

## **Initiatives Addressing SDG 1 at UPR: Targeting Admission of Underprivileged Students**

The University of Poonch Rawalakot (UPR), located in the challenging border region near India and the disputed Kashmir area, stands as a premier institution in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK), Pakistan. According to the AJK Policy Brief on SDG from 2018, approximately 24.9% of the AJK population faces multidimensional poverty.

UPR is firmly dedicated to inclusivity, ensuring that no deserving student is denied education due to financial limitations, in alignment with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 1. Our commitment to empowering underprivileged students is prominently communicated through admission notices on our official website and widespread media outreach.

To support this mission, the University offers various financial aid programs and scholarships, specifically tailored to assist students from the lowest income quintiles. Evidence of these initiatives can be found in the admission notice for the Fall, 2023 semester.



**UNIVERSITY OF POONCH RAWALAKOT**  
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**Times Higher Education Impact Rankings**  
 (No. 1 in Azad Jammu & Kashmir), (No. 5 in Pakistan), (No. 4,750 in the World)  
 DIRECTORATE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS, Ph. # (05824-960008)

Last date to apply:  
**25-09-2023**

**Admissions Open for**  
**Semester (FALL 2023)**

**Students Financial Assistance**

HEC, Need Base Scholarship    HEC, Elmas Scholarship  
 Merit Based Scholarship    HBL Platinum Scholarship  
 British Council scholarship    PEEF Scholarship  
 Urban Education Scholarship    HEC Laptop Scheme

FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE (05824-960007)	FACULTY OF MEDICAL & HEALTH SCIENCES (05824-960006)	FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES (05824-960212)	FACULTY OF BASIC & APPLIED SCIENCES (05824-960211)
<p><b>Ph.D. Programs</b></p> <p><b>Agromony</b> Plant Pathology <b>Entomology</b> <b>Food Science &amp; Technology</b> <b>Horticulture</b> Plant Breeding and Molecular Genetics Soil &amp; Environmental Science <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> F.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture in relevant subject with at least 3.0 CGPA +UGAT</p> <p><b>M.Sc. (Hons.) Programs</b></p> <p><b>Agromony</b> Plant Pathology <b>Entomology</b> <b>Food Science &amp; Technology</b> <b>Horticulture</b> Plant Breeding and Molecular Genetics Soil &amp; Environmental Science <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture with relevant major with at least 2.5 CGPA + UGAT</p> <p><b>BS Programs</b></p> <p><b>B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture (Accredited by SAEAC)</b> BS Environmental Sciences BS Fisheries and Aquaculture BS Molecular Biology and Virology <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> F.Sc. (Pre-Medical)/Pre-Engineering with at least 2<sup>nd</sup> division or equivalent 45% marks</p> <p><b>B.Sc. (Hons.) Human Nutrition &amp; Dietetics (HND)</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> F.Sc. (Pre-Medical) with at least 2<sup>nd</sup> division or equivalent 45% marks</p> <p><b>Diploma in Agriculture Science (03years)</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b>Matric Science</p>	<p><b>M.Phil. Program</b></p> <p><b>Pharmaceutical Sciences</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> Pharm-D with at least 2.5 CGPA +UGAT</p> <p><b>BS Programs</b></p> <p><b>Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm-D)</b> (Accredited by PCP) <b>Regular (Morning Program)</b> <b>Self-Finance (Evening Program)</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> F.Sc. Pre-Medical with at least 60% marks <b>Eastern Medicine (BEMS)</b> (Accredited by NCT) <b>Medical Lab Technology (MLT)</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> F.Sc. Pre-Medical with at least 2<sup>nd</sup> division <b>Sports Sciences &amp; Physical Education</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> Intermediate with at least 2<sup>nd</sup> division</p> <p><b>FACULTY OF VETERINARY &amp; ANIMAL SCIENCES (05824-960000)</b></p> <p><b>Ph.D./M.Phil. Programs</b></p> <p><b>Veterinary Medicine</b> <b>Theriogenology</b> <b>Veterinary pathology</b> <b>Veterinary Parasitology</b> <b>Animal Breeding &amp; Genetics</b> <b>Livestock Management</b> <b>Dairy Sciences</b> <b>Animal Nutrition</b></p> <p><b>DVM (05 Years)</b> (Accredited by PVMC) <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> F.Sc. Pre-Medical with at least 60% marks</p> <p><b>BS Dairy Sciences</b> <b>BS Wild Life Management</b> <b>BS Animal Sciences</b> <b>BS Poultry Sciences</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> F.Sc. Pre-Medical with at least 2<sup>nd</sup> division or equivalent 45% marks</p> <p><b>Livestock Assistant Diploma (LAD) 02 Years</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria</b> Matric Science</p>	<p><b>M.Phil. Programs</b></p> <p><b>Islamic Studies</b> <b>Management Sciences</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> BS or MA in relevant subject with at least 2.5 CGPA +UGAT</p> <p><b>BS Programs</b></p> <p><b>English</b> <b>Psychology</b> <b>Sociology</b> <b>Islamic Studies</b> <b>Economics</b> <b>Commerce, Accounting &amp; Finance</b> <b>International Religions</b></p> <p><b>B.Ed. (Hons) Elementary</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> F.A./F.Sc. with at least 2<sup>nd</sup> division or equivalent 45% marks <b>B.Ed. 1.5 years (Evening Program)</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> MA/M.Sc. 16 year's education with at least 2<sup>nd</sup> division or equivalent 45% marks</p> <p><b>R.Ed. 2.5 Years (Evening Program)</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> B.A./ B.Sc. 14 year's education with at least 2<sup>nd</sup> division or equivalent 45% marks</p> <p><b>BS 5<sup>th</sup> Semester Programs</b></p> <p><b>Islamic Studies</b> <b>English</b> <b>Psychology</b> <b>Sociology</b> <b>Economics</b> <b>Commerce</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> B.A./B.Sc./AD at least 2<sup>nd</sup> division in relevant subject</p>	<p><b>Ph.D. Programs</b></p> <p><b>Botany, Chemistry, Physics, Zoology, Mathematics</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> M.Phil. in relevant subject with at least 3.0 CGPA +UGAT</p> <p><b>M.Phil. Programs</b></p> <p><b>Botany, Chemistry, Physics, Zoology, Mathematics</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> BS or M.Sc. in relevant subject with at least 2.5 CGPA +UGAT</p> <p><b>BS Programs</b></p> <p><b>Biotechnology, Microbiology, Botany, Zoology, Bio Chemistry</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> F.Sc. Pre-Medical with at least 2<sup>nd</sup> division or equivalent 45% marks <b>Mathematics</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> F.Sc. Pre-Engineering/ICS with at least 2<sup>nd</sup> division or equivalent 45% marks <b>Physics, Chemistry</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> F.Sc. with at least 2<sup>nd</sup> division or equivalent 45% marks in relevant subject <b>BS Applied Geology</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> Pre-Medical/Pre-Engineering /ICS/ PCS / DAE with at least 2<sup>nd</sup> division or equivalent 45% marks in relevant subject <b>BS Software Engineering (Accredited by NCAE)</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> F.Sc. (Pre-Medical)/Pre-Engineering/OAE/PCS (Math+Computer) with at least 1<sup>st</sup> division or equivalent 60% marks - Entry Test <b>BS Computer Science (Accredited by NCAE)</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> F.Sc. (Pre-Medical) /Pre-Engineering/OAE/PCS (Math+Computer) with at least 50% marks - Entry Test <b>BS Data Science</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> F.Sc. (Pre-Medical) /Pre-Engineering/OAE/PCS (Math+Computer) with at least 2<sup>nd</sup> division - Entry Test</p> <p><b>BS 5<sup>th</sup> Semester Programs</b></p> <p><b>Botany, Chemistry, Physics, Zoology, Mathematics, Biotechnology, Microbiology</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> B.Sc./AD at least 2<sup>nd</sup> division in relevant subject</p>

