary adjustments. This iterative approach allows the university to adapt to changing circumstances and emerging opportunities, maintaining a dynamic and forward-thinking strategy. The plan has been submitted to the Chairman BoG for review and approval.

## **FEASIBILITY REPORT SUBMISSION: PURSUING NOC FOR QARSHI UNIVERSITY ACCREDITATION**

To fulfill the regulatory requirements for the accreditation of Qarshi University, a comprehensive feasibility report has been submitted to the Higher Education Commission (HEC) for the grant of a No Objection Certificate (NOC). This report is a crucial step in ensuring that the university's academic operations meet the necessary standards and comply with accreditation criteria. The submission marks a significant milestone in the process of obtaining formal approval and demonstrates the university's commitment to adhering to established educational and regulatory standards. HEC's response is awaited after the submission.

## **INTERNAL AUDIT & FISCAL PRUDENCE**

The internal audit function at Qarshi University has been established in the year 2023-2024. It provides independent assurance that the university's financial management, governance, and internal control processes are operating effectively & transparently. It allows establishment of robust control system, assurance of compliance with policies and procedures, risk mitigation of fraud and leakage of funds by authenticating and validating expenses, FBR compliance, risk mitigation of financial embezzlement and revenue loss, accuracy of accounting records, ensures optimum utilization of funds and records, safeguard assets and inventory against theft and loss and budget control. The internal audit for year 2022-23 has been completed and the report is available. Additionally, highly cost-effective culture was introduced in the university to adopt the principle of fiscal prudence for the use of university's financial resources.

## UNIVERSITY STATUTES, RULES AND REGULATIONS

Qarshi University has recently taken significant steps towards solidifying its legal framework by drafting its statutes and rules and regulations. These crucial documents, which were previously not approved, have now been meticulously prepared in 2024 and submitted to the legal division of the Qarshi corporate secretariat for thorough vetting. This process is essential for ensuring that the university operates within a well-defined legal and regulatory framework, which is critical for maintaining its integrity and standards.

It is imperative for the next Vice Chancellor to actively follow up on this matter to expedite the vetting process. By doing so, the university can establish a robust legal foundation that supports its mission and vision, enhances governance, and ensures compliance with national and international educational standards. This initiative underscores the university's commitment to continuous improvement and adherence to best practices in higher education.

## **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES 2023-2024**

## **MILESTONE COLLABORATION: QU SIGNS MOU WITH KING EDWARD MEDICAL UNIVERSITY (KEMU)**

We are thrilled to announce a momentous milestone for Qarshi University (QU) with the recent signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with King Edward Medical University (KEMU). This significant ceremony was held on May 10, 2024 under the esteemed leadership of our Vice Chancellor, Dr. Zafar Iqbal Qureshi, and the Vice Chancellor of KEMU, Dr. Mahmood Ayyaz. This groundbreaking partnership marks a significant leap in advancing academia and research, reinforcing our shared commitment to educational and professional excellence.

The MoU paves the way for a pioneering approach to integrative medicine, where contemporary medical practices will be seamlessly integrated with traditional eastern medicine. This innovative approach promises to enhance the medical curriculum, offering students a more holistic education that bridges the gap between different medical paradigms. For our students, this collaboration opens up a wealth of new opportunities. They will benefit from exposure to a diverse range of medical practices and research methodologies, equipping them with a broader and more nuanced understanding of healthcare. Together, QU and KEMU are setting a new standard in medical education.

# FORGING ALLIANCE WITH KING EDWARD MEDICAL UNIVERSITY (KEMU)



MoU signing ceremony between QU & KEMU.

## BRIDGING THE SKILLS GAP: REFLECTIONS ON THE HEC-NCEAC FORUM AT QARSHI UNIVERSITY

The HEC's National Computing Education Accreditation Council (NCEAC) successfully organized a pivotal forum "The Art of Teaching Programming and Quality of Graduates, Academia & Industry Rendezvous" at Qarshi University on July 1, 2024. Led by Dr. Syed Mansoor Sarwar, Chairperson of NCEAC, the gathering focused on addressing the critical issues concerning the quality of computing graduates in Pakistan. Esteemed faculty members from leading universities across Pakistan, along with representatives from top software houses, attended the event. This diverse assembly of academia and industry professionals provided a platform for rich discussions and valuable insights into the current state of computing education.



