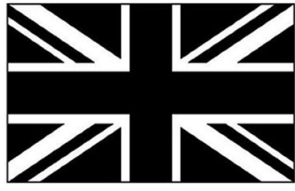
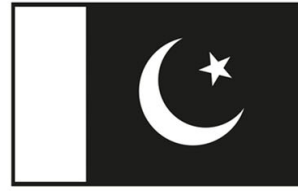


Dear Colleague,
Welcome to the 5th issue of the UPSIGN newsletter. Scroll down to read about the latest news, highlights and events.
Best wishes,
UPSIGN Core Team



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UPSIGN Newsletter 5

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Dr Farooq Shah
(UPSIGN Core Member)

Welcome to UPSIGN's fifth newsletter, where you can read about UPSIGN's latest updates on news and training. This includes the "Global Graduates Programme" (led by Madiha Sajid) in which, we are delivering basic training to students before they embark on overseas postgraduate study. We also report on a new large collaboration between the University of Leicester & Allama Iqbal Open University. You will also find links to various UPSIGN or partner webinars, news, and highlights.

Farooq Shah

UPSIGN is an inclusive, voluntary group that operates on a secular and non-political basis. We consist of students and educators who are interested to uplift Pakistanis. To see a **VIDEO** about our work, [click here](#).

Spotlight on...



Dr Shahid Rasul, specialises in energy materials and sustainable energy. He is the principal investigator for the Texonomy project, enabling the Pakistan textile industry to adopt a circular economy approach with zero waste. [Click here](#) to read more about his research and experiences.

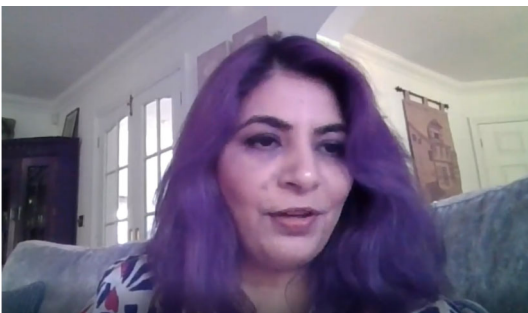
UPSIGN Highlights



Zaibi's Blog: UPSIGN is following the 3-year journey of Zaibunisa Khan from Pakistan as she undertakes the challenges of a PhD at UCL in the UK. [Click here](#) to read "**Part 1**".



Partnership Between UK-Pak Universities: A two-year partnership has been forged between Leicester University and Allama Iqbal Open University (Pakistan) facilitated by the British Council (Pakistan). This will focus on research in Life Sciences, Science, etc. [Click here](#) to see more..



Pakistan's Global Graduates Programme: This is a must see for anyone from Pakistan seeking to undertake postgraduate study overseas; the course is split into six sessions on key competencies such as cultural awareness, networking, etc. To see the videos, [click here](#).



Diaspora Leader Appointed As Editor-in-Chief: Congratulations to Professor Parveen Ali who has been appointed Editor-in-Chief of the International Nursing Review (official journal of the International Council of Nurses). [Click here](#) to read more.

Recent Webinars

WEBINAR 1: A Way Forward to Food Quality and Safety: This webinar focused on the different factors on improving the quality of nutrition amongst the Pakistani population. [Click here](#) to view.



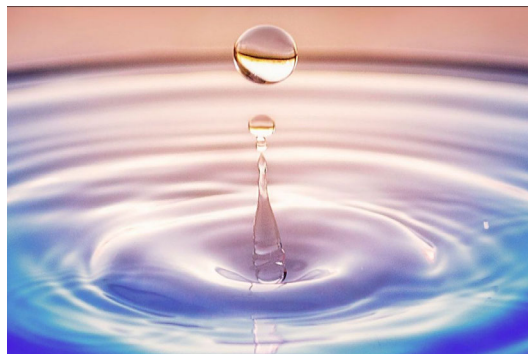
WEBINAR 2: Nutrition in the Pakistan Context; Evidence and Lessons Learned: This plenary discussion, discussed the fostering of relationships with researchers and innovative research to improve food systems. [Click here](#) to watch the full video.



WEBINAR 3: What is Water?

