

1) Students' Assistance through the Directorate of Student Financial Assistance and University Advancement

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A Directorate of Student Financial Assistance and University Advancement (DSFA & UA) is set up at UPR in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan. The directorate is mandated to ensure financial assistance through different scholarship programs for needy, deserving, and high-achiever students of the University. The primary function of DSFA&UA is to coordinate with different government offices, HEC, INGOs, NGOs local philanthropists, and other private businesses to offer financial assistance to the marginalized students.

DSFA & UA reach out to potential students through admission notices and keep an open-door policy for the dissemination of information about the scholarships before and after admission. The office of admission shares regular information about any financial aid, internship, and job placement to the students enrolled in different undergraduate and postgraduate programs. The DSF&UA office also ensures to capture of financial resources for continuing support to the students during their studies e.g., research assistance, learning tools and equipment support, etc.





Empowering Education: DSFA&UA Scholarship Office

2) Student Financial Support

Regardless of their backgrounds or social class, the UPR offers its students considerable financial aid, scholarships, extensive facilities, counseling, and mentorship. To achieve this, the university provides substantial financial aid, scholarships, extensive facilities, counseling, and mentorship support. The primary objective is to eliminate any barriers to basic or tertiary education due to financial constraints. In the financial year 2022, the Directorate of Student Financial Aid and University Advancement (DSFA & UA) allocated a significant sum of PKRs. 132.79 million to support 1650 students out of a total of 5446, covering 30.29 % of the university's intake (see Table 1). Various targeted scholarship programs are available for financially disadvantaged students, including the Ehsaas Scholarships, HEC Need-Based Scholarships, Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) Scholarships, HBL Platinum Scholarships, and Sudhan Education Scholarships. These scholarships specifically target students with bottom-household income. The scholarships encompass the coverage of tuition fees and provide a monthly stipend to address food, transportation, and other incidental expenditures. The monthly stipend plays a crucial role in preserving the dignity of students, allowing them to focus

on their educational pursuits without the burden of financial stress. The university is dedicated to creating an inclusive environment where every student can thrive academically, irrespective of their financial background.

Table 1: Scholarships details of UPR Students for 2021-22

Year	S. No	Scholarship	No. of students	Amount (PKR)	Amount in Millions
2021-22	1	Ehsaas	1374	115089772	115.89
	2	HEC Need Based	100	10338206	10.33
	3	PEEF	32	4000000	4
	4	Scottish	0	0	0
	5	Merit	87	1863000	0.1863
	6	HBL Platinum	32	800000	0.800
	7	Sudhan Education	25	700000	0.7000
	8	Diya	0	0	0
	9	Alfalah	0	0	0
		Total	1650	132790978	132.790
		Total Student	5446		