Group photo of the participants of the HEC-NCEAC forum with VC-QU and Chairman NCEAC.

Speakers at the forum highlighted the importance of improving the quality of graduates and the collaborative efforts needed between academia and industry to bridge the existing skills gap. They emphasized the significance of enhancing teaching methodologies in programming to better equip students with the skills required in the modern workforce. The event underscored the necessity for continuous dialogue and cooperation between educational institutions and the tech industry to ensure that computing graduates are well-prepared to meet the challenges and opportunities of the rapidly evolving digital landscape.



HEC- NCEAC academia-industry roundtable at QU.

## Q-TALKS': BRINGING GLOBAL VOICES TO CAMPUS MINDS

As we navigate the currents of the 21st century, the need for perspectives beyond textbooks becomes increasingly apparent. Q-TALKS, which is an initiative of Dr. Misbah Qarshi (Executive Director-QO), is the beacon that brings luminaries from diverse industries to share their wisdom, creating an intellectual symphony that resonates across our campus. The series witnessed five captivating sessions, each a chapter in the collective journey of knowledge and inspiration. 'Anxiety and Stress Management' delivered by Mrs. Humaira Irfan, a psychotherapist from Canada unveiled strategies to navigate the challenges of a fast-paced world. 'Entrepreneurship is Doable' by Mr. Faizan Bhatti, Co-founder of Holo-Cars ignited sparks of innovation, reminding us that every great venture starts with a bold idea. And 'Versatility: A Talent or Skill' by Dr. Iman Moghal, Medical practitioner hailing from London, prompted introspection on the dynamic nature of talent and its intersection with versatility. Q-TALKS is more than a series of lectures; it's a cultural exchange of ideas, a meeting ground for the pioneers of industry and the torchbearers of the future. The anticipation for each upcoming session is palpable, as we eagerly await the next wave of insights that will shape our understanding. In the heart of Qarshi University, Q-TALKS echoes the belief that learning extends far beyond textbooks and classrooms — it's a continuous, dynamic conversation that binds us to a world of endless possibilities.



Q-Talks on Stress management and Entrepreneurship is do-able.

In another riveting session hosted by Q-Talks, renowned medical expert Dr. Nusrum Iqbal delved into the pressing issue of obesity in modern society. With a distinguished career spanning over two decades, Dr. Iqbal has emerged as a leading figure in the field of internal medicine, obesity medicine, and lifestyle medicine. Drawing from his extensive medical experience, Dr. Iqbal outlined the multifaceted nature of obesity, highlighting its intricate relationship with dietary habits, sedentary lifestyles, and genetic predispositions.

The recently held Q-Talks session titled 'Exploring Patriotism in Modern Times' provided an enlightening and inspiring experience for all attendees. Our esteemed guest speaker, Mr. Shahzad Nawaz, is a multifaceted art director, writer, producer, and actor with a charismatic personality. He has also served as a Special Assistant to the Prime Minister of Pakistan on Culture, Arts & Communication. He addressed the societal challenges facing Pakistan today and emphasized the importance of making changes within ourselves to eradicate these issues. The event was further enriched by the presence of our esteemed Chairman, Mr. Iqbal Qarshi.



Q-Talks on Versatility, Obesity and Exploring Patriotism.

## CONNECTING MINDS: QARSHI UNIVERSITY'S FLAGSHIP SPEAKER SERIES

Qarshi University's "Speaker of the Month Series" is a flagship initiative aimed at bridging the gap between academia and the corporate world. By inviting some of the best minds from the industry, this series provides our students with invaluable insights, inspiration, and practical knowledge that prepare them for the challenges and opportunities of the real world. In a recent session, we had the privilege of hosting Mr. Naseer Ahmad Baloch, the esteemed CEO of Le' Topical. His talk was a session filled with inspiration and practical advice for aspiring Pakistani entrepreneurs. Mr. Baloch outlined the key skills needed to thrive in today's dynamic business environment, emphasizing the importance of resilience, innovation, and strategic thinking. He shared his personal journey and the challenges he overcame, providing a real-world perspective on what it takes to succeed in the entrepreneurial landscape.

