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August 12, 2021

Ref. Sultana N. Nahar and Alburuj R. Rahman Prizes for the faculty members and students in Department of Physics of NED University of Engineering and Technology (NEDUET), Karachi, Pakistan

Dear Vice Chancellor Professor Sarosh H. Lodi,

Assalamu alaikum.

I am an atomic astrophysicist in the Department of Astronomy of the Ohio State University (OSU) in Ohio, USA. I have come to know about NED University of Engineering and Technology through the invitation from Prof. Hira Lodhi of the Physics Department for a presentation at the ICAPE conference that NED University of Engineering and Technology is organizing to be held in September 2021.

I encourage higher excellence in teaching, research, and academic performance, particularly for Muslims. I am submitting the proposal of the recognition program in the Department of Physics of NED University of Engineering and Technology that Prof. Hira Lodhi, you and I discussed over the zoom meeting on July 12, 2021. The attached MOA describes the guidelines of the 4 prizes, 2 for faculty members and 2 for students, and provide the endowment of \$6000 once you have signed the approval of institution of the recognition program. The program is similar to that approved by two other universities in Pakistan, Quaid-i-Azam University and University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir. Recognition has a definite positive impact on the motivation and effort.

With best regards,

Professor Sultana N. Nahar, APS Fellow, BPS Fellow

Co-Director, Indo-US APJAK STEM Education and Research Center of OSU and Aligarh Muslim University

Adjunct Professor, Aligarh Muslim University, India

Adjunct Professor, Cairo University, Egypt

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Of the total profit earned from the investment of the endowment fund each year, 90% will be used for the annual prizes, and the rest 10% will be added to the endowment fund for sustenance and future increase of the honorarium of the prizes.

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Out of the profit earned from the endowment fund, 90% will be used for the distribution of prize honorarium. Out of the total fund available for the prizes, each faculty will receive a prize honorarium of 28% and each student prize will 22%.

4. The Prize Board:

The Prize Board will consist of the Vice Chancellor of the University, Vice President of Postgraduate Studies and Research, the Dean of Faculty of Science and the Chair of the Physics Departments, and the sponsor, Dr. Sultana N. Nahar. The sponsor requests to appoint permanently Prof. Hira Lodhi of the Physics Department to oversee the formalities of the recognition process to be carried out.

For the best of motivation or encouragement, the academic committee of the Department may suggest modifications or adjustment of the process. Any decision on the modification of the terms and conditions or relevant issues on the prizes can be made by three members of the Board with consent from the sponsor.

5. Terms and Conditions for the faculty and student prizes:

A. "Sultana N. Nahar prize for Distinction in Research Publications and in research guidance in Physics":

i) Selection Criteria:

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ii) Evaluation of research publications:

For journals, proceedings, Book, Book Chapters:

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5. Exceptional journal in the field: 10 additional points
6. Author of a textbook: 25 points
7. Author of a general book: 15 points
8. Book chapters: 10 points

The total point of each publication will be multiplied by the authorship factor:

1. Single author paper: 1
2. 1st authoring a 2-authors paper: 0.9
3. 2nd author in a 2-authors paper: 0.8
4. Any author in an N-authors paper (alphabetical order): $1/N$
5. 1st author in an N-authors paper (non-alphabetical order): 0.7
6. 2nd author in an N-authors paper (non-alphabetical order): 0.6
7. 3rd author in an N-authors paper (non-alphabetical order): 0.5
8. Any other author in an N-authors paper (non-alphabetical order): 0.4

iii) Citation: "In recognition of outstanding research publications and guidance in Physics"

However, the citation can be changed with research topics that are related to the winner.

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i) Selection Criteria for a Faculty:

Nomination of this prize for a faculty member will be based on learning experience of students in the class.

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The prize is for the graduate who has received the Ph.D. degree during the past one year.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sultana N. Nahar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Professor Sultana N. Nahar

August 12, 2021



NED University of Engineering & Technology

Department of Physics



November 8, 2021

Dr. Sultana Nahar

Research Professor

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Dear Dr. Sultana N. Nahar,

We are pleased to inform you that the Recognition Program in Physics (MOA with its guidelines), proposed by you has been accepted and approved by the syndicate. We are very thankful to you for providing the endowment fund to support the four proposed prizes (2 for students and 2 for faculty). These are for appreciating the students and faculty of their efforts. Fortunately, the NED University of Engineering and Technology has also approved to add a matching amount to the endowment fund for supporting the prizes.

