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Subject: Comprehensive Review of Graduate Programs (MPhil & PhD) at Government College University, Faisalabad

Dear Sir,

The Quality Assurance Agency (QAA), the Higher Education Commission, is responsible for undertaking a comprehensive review of the Graduate Programs (M.Phil. & Ph.D.) currently offered by your esteemed university.

02. The Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives and Chairman Higher Education Commission (HEC) have shown grave concerns and serious interest in upscaling quality assurance mechanism across the higher education sector.

03. This review is a part of our ongoing efforts to enhance the quality of higher education in Pakistan. The primary objective of this review is to identify any existing gaps and to foster an environment of mutual learning aimed at improving the quality of graduate programs. We believe that through this collaborative process, we can contribute significantly to the academic excellence of our institutions that includes an emphasis on the third mission (i.e., Societal contribution through Teaching & Research) of universities and support the professional development of our scholars.

04. To facilitate this review, your university is required to prepare and readily available detailed data on MPhil and PhD programs. The data should be organized as per the format attached via email. In addition to it, the following aspects shall also be undertaken for review:

- a. **Programme mission, objectives and outcomes:** Details of mission, objective and outcomes of each programme.
- b. **Curriculum Design and Structure:** Detailed course outlines, credit hour requirements, and any recent updates or revisions.
- c. **Teaching/Staff Qualifications:** Profiles of faculty members, including their academic qualifications, research contributions, and professional development activities.
- d. **Student Enrollment, Graduation Rates and Counselling:** Data on student admissions, retention, completion rates, and post-graduation outcomes.

- e. **Subject Specific Facilities and Research Output:** Publications, patents, collaborative projects, and other significant research contributions from both students and faculty.
- f. **Institutional policies and process control/Quality Assurance Mechanisms:** Existing policies and practices for maintaining and enhancing program quality, including internal review processes, feedback mechanisms, external accreditations and other related policies.
- g. **Institutional Support and Infrastructure Facilities/Resources:** Information on laboratories, libraries, technological resources, and other facilities available to graduate students.
- h. **General Requirements of Program an Institution:**

05. Please ensure that the data is comprehensive and accurate to facilitate a thorough review. The team of reviewers will visit your university for further discussions and on-site evaluations of the Graduate Programs (Level 7 & 8) during the **first week of February 2025**. The exact date of the review visit will be followed by this letter 3-5 days before the visit date. The information on attached format may be sent to undersigned and on email ilakan@hec.gov.pk before the visit of your university. It is therefore kindly direct your relevant Director QEC to make data available along with documents and relevant faculty/students on visit date.

06. HEC will appreciate your cooperation and personal attention, to make our universities a better place resulting in a effective quality of education for our youth

Yours Sincerely,

Asif Hussain

The Vice Chancellor, Government College University, Faisalabad

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