Another highlight of the series was a session by Prof. Dr. Babar Aziz, Dean of the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences at Government College University (GCU). Dr. Aziz's talk focused on the current economic challenges and opportunities in Pakistan. With his extensive academic and practical experience, he provided a nuanced analysis of the economic landscape, discussing the factors that influence economic growth and stability.



Speaker of the month sessions featuring CEO Le Topical & Dean FASS, GCUL.

Saad Hussain, the Chief Business Officer at FiveRivers Technologies, also graced QU with his presence as the Speaker of the Month, sharing insights from his remarkable life journey. The session, marked by its interactivity and depth, left a lasting impact on the young scholars in attendance, igniting a newfound sense of motivation and determination. In his captivating address, Mr. Saad Hussain recounted the highs and lows of his personal and professional trajectory, offering invaluable lessons gleaned from years of experience in the tech industry. From humble beginnings to achieving executive leadership roles, his story resonated deeply

with aspiring entrepreneurs and professionals alike. Throughout the session, attendees were encouraged to actively engage with Mr. Hussain.



## SEMINARS AT QU

Qarshi University's seminars serve as harbingers of knowledge, providing a platform for experts to share wisdom and students to delve into cutting edge topics that spark curiosity and a collective pursuit of understanding, showcasing the university as a hub of intellectual exchange. In recent seminars at Qarshi University, experts illuminated diverse realms of knowledge and health. Dr. Mohammad Imtiaz Hasan navigated the landscape of diabetes, urging preventative action and culminating in a Diabetes Poster Making Competition that showcased student creativity. Dr. Samina Khokhar collaborated with Pink Ribbon Pakistan to enlighten the audience on breast cancer prevention and early detection, emphasizing proactive health management.



Dr Azra Mahmood, Associate Professor CEMB, Lahore delved into stem cell applications in skin treatment, highlighting the interdisciplinary collaboration needed for a comprehensive grasp of their potential in healthcare. These events fostered collaboration and expanded knowledge, contributing significantly to the progress of research and applications in the dynamic fields of life sciences.



## INSIGHTFUL JOURNEYS: EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS

The students and faculty of Computer Science, Eastern Medicine & Allied Health Sciences recently had the privilege of embarking on educational and experiential learning trips to Qarshi Industries HQ at Hattar. These visits provided invaluable insights into the operations and values of one of Pakistan's leading herbal and natural products companies. The delegation explored several key facilities, including Research International, the Herbs Research Centre, the Botanical Garden, the Safari, the Fruit Garden, the Natural Medicines sections, the Hydrophilic Plant, the Qarshi Museum and various other production units. The rich values and culture of Qarshi were on full display, allowing students and faculty to appreciate the state-of-the-art infrastructure and innovative practices that define Qarshi's operations. This immersive experience inspired them to consider new applications of their technical skills in the industry.



Field trip of QU students and faculty to Qarshi Industries, Hattar.

The Eastern Medicine and Allied Health Sciences faculty at Qarshi University orchestrated another enriching educational excursion for students, inviting them to explore the inner workings of Pacific Pharmaceuticals. The primary aim of this visit was to immerse students in core pharmacy concepts, offering a firsthand glimpse into the pharmaceutical industry’s operational dynamics. The visit unfolded as an immersive experience, allowing students to witness and engage with the intricate production processes first hand. Guided by the seasoned professionals at Pacific Pharmaceuticals, students delved into the nuances of warehouse management, quality assurance, quality control protocols, and industry standards. This hands-on exposure provided them with invaluable insights and practical knowledge that transcended traditional classroom learning. Accompanied by dedicated faculty members, the students exuded palpable excitement and enthusiasm throughout the visit.

Our students from the Department of Biotechnology and Allied Health Sciences had the opportunity to explore the state-of-the-art facilities at Mughal Diagnostic Lab and Research Centre, focusing on advanced diagnostic techniques and experiential learning.



Visit of QU students to diagnostic laboratories.

The Department of Management Sciences at Qarshi University recently organized an educational trip for its students to the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI). This excursion provided a unique opportunity for students to gain firsthand insights into the operations and functioning of one of the most prestigious business chambers in Pakistan. During the visit, students engaged with industry professionals, learned about the LCCI's role in promoting trade and commerce, and explored various initiatives that support the business community. This experience not only broadened their understanding of the practical aspects of commerce but also inspired many to consider future endeavors within the business sector.



