



RASTA – PIDE & Planning Commission Competitive Research Grants

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NOTIFICATION

Reconstitution of the ‘Research Advisory Committee’ of the RASTA P&P CGP

The Competent Authority of the RASTA PIDE & Planning Commission Competitive Grants Programme (CGP) for Policy-oriented Research is pleased to reconstitute the following Research Advisory Committee (RAC) comprising 34 members, including the Chairman of the RAC.

Chairperson RAC	
1.	Muhammad Nadeem Javaid (SI) <i>(Vice Chancellor, PIDE)</i>
Members of the Planning Commission of Pakistan	
2.	Adnan Rafiq <i>(Member Governance, Planning Commission of Pakistan)</i>
3.	Aamena Aly Kamal <i>(Member DevComm, Planning Commission of Pakistan)</i>
4.	Imtiaz Ahmed <i>(Chief Economist, Planning Commission of Pakistan)</i>
Representatives of Ministries/Departments	
5.	Mohsin Mushtaq Chandna <i>(DG, Debt Management, Ministry of Finance)</i>
6.	Shujaat Ali <i>(Former Federal Secretary/Dean NSPP)</i>
7.	Hafeez Jamali <i>(DG, Balochistan Civil Services Academy, Government of Balochistan)</i>
8.	Humaira Zia Mufti <i>(Secretary, National Commission on the Status of Women)</i>
9.	Rafique Ahmed Chandio <i>(DG, Bureau of Statistics, Government of Sindh)</i>
10.	Safdar Ali Sohail <i>(Former Federal Secretary/Dean NSPP)</i>
11.	Khalid Chauhan <i>(DG Research, NECTA)</i>
12.	Nasir Javed <i>(Former CEO, Urban Unit, Government of Punjab)</i>
Public Policy Experts – Universities	
13.	Ather Maqsood Ahmed <i>(Professor, NUST, Islamabad)</i>
14.	Zafar ul Hasan <i>(Former Joint Chief Economist, M/o PD&SI)</i>
15.	Atta Ullah Shah <i>(Vice Chancellor, Karakoram International University, Gilgit)</i>
16.	Zahid Asghar <i>(Professor, School of Economics, QAU, Islamabad)</i>
17.	Abdul Salam Lodhi <i>(Professor, BUIITEMS, Quetta)</i>
18.	Nooreen Mujahid <i>(Director, AERC, University of Karachi, Karachi)</i>
19.	Sobia Khurram <i>(Professor, University of the Punjab, Lahore)</i>
20.	Usman Ghani <i>(Director, IM Sciences, Peshawar)</i>
21.	Zainab Jehan <i>(HoD Economics, Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi)</i>
22.	Madiha Riaz <i>(Associate Professor, Islamia University, Bahawalpur)</i>
23.	Farah Said <i>(Executive Director, MHDC/Assistant Professor, LUMS, Lahore)</i>
24.	Sheraz Rajput <i>(Associate Professor of Economics, KSBL, Karachi)</i>
Public Policy Experts – International	
25.	David Orden <i>(Director, Global Issues Initiative, Virginia Tech, USA)</i>
26.	Murtaza Haider <i>(Professor, University of Alberta, Canada)</i>
27.	Adeel Malik <i>(Associate Professor, University of Oxford, UK)</i>
28.	Sultan Mehmood <i>(Assistant Professor, New Economic School, Moscow)</i>
29.	Izzah Aftab <i>(Senior Economist, Manitoba Health, Canada)</i>
30.	Shandana Khan <i>(Lead Governance Research & Research Fellow, IDS Sussex UK)</i>

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Members from PIDE, Islamabad

31.	Faheem Jehangir Khan (<i>Dean Policy, PIDE/Project Director, RASTA</i>)
32.	Nasir Iqbal (<i>Associate Professor/Registrar, PIDE</i>)
33.	Shujaat Farooq (<i>Chief of Research/Director Research, PIDE</i>)
34.	Karim Khan (<i>Associate Professor/Dean Academics, PIDE</i>)

2. The worthy members of the RAC shall steer the RASTA call for proposals, set criteria for review/award of research proposals, participate in decisions to award studies, monitor the progress of research projects, and mentor some of the awarded research studies.

3. As per notification No. PIDE/RASTA/Notification/07, dated 25 January 2021, a reasonable remuneration shall be paid to the RAC members for their service (participation) in RAC meetings, review exercises, evaluation workshops, and mentoring of research studies.

4. This notification supersedes notification No. PIDE/RASTA/Notification/07, dated 04th February 2025.

(Dr. M. Nadeem Javaid)

Chairman, RAC RASTA P&P CGP

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