

PhD-Admission announcement

We are seeking highly motivated and goal-oriented candidates for PhD positions (see below for proposed areas) as part of a collaborative programme between the University of Keele, United Kingdom, **and Khyber Medical University, Pakistan.**

These are “Jointly Supervised” studentships, with supervision provided by faculty members of Keele University, UK and Khyber Medical University, Pakistan (KMU). Funding will cover 100% of Keele University's tuition fee. Funding will also cover one visit to Keele University and research support, as per the KMU ORIC rules. This is a full-time position; however, selected candidates may also apply for teaching and research positions at KMU to support their ongoing sustenance. Selected candidates will have to enter into a legal agreement with KMU to serve KMU for at least five years, starting immediately after the award of their degree.

Proposed areas for the doctoral positions: Basic medical sciences, allied health sciences, data and computational sciences.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must have at least a Master's/MPhil degree in the relevant discipline from HEC/PMDC recognized HEI/DAI.
- Age up to 40 years.
- Preference will be given to full-time faculty/staff of Khyber Medical University Peshawar (Regular and Contract) in its constituent or affiliated institutes.

Admission Process

- Each candidate shall make an application for admission to the PhD program on the prescribed form, along with documents specified in the Form. The Form can be downloaded from the link oric.kmu.edu.pk or received from the ORIC-KMU office in Peshawar. The application form with all supported documents must be submitted as a single PDF file at keele.kmu.phd@gmail.com (see below for details of documents required)
- The candidates will be required to pass a screening test. The screening test will consist of MCQs based on analytical reasoning [70%], English [15%], and mathematics [15%].
- The shortlisted candidates (top 25 based on screening test score) will be invited to submit a research proposal on the topic that the candidate may like to pursue for his/her doctoral thesis. The proposal

must reflect the background, rationale, research question & objectives, proposed methodology and expected outcomes of the research.

- After a thorough review, the selection committee will shortlist the top 10-15 proposals for an interview. The interview panel will include members from KMU and Keele University, UK.
- Selected candidates must submit proof of English language proficiency (IELTS) within three months of admission. Failure to do so will result in automatic removal from the programme.

Admission process:

Advertisement: 15 August 2025

Deadline for applications: 31 August 2025

Screening test: 5 September 2025 (candidates will be informed via email)

Notification of qualified candidates for proposal submission via email: 10 September 2025

Deadline for submission of proposals in the specified format/template: 25 September 2025

Notification of shortlisted candidates for the interview (KMU and Keele Panel): TBD

Interview of the shortlisted candidates: TBD

Notification of the qualified candidates and admission offer: TBD

DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED AS A SINGLE PDF FILE

1. Completed application form (with photograph)
2. Updated CV
3. SSC, HSSC, Undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, transcripts and any other relevant qualifications.
4. Appointment letter/contract issued by the employer.
5. Scanned copy of Computerized National ID card.

NB: All documents mentioned above must be submitted to the above-mentioned email ID as a ***single PDF file***. Missing information/documents will lead to a drop out from the admission process.