Visit to Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry (LCCI).

In a bid to gain practical insights into the critical aspect of hospital waste management, third-year students pursuing Bachelor of Eastern Medicine (BEM) degrees embarked on an enlightening journey to The Children's Hospital in Lahore on Wednesday, March 13, 2024. This visit, a key component of their Community Medicine module, offered students a firsthand look at the intricate techniques employed in managing hospital waste effectively.

In the wake of their transformative experience, these aspiring healers stand poised to become catalysts for change, embodying the ethos of compassion and stewardship that lies at the heart of Eastern medicine.



Visit of Pacific Pharmaceuticals and Children Hospital Lahore.

## SHOWCASING INNOVATION: QARSHI UNIVERSITY AT THE ALL-PUNJAB INNOVATION EXPO

In a dynamic showcase of innovation and entrepreneurial spirit, the Department of Biotechnology at Qarshi University made a significant mark at the All-Punjab Innovation Expo organized by Punjab Higher Education Commission on November 20, 2023. This event, designed as a platform for universities to exhibit projects and start-ups, underscores the commitment to foster creativity, innovation, and industry-academia linkages. The primary objective of the expo to provide a space for university teachers and students to present their projects and start-ups, emphasizing innovation, entrepreneurship, and the development and commercialization of products. The participating universities engaged in healthy competition, showcasing projects across a diverse spectrum of categories. As the Department of Biotechnology showcased its projects, it not only contributed to the vibrant atmosphere of innovation but also strengthened the university's position in the larger context of academia and industry collaboration. This event was more than a showcase; it was a testament to the power of ideas, collaboration, and the potential of academic endeavors to shape a brighter future for the community.



All Punjab Universities Innovation Expo 2023, organized by Punjab Higher Education Commission.

## QARSHI UNIVERSITY AT THE WINNING STAND

On December 23, 2023, Qarshi University proudly stood at the forefront of oratory prowess as our esteemed student took center stage at the All-Universities Punjab Speech Competition, meticulously organized by Tehreek-e-Pakistan under the Ministry of Information, Government of Pakistan. In the illustrious company of distinguished guests, our talented representative had the privilege of addressing an audience that included notable figures such as Governor Punjab Baligh-ur-Rehman, the Director-General of the Ministry of Information, the Secretaries of Interior and Information, and the esteemed Former Chief Justice Ejaz Nisar. Our outstanding student, Syed Salman Saeed from Biotechnology, with eloquence and passion, won the coveted first position shield from none other than Governor Punjab himself. We take pride in the holistic education that prepares our students not only for academic success but also for confident articulation.



All- Universities Punjab Speech Competition.

## TWO-DAY INTEGRATED SIMULATION WORKSHOP

The Department of Management Sciences at QU organized an intensive two-day integrated workshop for final year BBA students. This workshop was designed to bridge the gap between academic learning and practical application, equipping students with essential skills required in the business world. Expert facilitators conducted sessions on contemporary business practices, leadership development, and strategic decision making. Interactive activities, case studies, and group discussions were integral parts of the workshop allowing students to collaborate and apply theoretical knowledge to real-world scenarios.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE

In a collective effort to prioritize community health, Qarshi University proudly collaborated with Getz Pharmaceuticals on World Diabetes Day. The collaboration took shape in the form of a dynamic live sugar level and cholesterol level screening booth. The screening took place at the campus to provide an invaluable opportunity for everyone at the university to undergo free health screenings. The live screening not only offered health insights but also served as a catalyst for heightened awareness. This activity stands as QU’s testament to holistic well-being.



**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES  
2023-2024**

## DEMOCRACY IN ACTION: STUDENT SOCIETIES ELECTION

On November 27, 2023 the QU campus buzzed with energy as elections were held for four dynamic clubs and societies: Debates and Poetry, Sports and Fitness, Photography/Social Media and Event Management/Sponsorship. Students enthusiastically exercised their democratic right, casting votes with passion and vigor to endorse their preferred candidates. This event was a celebration of student democracy, embodying the vibrant spirit of campus engagement and fostering a sense of community involvement and leadership.