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY 05824-960061-62	KAHUTA HAVELI CAMPUS 05823-961706	MONG CAMPUS 05825-960402	ADMISSION SCHEDULE
<p><b>Ph.D. Electrical Engineering</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> M.Sc. (Electrical/Electronics/Telecom Engineering) with at least 3.0 + UGAT or GAT Subject.</p> <p><b>M.Sc. Electrical Engineering</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> B.Sc. (Electrical/Electronics/Telecom Engineering) with at least 2.75 or 60% marks + UGAT.</p> <p><b>B.Sc. Electrical Engineering</b> Accredited by PEC through OBE at (Level-00) <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> F.Sc. (Pre-Engineering)/ICS/DAE in relevant field with at least 60% marks + STATE Entry Test (<a href="https://www.muet.edu.pk/">https://www.muet.edu.pk/</a>)</p> <p><b>B.Sc. Biomedical Engineering Technology</b> (Not given by National Technology Council) <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> F.Sc. Pre-Medical/ Pre-Engineering/ICS/DAE in relevant field with 50%marks + UPR Entry Test</p> <p><b>Note:</b> For Entry Test of B.Sc. Electrical Engineering please visit <a href="https://www.muet.edu.pk/">https://www.muet.edu.pk/</a>.</p>	<p><b>BS Computer Sciences 04 Years</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> F.Sc. Pre-Engineering/ Pre-Medical with at least 2<sup>nd</sup> division or equivalent 50% marks entry test</p> <p><b>BS Mathematics</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> F.Sc. Pre-Engineering/ICS with at least 2<sup>nd</sup> division or equivalent 45% marks</p> <p><b>BS Botany</b> F.Sc. Pre-Medical with at least 2<sup>nd</sup> division or equivalent 45% marks</p> <p><b>BS English 04 Years</b> <b>B.Ed. (Hons) Elementary 04 Years</b> <b>B.Ed. (Hons) Secondary 04 Years</b> <b>ADE 02 Years</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> Intermediate with at least 2<sup>nd</sup> division or equivalent 45% marks</p> <p><b>B.Ed. 1.5 years (Evening Program)</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> M.A./M.Sc. 16 year's education with at least 2<sup>nd</sup> division or equivalent 45% marks</p> <p><b>B.Ed. 2.5 Years (Evening Program)</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> B.A./ B.Sc. 14 year's education with at least 2<sup>nd</sup> division or equivalent 45% marks</p>	<p><b>BS Mathematics</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> F.Sc. Pre-Engineering/ICS with at least 2<sup>nd</sup> division or equivalent 45% marks</p> <p><b>BS English</b></p> <p><b>BS Islamic Studies</b></p> <p><b>B.Ed. (Hons) Elementary (04Years)</b></p> <p><b>A.D Education 02 Years</b></p> <p><b>BBA</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> Intermediate with at least 2<sup>nd</sup> division or equivalent 45% marks</p> <p><b>B.Ed. 1.5 years (Evening Program)</b> <b>Eligibility Criteria:</b> M.A./M.Sc. 16 year's education with at least 2<sup>nd</sup> division or equivalent 45% marks</p>	<p><b>Last Date for submission of Admission forms,</b> <b>25-09-2023</b></p> <p><b>Last Date for UGAT/Entry Test Forms,15-09-2023</b></p> <p><b>Entry/UGAT Test Fee: Rs. 1000/-</b></p> <p><b>After due date fee will be double</b></p> <p><b>Admission Processing Fee Rs. 600/-</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup> Choice Fee Rs.100/-</b></p> <p><b>Entry Test for BSCE, BS Data Science and BSSE will be held on 20-09-2023 in the Department of Computer Sciences at (10:30 am) and entry test for B.Sc. Biomedical Engineering Technology will be held on 20-09-2023 at Faculty of Engineering &amp; Technology City Campus Rawalakot.</b></p> <p><b>Display of 1st Merit List</b> 06 October 2023</p> <p><b>Fee Submission:</b> 09-11 October 2023</p> <p><b>Display of 2nd Merit List</b> 12 October 2023</p> <p><b>Fee Submission:</b> 16-17 October 2023</p> <p><b>Orientation:</b> 19 October 2023</p> <p><b>Commencement of Classes:</b> 23 October 2023</p> <p><b>For M.Sc. (Hons.)/M.Phil. /Ph.D. UGAT subject examinations will be held on 20-09-2023 in the Faculty of Agriculture at 10:00am.</b></p>

[Note: Students May Apply for the Admission on the Basis of Intermediate Result Part I].      Apply Now      <https://ims.unp.edu.pk/admissions>

UPR admission advisement showing a list of scholarships for deserving students are marked by a red circle

A major portion of students at the University come from marginalized communities in AJK. Most of these students come from families living below the poverty line (\*Extreme poverty), with incomes of less than \$2.15 per person per day. In the period from January to December 2022, the Directorate of Student Financial Assistance and University Advancement (DSFA&UA) and the Directorate of Student Affairs (DSA) analyzed student data, revealing that approximately 82.06 % of enrolled students belong to families living below the poverty line. For 2021, the enrolled students from underprivileged families were 78.1 %. In response, our university is committed to enhancing its financial aid program by establishing connections with the Government of Pakistan, Provincial Governments, international and local NGOs, as well as prominent philanthropists and diaspora, in alignment with SDG 1.