The Department of Physics at NED University is very thankful to you for your commitment towards promoting excellence in teaching, research and academic performance. Science community, especially the Muslim Science community of the developing countries can benefit from your efforts and learn to facilitate others for inclusion and equity in science.

Indeed, you had rightly said, "Recognition has a very positive impact on raising excellence." We hope that this recognition will support in building healthy research and learning environment in the department.

A copy of the notification, and MOA duly signed by the Vice Chancellor of NED University of Engineering & Technology is also attached.

Regards



08/11/2021

Dr. Irfan Ahmed

Associate Professor & Chairman

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NOTIFICATION

The Syndicate vide its Resolution No. Syn. 198.4(a) dated 29-09-2021 has approved the Memorandum of Agreement between NED University and Ohio State University for awarding four (04) prizes, 02 for faculty members and 02 for students from the proceeds of Endowed US\$6000 in equivalent Pak Rs. provided by Dr. Sultana N. Nahar with matching amount to be added from NED University Research Fund for Department of Physics.

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Copy for information to:

1. P S to Vice Chancellor
2. P A to Pro Vice Chancellor
3. Dean (ECE) / (ISH)
4. Chairperson, Dept. of Physics
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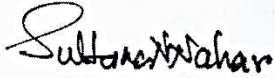
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Dear Vice Chancellor Professor Sarosh H. Lodi and Prof. Irfan Ahmed,

Assalamu alaikum.

I am very pleased to see the approval of the Physics recognition program by the university Syndicate of NEDUET.

Prof. Lodi, it has been a pleasure to work with a very dynamic Vice Chancellor and progressive minded visionary like you on the recognition program. The news of matching fund by NEDUET came as a pleasant surprise. This is the first time it happened since 1995 that I have been promoting science or STEM. Thank you.

Prof. Irfan, thank you very much for the letter from the Physics Department. I am honored and very pleased to be part of NEDUET Physics. I would like to thank Prof. Hira Lodhi of Physics to work with me and helping me with all needed information.

Please send me the information on the university account where I should send the endowment fund.

With my best regards and wishes,

Professor Sultana N. Nahar

Fellow: APS, BPS, BAS, APS Woman Physicist of Month

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Dear Vice Chancellor Professor Sarosh H. Lodi,

Assalamu alaikum.

Please find attached the endowment of \$6000, in Cashier's check from Chase Bank, for the above prizes in Physics (approval notice of the Syndicate is attached).

I used the following information of the bank account to wire transfer the fund,

Account: 6-99-72-29314-714-200710, opened on: Feb 17. 2022

Account Title: Sultana and AlBurj Endowment Fund for Physics at NEDUET

IBAN: PK31MPBL9972477140200710

SWIFT code: MPBLPKKA050

Swift code(8 characters): MPBLPKKA

Branch name, HABIB METROPOLITAN BANK LIMITED

Branch address N.E.D UNIVERSITY CAMPUS GATE 1

36 UNIVERSITY ROAD, GULSHAN-E-IQBAL TOWN, Karachi 75270, Pakistan

However, wire transfer needed one more information, the government ID of the bank which I do not have. I have not find anyone going to Karachi from Ohio.

Hence, I am sending the endowment in a Cashier's check. Please acknowledge receipt of the fund.

I would appreciate starting the prizes in 2022.

With best regards and wishes,

Professor Sultana N. Nahar, APS Fellow, BPS Fellow



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Rebecca Griffin, Chief Administrative Officer
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Memo: _____

Note: For information only. Comment has no effect on bank's payment.



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RE: Re: Account details fro endowment fund
SH Lodi <sarosh.lodi@neduet.edu.pk>
Tue 30/08/2022 00:50
To: Nahar, Sultana <nahar.1@osu.edu>
Cc: hiralodi@neduet.edu.pk <hiralodi@neduet.edu.pk>

Dear Nahar,

Good news. I received the check of US \$6000.00 today in the mail for Physics prizes. It will take a few day for clearance. Thanks for the support.

Regards

Sarosh