## QARSHIANS HIKE IT OUT

Qarshi University students found themselves atop the majestic Mushkpuri on the 17th of November, 2023. As the crisp mountain air filled their lungs, the breathtaking views from Mushkpuri Top unfolded, painting a canvas of nature's grandeur that left an indelible mark on each participant. Students, accompanied by their teachers, discovered the joy of togetherness against the backdrop of Mother Nature's awe-inspiring beauty. The laughter filled moments with friends and teachers became the heartbeat of this unforgettable trip. It was more than a physical ascent; it forged bonds that transcended the classroom walls.



Recreational visit to Mushkpuri Top.

## QU STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Qarshi University's spirit of excellence and determination shone brightly as our students recently participated in two major events, showcasing their talent, resilience and passion for learning. The first event, HEC's All Pakistan Debating Championship, and the second event, UCP Taakra, provided our students with invaluable experiences and learning opportunities, despite not clinching any awards. In the HEC's All Pakistan Debating Championship, six of our students fearlessly stepped onto the debating platform, competing with universities from across the nation. They engaged in debates in both English and Urdu, following a Model United Nations (MUN) format that emphasized counter arguments and critical thinking. The experience of articulating arguments, engaging in intellectual discourse, and refining their oratory skills has undoubtedly left a lasting impact on their academic and personal development. Similarly, in the adrenaline-filled atmosphere of UCP Taakra, our students showcased their sporting prowess in cricket, chess, ludo, and table tennis. The lessons learned on the sports field teamwork, strategy, resilience in the face of challenges mirror the values we strive to instill in students beyond the classroom. As we celebrate the courage and determination of our students in these events, we also acknowledge the invaluable lessons learned: the importance of perseverance, the value of teamwork, and the joy of continuous learning and growth.



## QU CELEBRATES THE BLESSINGS OF RAMADAN

Qarshi University radiated with the spirit of devotion and cultural richness as it hosted a captivating Qirat and Naat Competition on Thursday, 21 March 2024. The event, dedicated to honoring Islam, Pakistani culture, and the significance of the holy month of Ramadan, brought together talented participants from various departments in a harmonious celebration of spiritual expression. The competition showcased the exceptional recitation skills of the participants, each one embodying dedication, reverence, and a deep connection to the divine verses and melodious Naats. The esteemed presence of Hafiz Mr. Faisal Iqbal, the honorable judge of the event, added a touch of reverence and expertise to the proceedings. His insightful feedback not only acknowledged the participants' proficiency but also provided constructive guidance, encouraging them to further refine their recitation artistry. The event was more than a competition; it was a platform for fostering spiritual enrichment, cultural appreciation, and community bonding.



Qirat and Naat competition at QU in Ramadan.

## IFTAR PARTY BY QARSHI INDUSTRIES

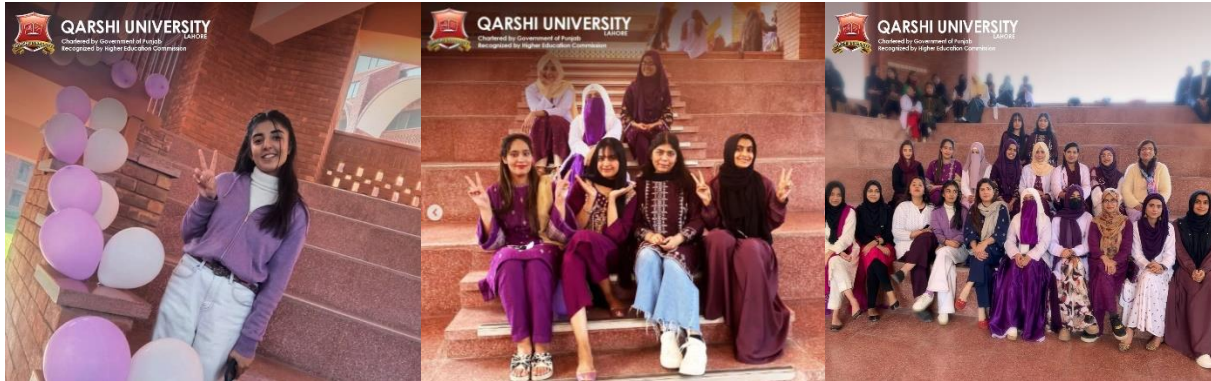
Qarshi Industries hosted a memorable Iftar party at the prestigious PC Lahore venue, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere for QU students, dedicated staff members, and esteemed faculty. The event was not just a traditional breaking of the fast; it was a vibrant celebration of unity, fellowship, and the spirit of Ramadan that brought everyone together in joyful harmony.



