



Subject: **MPhil / PhD Program Review Report of Government College Women University Faisalabad FY 2023-2024.**

The Government College Women University is the prominent institute of higher education in Faisalabad dedicated for the women's education. Since it is chartered as a university in 2013, it merged as a quickly grooming institute offering programs at bachelor's, Master, and Graduate levels. The University has more than 10,000 students on its strength. University has four different faculties (Science and Technology, Arts & Social Science, Management & Administrative Science, and Islamic and Oriental learning). The MPhil and PhD program is offered in the 10 different disciplines.

It was decided by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan to conduct the regular review of MPhil and PhD programs being offered in all disciplines of HEIs of Pakistan. The Purpose of this review was to ensure the quality and compliance with its standards across the various universities operating in different vicinities of countries with different strengths and challenges. These reviews are very critical and are of certain importance for achieving the goal of academic Integrity and International Competitiveness of our postgraduate students in line with the international standards and requirements. This review is divided into two different categories, one is conducted by the team of HEC and is named as the external program review and other is conducted by the university itself and is known as the internal program review. In the internal program review one external expert conducts this review activity of two to three days with internal members. Government College Women University Faisalabad conducted self-Post Graduate Program Review on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024.

The objectives of performing this activity on an annual basis are to assess the adherence of MPhil and PhD programs to the prescribed minimum criteria set by the HEC for launch and execution of these Programs. It is not all about the minimum requirement to meet but also a comprehensive exercise to enhance the quality of these programs to ensure their compatibility with the standards set by HEC. It is a complex amalgam of many pillars to monitor like the Act provision to Launch the program, due process of permission prior to launches the program, program structure, curriculum of program coherent to the HEC national qualification frame work, faculty qualification, research output, infrastructure, learning environment, measurable learning outcomes, maximum allowed scholars for-supervision and much more.

Review Mechanism: The review of MPhil / PhD programs is a multiple stages process. Some of these works are done by the internal members of this program review before the onset of program review meeting and some stages started with the visit.

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## Data Collection:

HEC has given certain forms (Form: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6A, 6B) having all information of program summary, program detailed information, program faculty information (separate forms for MPhil and PhD), student information (separate for MPhil and PhD) and graduate student information for Review. All these forms were collected in separate folders regarding the following 10 disciplines having MPhil program and four disciplines having PhD Programs.

### Summary of Program:

PhD Programs	04	MS/MPhil Programs	10
PhD Qualified Faculty	56	MS/MPhil Qualified Faculty	09
PhD Students	39	MS/MPhil Students	228

The detail of programs along with status unanimously agreed by the review panel is mentioned below for compliance:

Sr	Department	Program Title	Degree	Students	Faculty	
					PhD	MS/M.Phil
1	Botany	M.Phil Botany	M.Phil	27	11	03
		PhD Botany	PhD	13		
2	Chemistry	M.Phil Chemistry	M.Phil	51	17	-
		PhD Chemistry	PhD	23		
3	Food Science & Technology	M.Phil Food Science & Technology	M.Phil	39	05	-
		PhD Food Science & Technology	PhD	10		
4	Zoology	M.Phil Zoology	M.Phil	20	05	-
		PhD Zoology	PhD	06		

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5	Arabic	M.Phil Arabic	M.Phil	04	02	03
6	Urdu	M.Phil Urdu	M.Phil	31	03	01
7	Islamic Studies	M.Phil Islamic Studies	M.Phil	21	02	-
8	Mathematics	M.Phil Mathematics	M.Phil	22	07	02
9	Business Administration	M.Phil Business Administration	M.Phil	06	02	-
10	Physics	M.Phil Physics	M.Phil	07	02	-

Files had curriculum details, faculty qualifications, research activities, research labs available with detail of instruments (wherever it is applicable).

### **1. Activities Performed During On-Site in MPhil/PhD Review:**

The following Members were the team members of MPhil / PhD review.

- i. Prof. Dr. Asim Mansha / Director QEC, Government College University Faisalabad
- ii. Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli / Vice Chancellor, Government College Women University Faisalabad
- iii. Dr. Aasma Khalid / Director QEC, Government College Women University Faisalabad

A two-day visit activity was performed including the brief review of the collected data for all programs. Interactions with the faculty, student and administrative staff were performed. The one-site visit of the departments, laboratories, Hi-Tech lab, Libraries, and classrooms was done by the team members in the light of guidance from the HEC.

### **2. Report Compilation:**

After the Visits, inspections, interactions, interactions, and feedback, all the committee members mutually consulted for the compilation of the report. A thorough discussion was made, highlighting the strengths, weaknesses, and areas where the room for improvement is much needed. The presence of vice chancellor in the committee act as the catalyst to bring this all into a doable framework for the coming

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years. A complete dedication was found to making the substantial improvements in the coming years.

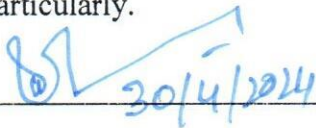
### Findings of the Review:

Overall, the review team appreciated the University compliance with the minimum criteria set by the HEC for any MPhil and PhD program. It was observed that for all the running programs of MPhil and PhD the curriculum is aligned with the national curriculum framework and is being reviewed from time to time, wherever it was required. The quality of facilitation is improving in comparison to previous years but still there are areas for improvement. These improvements will result in more scientific outcome and effectiveness of these programs. The interactive sessions conducted with the faculty and the students reflected the high satisfaction level among the stake holders. Still the review committee has emphasized over recruitment on the empty faculty positions to strengthen the faculty. Especially for the disciplines where the regular faculty merely meet the minimum criteria of HEC. Over the years, the enhancement in the library recourses encourages the support to the advance research activities. The strength of the programs is that there is a high level of faulty arrangement for the available programs. In some programs there is a need to improve research output, better student support services, and improvement of infrastructure. The committee also emphasized that there is need of aligning the research with the global SDGs. The supervisor should be allotted to students in the start of spring semester. The faculty development program can also play a vital role in this regard to strengthening the faculty with the latest teaching and research methodologies.

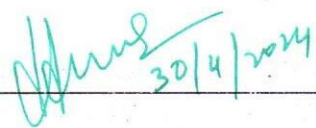
### Conclusion

This rigorous review of evaluating the MPhil and PhD programs reveals all these programs meet the minimum requirements set by the HEC for the launch and continuation of the program. For further steps it is recommended that not only meet the mere standards put forth by the HEC, but it is also required to strive for international excellence. Hopefully the joint efforts of the faculty will lead to produce the high/quality graduates with specialized research capabilities. Hopefully the graduates of these programs will be able to contribute significantly to their fields and in socio/economy of Pakistan particularly.

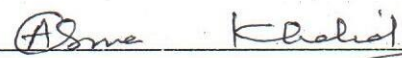
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