



Agricultural Innovation Program (AIP) for Pakistan

Invitation of Applications for Research to Support the Enhanced Agricultural Growth of Pakistan (Balochistan/Khyber Pakhtunkhwa/Sindh)

Proposals due April 15, 2015

The Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) is pleased to announce its 'First Call of Applications for research to enhance the agricultural growth of Pakistan' in the selected priority areas under the ambit of broad-based thematic areas of the Vision 2025 agenda. Scientists/Researchers from Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh provinces can apply for these competitive grants. For Punjab province, PARB has already advertised the call for proposals.

Agricultural Innovation Program (AIP) for Pakistan is implemented by the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center CIMMYT in partnership with PARC, the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), University of California, Davis (UC Davis), The World Vegetable Center (AVRDC) and the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) and supported by United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The competitive grants system is a component of AIP led by PARC.

Pakistan Vision 2025 recognizes that sufficient, reliable, clean and cost-effective availability of energy, water and food – for now and the future – is indispensable to ensure sustainable economic growth and development. There is a need to fill the enormous gaps in these areas, while simultaneously making efforts to respond to the looming threat of climate change. There is a renewed national consensus to commit major new resources through public and private sector collaboration in these areas and ensure required production and storage capacities. At the same time, efforts will be made towards conservation, efficient distribution and usage of resources, and preventing contamination and environmental degradation. The detailed priority areas can be seen on PARC's website: www.parc.gov.pk

- Grants available for up to three years with budget not exceeding Pak Rs. 5.000 million.
- Applicants may include faculty members and staff of national and provincial universities and research institutes.
- Collaborative proposals involving private public partnerships and support of research conducted by graduate students are encouraged.
- Selection panel includes senior Pakistani and international scientists of repute in the relevant disciplines.
- Short-listed proposals may be presented in April-May 2015 public workshop.
- Selection decision and grant awards will be announced by May 2015.
- Guidelines and format of application are available at www.parc.gov.pk and AIP Secretariat, PARC, G-5/1, Islamabad by request (Email: pakistan.aip@gmail.com).

Proposals are sought for crops, animal and social sciences identifying and exhibiting impact in shortest possible time frame and for larger communities that will support economic growth as envisioned in the *Vision 2025* strategy of the Planning Commission (visit Planning Commission of Pakistan's web page http://www.pc.gov.pk/?page_id=73).



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