

## Working Paper # 22

### Financial Support Under Research Exhibitions and Competitions

#### Sponsored By Research Directorate

#### Introduction

The Research Directorate plays a vital role in fostering a strong research culture at NUST through exhibitions and competitions. To further support this initiative, it is introducing a policy on '**Research Exhibitions and Competitions**' to provide financial assistance for participation at both national and international levels

- a. **Research Exhibition:** An event where students and faculty members from Schools / Colleges present and display research-oriented products developed through research projects.
- b. **Research Competition:** An event where students and faculty members compete / excel to present high-quality research-oriented products developed through research projects or an idea presented through a highly competitive process.

#### Eligibility Criteria

1. Financial assistance for Research Exhibition and Competition will be processed by Research Dte as per following criteria:
  - a. NUST Students as organizer or participant members in the event at National or International level under supervision of Faculty Member.
  - b. Administrative approval for the said event must be accorded by the Pro-Rector (RIC) prior event.
  - c. The ratio of contribution for said events will be as follows:
    - i. 70% event financial support must be secured from the external sponsorship.
    - ii. 30% event financial support required from Research Dte
  - d. Each school / college will share maximum 2x events for consideration of approval from approving committee during the financial year
  - e. Maximum financial support up-to PKR 0.3 M at National level
  - f. Maximum financial support up-to PKR 0.7 M at International level



### **Procedure:**

2. Research Dte will receive requests for cases of exhibitions and competitions at national and international levels, and participation in international competitions from all schools and colleges in March and September each year. This ensures the allocation of relevant funds in the Research Dte's budget. The corresponding event period will span six months, beginning on July 1 and January 1.

3. Research Dte will put-up all the cases in April / May and October / November (every year) for administrative approval of the Committee under Chairmanship of Pro Rector (RIC).

4. The following Research Exhibition & Competition Committee (RECC) will approve the events and allocation of funds:

a.	Pro-Rector (RIC)	Chairman
b.	Director (Research)	Member
c.	Director (ICON)	Member
d.	Director (Student Affairs)	Member
e.	Subject Specialist from any School/ College*	Member
f.	Deputy Director (Projects)	Secretary

\*As per recommendation from HoD (Research) from concerned School / College

### **Terms & Conditions**

5. Schools / Colleges will share information with Research Dte for their events with the following details:

- a. Name of event
- b. Category of event (National Exhibition / National Competition / International Competition)
- c. Name of Team Members (Supervisor and Student)
- d. Role of the Team members (Organizers / Participants)
- e. Place of event
- f. Participation (online / in-person)
- g. Budget details along with breakdown
- h. Budget covered through sponsorships
- i. Budget required from NUST
- j. Event timelines.



6. Research Dte will put-up all the cases for administrative approval of the committee under Chairmanship of Pro Rector (RIC).

7. If any school / college has not presented his case and additional funds in the relevant budget head are available, the request on an urgent basis may be considered subject to the approval of the Competent Authority.

8. School / College will initiate the case 1x Month earlier from the date of event.

9. The following categories will be considered:

- a. Competition or Exhibition at National or International Level
- b. NUST Student(s) as participant or organizer
- c. NUST funding only for student(s)

10. The following categories will not be considered for funding\*:

- a. Seminar/ Conferences/Workshops/ Symposium
- b. Any event as a part of research project activities
- c. Any funding acquired from other source of NUST (i.e. financial support from Acad Dte or School/ College)
- d. FYP Open House events typically organized by NUST Schools/Colleges
- e. All initiatives taken by NUST Main Office / National Centers with respect to exhibitions and competitions

11. Supervisor of exhibition and competition at National & International level cannot claim the said event as project on NRP.

12. Supervisor / resource person (FM only) of the event will submit the post event and financial reports for perusal of Competent Authority. The same may require a presentation as well.

\*Any additional category, except for Para 10, may be approved by the Committee on a case-to-case basis

\*\*Travel support for attending exhibitions / competition by faculty members will not be provided



**Approval from ACM**

13. The working paper was recommended by 13<sup>th</sup> UCRIP meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 and duly approved by 70<sup>th</sup> ACM held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025 for implementation and immediate effect.

