



KARAKORAM INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Research Awards – Best Researcher (Faculty & Student)

1. Purpose

The Graduate School Research Awards recognize outstanding research achievements by faculty and graduate students at Karakoram International University. These awards aim to promote research excellence, encourage high-quality publications, and foster innovation with measurable impact.

2. Award Categories

The following 4 awards shall be given annually to the faculty members and students in the mentioned disciplines:

1. Best Researcher – Faculty (Natural/Physical /Life Sciences, and Engineering)
2. Best Researcher – Student (MS/PhD) (Natural/Physical /Life Sciences, and Engineering)
3. Best Researcher – Faculty (Social Sciences/Arts and humanities)
4. Best Researcher – Student (Social Sciences/Arts and humanities)

3. Eligibility

Faculty:

1. Full-time KIU faculty members (Regular BPS/TTS)
2. The faculty member has not received 'Graduate School Research Award' during past three years.
3. Must have a valid **Researcher ID** (Profile created on WoS/Clarivate)
4. Cumulative Impact Factor: 40 (Natural/Physical /Life Sciences and Engineering)
5. Cumulative Impact Factor: 15 (Social Sciences/Arts and humanities)
6. h-index (WoS/Clarivate): 10 (Natural/Physical /Life Sciences and Engineering)
7. h-index (WoS/Clarivate): 5 (Social Sciences/Arts and humanities)

Students:

1. Current MS/PhD students or those who have graduated within the past 12 months, with research conducted during enrollment.
2. The student has not received 'Graduate School Research Award' in the past.

4. Evaluation Criteria & Scoring

A. Best Researcher – Faculty (Total: 100 points)

Criteria	Scoring	Max. Points
Publications (Last 3 years)	Q1 journal = 3 pts (first/co-first/corresponding), 1.5 pts (co-author) Q2 = 2 pts (first/co-first/corresponding), 1 pt (co-author) Q3/Q4 = 1 pts (first/co-first/corresponding), 0.5 pt (co-author)	30
h-index (WoS/Clarivate)	1 pt per h-index (over and above the required)	10
Cumulative Impact Factor	1 pt per 40 impact factor (over and above the required)	6
Research Grants secured as PI (Other than KIU)	1 pt for Research Projects worth PKR 0.5M, 2 pts for PKR 1M and above	5
Patents/ Varieties/ Technology/ Product/ Gene sequences developed	5 pts per granted patent/product	10
PhDs Produced as Principal Supervisor	2 pts per PhD graduated	8
Research Awards / Recognitions (National/ International level only)	3 pts per award	9
International Conferences organized	2 pts per conference Organized as Chair/Co-chair/secretary	5
Editor of international IF Journals (WoS/Clarivate)	1 pt per year of experience per journal	5
International Conference Proceedings Edited as Editor-in-Chief/Editor	2 pt per conference edited	4
Reviewer of IF journals	0.5 pts per 15 reviewed papers	4
Reviewer of Research Projects (For funding agencies like HEC, PSF etc.)	0.5 pt per reviewed project	4

B. Best Researcher – Student (Total: 100 points)

Criteria	Scoring	Max. Points
Publications (During degree period OR within 1 year after degree completion)	Q1 = 10 pts (first/co-first author), 5 pts (co-author) Q2 = 8 pts (first/co-first author), 4 pts (co-author) Q3/Q4 = 6 pts (first/co-first author), 3 pt (co-author)	60
Research Presentations in conferences (During degree period OR within 1 year after degree completion)	2.5 pts per international, 1 pts per national	5
Citations (WoS/Clarivate)	1 pt per citation	10
Cumulative Impact Factor	1 pt per impact factor	15
Patents/ Varieties/ Technology/ Product/ Gene sequences developed	5 pts per granted patent/prototype	05
CGPA	$\geq 3.9 = 5$ pts, $3.7-3.89 = 3$ pts, $3.5-3.69 = 1$ pt	5

5. Submission & Verification

Applicants must submit:

- Publication list with indexing proof (Clarivate/WoS)
- Citation reports (Clarivate/WoS)
- Grant award letters and successful completion certificate
- Patent certificates
- Degree completion certificates (students)
- Award certificates

and all other relevant evidences mentioned in the application form.

All data will be verified by the Graduate School Research Awards Committee.

6. Award Determination

Highest total score wins in each category.

In case of a tie:

1. Preference to candidate with higher cumulative impact factor.
2. Preference to candidate with higher h-index.