

## CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

Support to Academia on Climate Change, Environment, and Glacier Research in Gilgit-Baltistan

### Project Overview

The Karakoram International University (KIU), funded by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is pleased to announce a call for research proposals for academic research activities in the target valleys of Gilgit-Baltistan (GB). This initiative aims to support Bachelor's (BS) students conducting research on Climate Change, Environment, and Glacier-related topics. We encourage enthusiastic and qualified students to submit their proposals and contribute to this important research initiative.

### Eligibility Criteria for Candidates

1. Applicants must be enrolled in the BS-6<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> (spring 2024) at KIU.
2. Minimum CGPA requirement: 3.0
3. Submission Requirements:
  - I. Attested transcript of BS program (BS-5<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>, indicating CGPA)
  - II. Copy of domicile or CNIC and recent passport-sized photograph
  - III. Research proposal (endorsed by the proposed research supervisor) relevant to the broader research themes outlined below.
  - IV. Candidates from the target valley of their proposed research area will be given preference.

### Broader Research Themes:

1. Climate change impacts on water resources in GB.
2. Environmental degradation and mitigation strategies in GB.
3. Glacier retreat and its consequences for local communities.
4. Socio-economic implications of climate change in GB.
5. Adaptation strategies for climate change and glacier hazards in GB.
6. Best indigenous practices to protect the environment for the mitigation of climate related disasters in GB.

### Research Proposal and Budget Distribution:

1. Precise and specific ideally on 5-10 pages (including bibliography)
2. A proposal must include the following sections:
  - I. Title Page indicating proposed title and project team.
  - II. Introduction
  - III. Objectives
  - IV. Target valley and beneficiaries
  - V. Impact
3. Budget (not more than PKR 0.335M in total with fixed PKR 50K and 25K, honorarium to supervisor and support to student, respectively. The project lead must breakdown the remaining amount in various heads as per need of the project and planned activities.
4. Project timeline with activities and deliverables (May-Sep)
5. Conclusion
6. Bibliography

### Proposal Submission and Selection

Interested students must submit their research proposals along with the required documents to the ORIC, KIU by **April 23, 2024**. Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed, and the final selection of students will be announced in the **1<sup>st</sup> week of May 2024**.

### Important dates:

- Call is open between 5 Apr 2024 and 23 Apr 2024
- Proposal Evaluation 24 Apr to 2 May 2024
- Notification of selected proposals 6 May 2024

### Contact Information

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