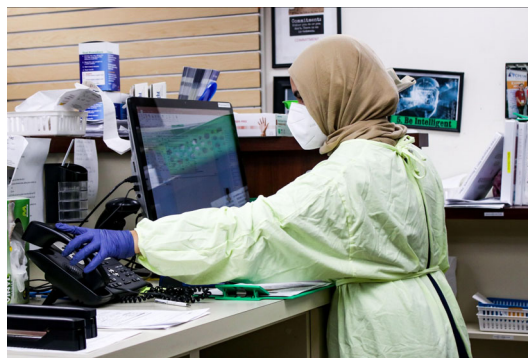
Speaker Prof Daanish Mustafa provided insights from his research, lessons learned from around the globe and discussed how Pakistan can become more water secure [hosted by WIT (Water Informatics and Technology) centre, LUMS].

[Click here](#) to watch the video.



WEBINAR 4: University-Industry Ecosystem Post COVID-19:

This webinar (part of a series) discussed how to navigate the partnership between universities and industry. It focused on post COVID-19, the lessons learned and applications of these to future challenges. [Click here](#) to watch the full session.



WEBINAR 5: Texonomy Workshop:

A three-day workshop (7-9th June 2021) was focused on how a circular economy approach with zero waste, will benefit the Pakistani textile industry [led by Dr Shahid Rasul (Northumbria University) with UPSIGN's Khalid Mahmood, etc.]; to hear more, [click here](#).



WEBINAR 6: Opportunities & Challenges for Women Entrepreneurs:

This webinar hosted by BPF, focused on the various challenges and opportunities faced by women entrepreneurs. [Click here](#) to read more.



[Click here](#) to see past UPSIGN events and workshops

UPSIGN Diaspora Documents

Working paper entitled "British Pakistanis: Perceptions, Realities and The Way Forward"

by Dr Karamat Iqbal, Dr Serena Hussain and Imran Arif.

[Click here](#) to read.



Runnymede Trust Response (Sewell Report): The Runnymede Trust have written their response to the recent controversial report on Ethnic and Racial Disparities in the UK (March 2021) by the Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities. [Click here](#) to read.



Pakistan National Human Development Report (NHDR): The UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) have released the Pakistan National Human Development Report (April 2021) which focuses on the different dimensions of inequality in Pakistan. [Click here](#) to read the full report.



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Research & Funding News

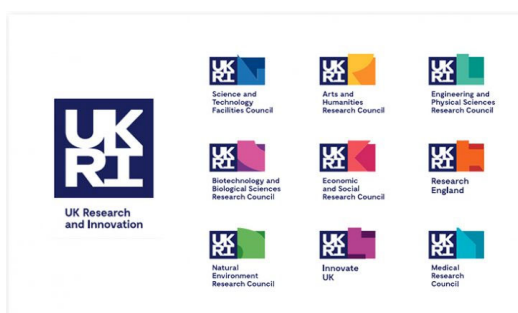
In2Research Research Placement: An 8-week research placement with mentoring and support is being offered. In2research is a free year-long programme to make a future in STEM research available to everyone. [Click here](#) to apply and further details.



Royal Society Funding/Research Opportunities: Applications are now open to benefit researchers for collaborations and career development. [Click here](#) to find out about the International Exchanges scheme and [click here](#) for the Newton International Fellowship programme.



UKRI (UK Research & Innovation) Funding Calls: A variety of funding calls to conduct research focusing on today's issues are open. These range from the arts, biological and medical sciences, engineering and more. [Click here](#) to see current calls.



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Scholarships/Fellowships: This scheme (supported by the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office and partners) is an opportunity for Pakistani nationals to enhance their career or educational profile.

[Click here](#) for further information.



Energy-Water Nexus

Pakistan's Shift to Clean Energy:

At a Leaders Summit on Climate, hosted by the US, Malik Amin Aslam (Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Climate Change) assured the international community that it will shift to 60% clean energy and 30 pc electric vehicle use by 2030. [Click here](#) to read more.



Development of Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure: A report focusing on the development of EVs charging infrastructure for Pakistan's highways and motorways has been released by LUMS Energy Institute and partners. [Click here](#) to read the the full report.



Contested Waters, Sub-National Scale Water and Conflict: This book written by Professor Daanish Mustafa (King's College London), provides a in-depth view of the water conflict in Pakistan. It includes research, the role of politics and the impact on human life. [Click here](#) to read a book review by Dr Matt Birkinshaw.



Did You Know...

YAYAs (Yorkshire Asian Young Achievers) Award: Nominations are now open! This is an opportunity for a young person to be recognised for their exceptional work within their field, selflessness to help improve the lives of others or overcome barriers to achieve success. [Click here](#) to find out further information.

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