Thematic Research Grant Programme Themes 2017-18

1. **Main Theme: Economy and National/ Sustainable Development Goals.**

   **Sub Themes:**
   
   i. Decent-work, Economic Growth & Inequalities.
   ii. MDGs to SDGs in Pakistan: Data, Time & Resource Needs.
   iii. CPEC & SDGs – Going Beyond Growth.
   iv. Environmental and Natural Resources Management for Sustainable Development.
   v. Growth and Wellbeing- Searching for Local and Indigenous Solutions.

2. **Main Theme: Social Sciences, Arts, Humanities and National Development.**

   **Sub Themes:**
   
   i. Promotion and Preservation of Tangible and Intangible Heritage.
   ii. Strategies for the Development of a National Cultural Policy.
   iii. The Role of Sufi Literature in the Promotion of the Peace and Tolerance.
   iv. The role Of Translation Studies in Accessing Diversity.
   vi. Role of Woman in National Development.
   viii. Media, Film and Television – Impact on Social Behavior.
   ix. The Role of Historiography in Defining National Image.
   x. Brain Drain – Causes and Effects.

3. **Main Theme: The New Dynamics of National and International Affairs.**

   **Sub Themes:**
   
   **National**
   
   i. Pakistan @ 70 ___ Nation, State and Society: Achievements and Failures; Challenges and Opportunities ___ the Way Ahead.
   ii. Operation Raad-Ul-Fasad & Khyber 4: the Intelligence Based Combing Operations; Tasks and Successes ___ The Role of Army/ Armed Forces of Pakistan, the Law Enforcing Agencies (LEAs, and the Nation).
   iv. Social, Political, The Religious and Sectarian Fault line of the State and Society: The Sustainable and Successful way to Solution ___ The Establishment of
Modern, Islamic Democratic welfare State of Pakistan: The Dream of the Founder of the Nation.


vi. The Internal and/ External Sources of Instability and Security: the Damage Control and Corrective Measures.


**International**

i. The Latest Phase of Pakistan’s Foreign Policy Towards Africa (North, South, Central, East and West), Americas (North, South, & Central), Asia (North, South, Central, East and West - the Middle East and Golf), Europe (North- The Scandinavian and Nordic Countries, South, Central, East and West), and Australia.

ii. The Pak-India Talks/ Composite Dialogue/ Bilateral Comprehensive Dialogue between Pakistan and India; Confidence Building Measures: Problems and Prospects __ the Kashmir Dispute; Pakistan’s Role in the UN and OIC for the Resolution of the Kashmir Problem; with Particular Reference to the Burning Situation after the Martyrdom of Young Freedom Fighter Burhan Wani and Many other Heroes of the Unparalleled Struggle.

iii. India, Pakistan and the Water Disputes; the Technical Mechanisms/ Forums for Resolution.

iv. Pakistan and China; the Regional and International Connectivity: OBOR, CPEC and Beyond.

v. The New Economic Diplomacy of Pakistan: Looking Towards all Regions/ Directions of the World --- Pakistan’s Role in SAARC, ECO, SCO, OIC, and UN: other Important Regional and International Economic and Political Organizations.

vi. The Readjustment and Improvement in International Relations of Pakistan with Russia.


viii. Diplomatic Relations of Pakistan with the Neighboring Countries @ 70.

Sub Themes:

i. Woman in the Public Domain: Challenges and Opportunities.
ii. Pakistani Youth: A treasure to be utilized for the Development of the Country.
iii. The Role of Modern Technology in Social Change.
viii. Media and Society.
ix. Vocationalization of Secondary Education.
xi. Urban Regeneration.


Sub Themes:

ii. Tolerance and Respecting Diversity on the University Campuses.
iii. Gender issues in Higher Education.
v. Comoditization of Higher Education and the Quality of Graduate.
vi. HEC vision 2025: Capacity Building of Universities Teachers.
viii. Universities and Community Linkages.
ix. Individual and Organization Commitment and Research in Pakistani Universities.
x. Curriculum for Developing Studies, Civic Competency.
xii. Higher Education: Existing Practices and Challenges for Quality Education.
xii. Status of Early Childhood Care and Education in Pakistan, Opportunities, Challenges and way forward.
xii. Current Scenario of Teacher Education in Pakistan (Pre-services and in Services) Challenges, Opportunities and Way Forward.