Iftar party of students and faculty at PC, Lahore by ED- Qarshi Organization.

## CELEBRATING THE COLORS

Qarshi University (QU) transformed its campus into a kaleidoscope of colors with a vibrant celebration known as the Colour Fest in January 2024. This year, the chosen hue was the regal and captivating color purple, symbolizing creativity, imagination, and a spirit of unity among QU students. The Colour Fest was not just about adding a splash of color to the surroundings; it was a lively and engaging event that brought together students from all walks of life to celebrate diversity, creativity, and the joy of communal gatherings. As the campus adorned various shades of purple, students adorned themselves in this royal color, showcasing their enthusiasm and spirit of participation. Central to the festivities was an open mic session that became a platform for students to show- case their talents, share laughter and create memorable moments.



QU color fest 2024.

## HAPPY PAKISTAN RESOLUTION DAY 2024

Qarshi Industry, in a grand gesture of patriotism and reverence, hosted a memorable celebration on 23rd March Pakistan Resolution Day at Jam-e-Sheeren Park. The event was a vibrant tribute to the indomitable spirit of freedom, resilience, and unity that defines Pakistan's journey towards independence. QU students, embodying the essence of national pride and dedication, actively participated in the festivities. They took center stage, delivering poignant speeches that echoed the vision of our forefathers and paid homage to their sacrifices.



## QU STUDENTS AT HASNA MANA HAI TV SHOW

A wave of laughter and joy swept through QU as a delegation of nearly 300 students embarked on a delightful excursion to attend the renowned comedy show "Hasna Mana Hai," presented by GEO TV and hosted by the immensely witty Tabish Hashmi. The event, known for its rib-tickling humor and entertainment, provided QU students with a memorable evening filled with laughter, camaraderie, and lively entertainment. "Hasna Mana Hai" has earned a reputation of being a premier platform for comedy enthusiasts, offering a blend of humor, satire, and light-hearted entertainment. With Tabish Hashmi at the helm, known

for his quick wit and engaging banter, the show promised an evening of laughter therapy and entertainment galore.



## FRESHER'S WELCOME

QU witnessed a heart-warming tradition as senior students extended a warm welcome to the new intake of Fall 2023 through a spectacular welcome party. The evening was a vibrant celebration of camaraderie, culture, and the bond that unites QU's diverse student body. The welcome party, a cherished tradition at QU, unfolded with an array of captivating performances that showcased the talent and spirit of the student community.

## QU SPORTS FEST 2024

QU concluded its highly anticipated Sports Fest, spanning three exhilarating days of intense competition and camaraderie in April, 2024. The fest showcased a diverse range of sports, including cricket, football, volleyball, snooker, table tennis, and chess, attracting participants from both within the university and external institutions like Message Grammar School and Excellence Academy. Day 1 kicked off the fest with enthusiasm, featuring preliminary rounds and exciting matches across various sports. Participants displayed exceptional skill and sportsmanship, setting the stage for an action-packed event. Day 2 witnessed the continuation of competitive spirit with finals in several sports, highlighting the talent and dedication of the participants. External colleges' participation added a dynamic element to the fest, fostering a spirit of healthy rivalry and collaboration. The grand finale on Day 3 was marked by intense finals in all sports events, with the Department of Biotechnology emerging as a standout performer, clinching majority of the medals and trophies, thus conquering the sportsfest.



QU Sports Fest 2024.

## CELEBRATING MILESTONES: BIDDING FAREWELL TO GRADUATING CLASS OF 2024

As part of Qarshi University's cherished tradition, the new batch of students recently hosted a heartfelt farewell for the outgoing batch. This annual event is a celebration of achievements, friendships, and the journey that our graduates have undertaken during their time at QU. The afternoon was filled with laughter, skits, music, jokes, and an over-whelming sense of camaraderie and nostalgia. The farewell event kicked off with a series of entertaining skits performed by the new batch, capturing memorable moments and inside jokes that have defined the experiences of the graduating students. These performances were met with enthusiastic applause and hearty laughter, setting a joyful tone for the afternoon. Humour played a significant role in the event as well. Jokes and anecdotes were shared, reflecting on the lighter side of university life and the bonds formed over the years. The event also featured heartfelt speeches from faculty members and students, expressing gratitude, sharing wisdom, and offering best wishes for the future.



