12. Social Integration Outreach Program (SIOP)

Overview
HEIs traditionally have kept their focus on providing education only to those who entered their premises to seek knowledge. However, the present-day role of HEIs is fast changing; from pure access to quality, from quality to relevance and now as an equally important additional role, HEIs/Universities are also expected to contribute towards social and economic development.

This specific program is designed to push universities/HEIs to integrate their research and teaching activities to address local issues, by community involvement, to provide on ground solutions. Through this program HEIs/Universities will provide a platform to the local community, in radius of each campus, where problem identification, development and execution of policies will be carried out.

Program Objectives
- To develop closer interaction with Community to solve local problems.
- To build community confidence on HEIs.
- Bridging the gap between two important pillars of nation, Community and Academia
- Develop and enhance the Community- Academia Linkages

Terms & Conditions
The program will be executed through the Offices of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC). For non ORIC universities, Sociology department or Directorate of Research may lead. The ORIC and Sociology department will identify one specific problem/issue in the local community (in radius of their campus) for possible deliberations/solution. The team will then identify the related department and faculty who can possibly work on the issue. For community interaction/coordination, community centers may be mobilized with the help of community leadership.

In response to HEC annual call, the group may initiate small project(s) on the theme of the call like following, but not limited to :
- Awareness workshops on different diseases/out breaks like; Dengue, Hepatitis, Polio, Tuberculosis etc.
- Awareness programs for local farmers on new farming techniques.
- Construction of small schools, wells, hand pumps, dispensaries (in rural areas) with the help of community.
- Training of community on self-management of disasters.
- Repair and maintenance of sewerage system on self-help bases.
- Repair and maintenance of public parks and play grounds for kids.
- Helping community for establishment of small business like poultry /dairy farms, fast food etc.
• Preparation of business plans/ feasibility reports for community through Universities Business Incubators or Business Schools.
• Linking youth with SMEDA like organizations for establishment of new businesses.
• Help community to prepare proposals for donors funding for community uplift.
• Career Counseling and Guidance

Financial Support
• HEC will provide grant up to Rs.500,000 per proposal
• The University shall have to contribute an equal amount for the proposal

Duration of Program
• Maximum duration of the Proposal is 03 Months which will be counted after release of Budget.

Eligibility Criteria
• All public sector universities are eligible for this program
• Private sector universities eligible for public funding as per HEC P&D criteria.

How to Apply?
• Properly compiled Proposal on prescribed form having (a) table of contents( b) page numbering(c) CVs of HR involved in the project and (d) soft copy
• Approval/Certificate of contribution from University Side
• Activity Plan

Note: Incomplete application will be rejected and no re-submission will be entertained