



HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

H-9, ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN, Website: <http://www.hec.gov.pk>

Phone: +92-51-90402100; Fax: +92-21-90402102; email: rchohan@hec.gov.pk; website: www.hec.gov.pk

Muhammad Raza Chohan

Director General (Academics)

No. 8-6/Acad/BUTA17//HEC/2018/170
February 26, 2020

Subject: NOMINATIONS FOR HEC BEST UNIVERSITY TEACHER AWARD (BUTA) 2019-20 AS PER THE REVISED CRITERIA

Dear Sir or Madam,

As you are aware that HEC has been recognizing the efforts of outstanding teachers in the country through its Best University Teachers Award (BUTA) initiative since 2003. The concept of the award was instituted for promotion of education and research by university faculty and to acknowledge their scholarly endeavors aimed at bringing socio-economic impacts in the society at large.

2. Recently, HEC has reviewed the BUTA program and revised its funding, scope and selection criteria wherein a different set of teacher assessment criteria, based specifically on indicators of effective teaching, has been designed in order to encourage more attention towards teaching. Moreover, the award has been split into two levels i.e. University-Level and HEC National-Level Best Teacher Awards. The university level awards would be conferred directly by the universities while HEC would confer national awards to a limited number of recipients to ensure their exclusivity and prestige. Only the winners of university awards would be eligible for competing in the HEC national award competition. The award at the university level will consist of a certificate of merit, plus, if a university Syndicate so decides, a cash award of up to Rs. 200,000/- , whereas the HEC National Award will consist of a certificate of merit, as well as a cash prize of Rs. 1,000,000/- (rupees one million). (Please see Annex-I for revised framework of HEC BUTA).

3. In this backdrop, I would like to request you to widely disseminate the information to all the departments and constitute a Committee under your kind chairmanship, comprising the Registrar, Director Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC), Dean of the relevant faculty and HoD of the relevant Department/Institute to select winners for the University-Level Best Teacher Award for the year 2019-20 as per the revised criteria.

4. The nomination of the winner of University-Level Best University Teacher Award must be submitted to HEC by 10th April, 2020 to ensure his/her consideration for the HEC National-Level Best Teacher Award. All the documents for HEC National-Level Best Teacher Award must be sent/enclosed in electronic form (in USB/CD/email) on prescribed format (Annex-II) along with the nomination letter. A scanned copy of certificate regarding university level award winner, duly signed by university's Evaluation Committee and countersigned by the VC/Head of the University, must also be submitted to HEC along with other documents (see format at Annex-II).



HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

H-9, ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN, Website: <http://www.hec.gov.pk>

Muhammad Raza Chohan

Director General (Academics)

5. All the information on revised framework as well as the standard templates, mentioned above and enclosed with this letter, are also available on HEC website (www.hec.gov.pk/site/BUTA) for information and download. HEC is pleased to respond to any query or concern from you regarding the award, for which, the contact information of relevant resources is available on the HEC website.

6. It is further informed with pleasure that HEC has already initiated the process of automating the entire application & selection process of BUTA program. The objective of automation is to build a national database of syllabuses, grading systems (including tests, exams, quizzes), lesson plans, and lecture slides (PPTs) of the winners of the University and National Level Best Teacher Awards. That database will be accessible to all faculty members, especially junior faculty members, for consultation or adaptation as needed. It is expected that the next year's best teacher awards will be processed through the online system, accessible to both the universities and HEC.

List of Enclosures

SN	Title of Enclosure	Annexure #
1.	Revised framework of HEC Best University Teacher Award including program objectives, eligibility criteria, evaluation criteria, procedure for application processing and Terms & Conditions of the award.	Annex-I
2.	Format for submission of nominations of university-level winners to HEC for consideration of National-Level Award, including University-Level Award winner Certificate format.	Annex-II

With best regards,

Yours Faithfully,


(Muhammad Raza Chohan)

Vice Chancellors/Rectors/Heads

All Public / Private Sector Universities / DAIs

Copy to:

- i. ES to Chairman, Higher Education Commission, Islamabad.
- ii. ES to the Executive Director, HEC Islamabad.