Farewell 2024.

**FACULTY & STAFF NEWS**  
**2023-2024**

## LEADING CHANGE: QU'S ROLE IN THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM REVIEW FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY

On May 15-16, 2024, Dr. Nadia Zahra, Associate Professor in the Department of Biotechnology at Qarshi University, played a key role in the Higher Education Commission's (HEC) National Curriculum Review Committee (NCRC) for Biotechnology. The committee convened at the Regional Centre in Lahore to undertake a comprehensive review of the curriculum for the Associate Degree, Bachelor of Science, and Master of Science programs in Biotechnology. During the two-day meeting, Dr. Zahra contributed her expertise to evaluating and updating the existing curriculum. The review process aimed to ensure that the academic programs are aligned with current industry standards, emerging scientific advancements, and the needs of the biotechnology sector. The committee's work focused on enhancing the quality and relevance of the educational content, incorporating new developments in biotechnology, and ensuring that graduates are well-prepared for both academic and professional success. As a result of this thorough review, the revised Biotechnology curriculum for 2024 has been finalized and is now available on the HEC's official website.



QU's role in HEC's National Curriculum Review Committee (NCRC) for Biotechnology.

## ADVANCING QUALITY ASSURANCE: QARSHI UNIVERSITY AT VARIOUS HEC WORKSHOPS & ORIENTATIONS

From April 24-26, 2024, Dr. Nadia Zahra, who holds the additional duties of Director Quality at Qarshi University, represented the institution at a crucial Progress Review Meeting and Consultative Workshop. This significant event, organized by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) and held in collaboration with Forman Christian College University, focused on understanding and effectively implementing Pakistan's Precept, Standards, and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (PSG-2023).

The workshop served as a key platform for discussing and evaluating the latest quality assurance practices and guidelines outlined in the PSG-2023. Dr. Zahra played a vital role in these discussions, contributing her expertise to ensure that Qarshi University's practices align with national standards and contribute to the overall advancement of quality assurance in higher education.



Consultative workshop on PSG-2023 organized by HEC at FCCU, Lahore.

On Sept 8, 2023, Dr Zahra participated in a training session organized by the Higher Education Commission on Undergraduate Education Policy (UGEP) Version 1.1 for the Cohort III focal persons of universities from Punjab.



Training on UGEP organized by HEC at HEC- Regional Center Lahore.

Aug 9-10, 2023, Punjab Higher Education Commission-PHEC organized a two day continuing professional development training for Directors & Staff of QEC's of private sector universities at Information Technology University, Arfa Karim Software Technology Park Lahore. On July 25, 2023 Mr. Uzair, Assistant Registrar, QU and Dr Nadia Zahra participated in a training on Ranking of HEI's organized by Higher Education Commission @ it's Regional Centre Lahore.



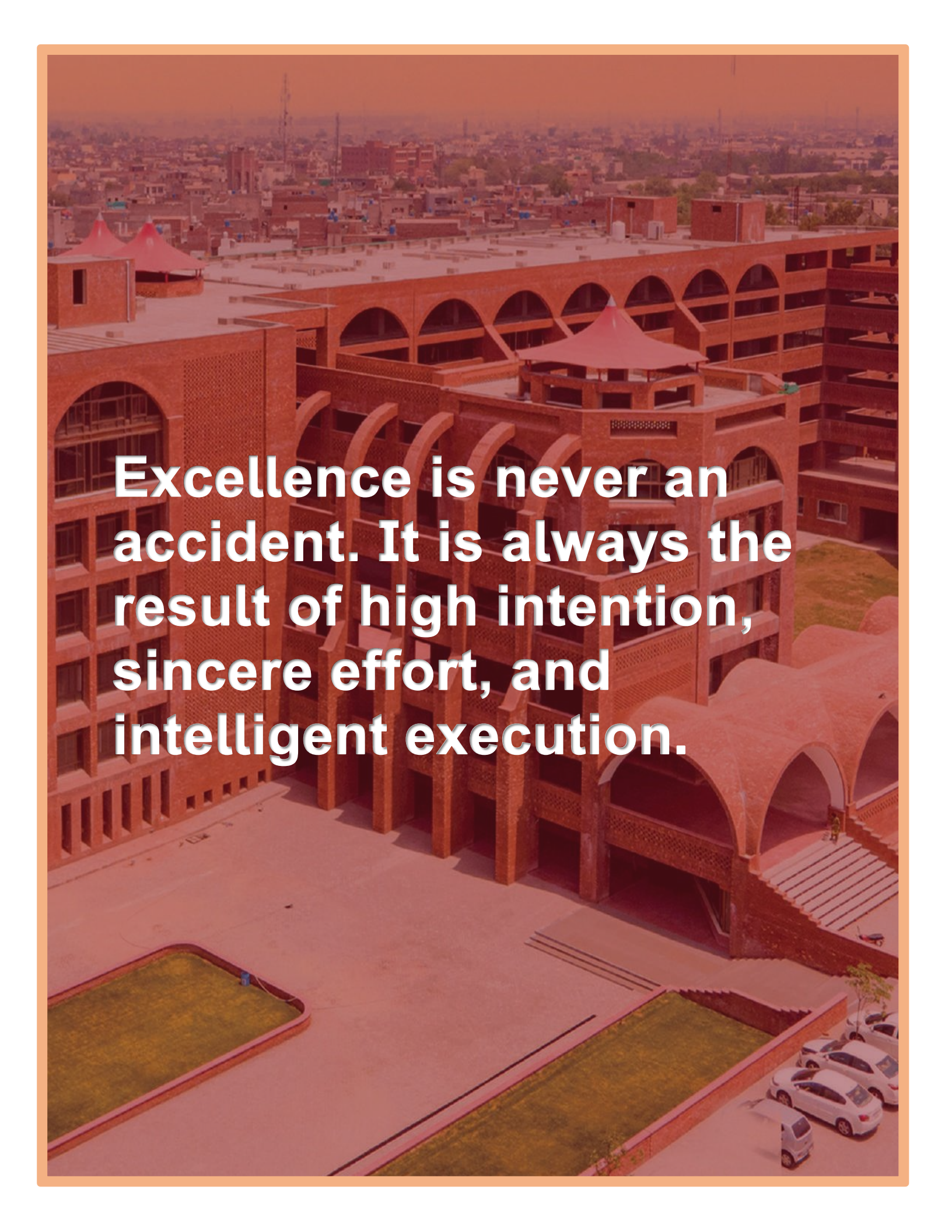
QU's participation in HEC & PHEC trainings on Quality Assurance and Ranking of HEI's.

## QU PARTICIPATION IN FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OFFERED BY PUNJAB HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

In a step towards academic excellence, Qarshi University faculty participated in a 3-day faculty development program organized by the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) Pakistan. The program, titled "Advancing teaching Excellence: Strategies for Effective Higher Education Instructions and Professional Development," convened at UVAS, Lahore, from December 26 to 28, 2023. Representing Qarshi University were Dr. Modasrah Haroon from the Department of Eastern Medicine, Dr. Rabbia Pervaiz from the Department of Biotechnology, and Mr. Asad Rehman Khattak from the Department of Computer Science. The trio joined 43 lecturers and assistant professors from both public and private sector universities, contributing to a diverse and enriching learning environment. We anticipate that the insights gained from this faculty development program significantly enhances the teaching and learning experience at Qarshi University.



Dr. Rashid Saif, Head of Biotechnology Qarshi University, also participated in a training program titled "Use of generative AI in higher education" organized by PHEC and held on January 25th, 2024, the training aimed to equip participants with a comprehensive understanding of generative artificial intelligence and its applications in the realm of higher education. During the training, participants delved into the practical aspects of leveraging AI to enhance teaching, learning, and research endeavours within academic institutions.

An aerial photograph of a large, multi-story brick building with a complex architectural design featuring numerous arches and a central courtyard. The building is surrounded by a cityscape in the background. The image has a warm, orange-red color cast. Overlaid on the center of the image is a quote in white text.

**Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution.**