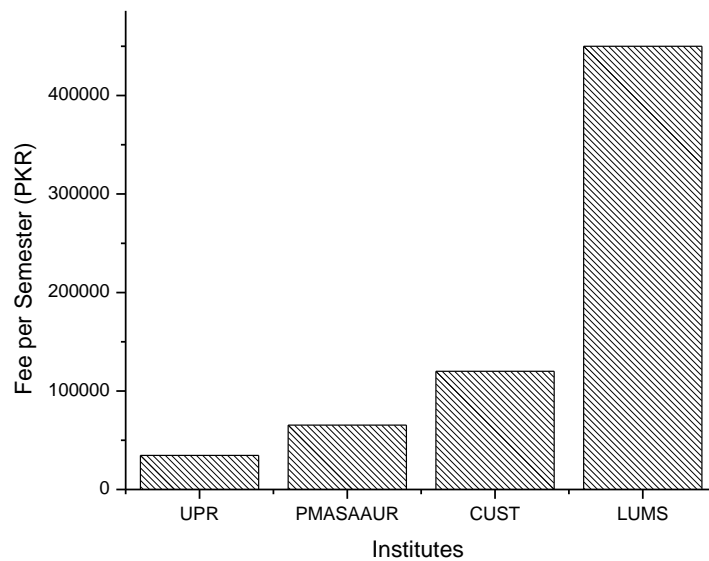
\*Extreme poverty— defined as those who live on less than \$2.15 per person per day [1].

Reference

[1] <https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/poverty/overview>

## Promoting Sustainable Development Goal 1 (No Poverty) through Affordable Higher Education

The University of Poonch Rawalakot (UPR) is committed to supporting students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, ensuring they have access to higher education in a dignified and affordable manner. This initiative aligns with the goals of Sustainable Development Goal 1 by addressing the affordability of education. UPR offers comparatively low admission fees in contrast to both public and private universities nationwide. Additionally, the institution provides accessible financial assistance programs, significantly aiding students from low-income families in pursuing higher education and advancing their professional aspirations. Figure 1 illustrates a comparative analysis of semesterly fee structures between UPR and other universities across the country.



**Figure 1:** Fee Comparison of UPR and Other Universities in Pakistan

### Abbreviations and references of Figure 1:

- University of Poonch Rawalakot (UPR) Annex A and B
- PMAS- Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi, Pakistan  
<https://www.uar.edu.pk/media/departments/treasurer/fee-220124.pdf>
- Capital University of Science and Technology (CUST)  
<https://cust.edu.pk/fee-structure/>
- Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS)  
<https://admission.lums.edu.pk/node/8780>

The UPR, considering local economic circumstances and the difficulties of natural and human-induced disasters such as the 2005 earthquake, has upheld its commitment to maintaining the lowest, subsidized tuition rates for all students. Since its establishment in 2012, the university has refrained from raising the fees listed in Table 1. Specifically, the tuition cost in USD has witnessed a notable 59.9 % decrease over the past decade. This distinctive aspect of our university, where fees remain unchanged despite the inflationary impact and broader economic shifts within the country, has played a pivotal role in ensuring the continued enrollment and successful graduation of the underprivileged segments of AJK's population. Annexes A and B illustrate the university's fee structure for 2014 and 2020.

**Table 1: Fee Comparison of UPR in the Last 11 Years**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Fee (PKR)</b>	<b>% Increase</b>	<b>~Fee (USD)*</b>
2012	34490	0	387
2013	34490	0	355
2014	34490	0	328
2015	34490	0	344
2016	34490	0	331
2017	34490	0	331
2018	34490	0	313
2019	34490	0	247
2020	34490	0	223
2021	34490	0	216
2022	34490	0	156
2023	34490	0	156

**For USD to PKR conversion**

\*<https://www.ceicdata.com/en/indicator/pakistan/exchange-rate-against-usd>

# Undergraduate Fee 2014

# Annex A

**THE UNIVERSITY OF POONCH RAWALAKOT**  
 "Rawalakot"  
 Dated: 29-10-2014

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2014/2015 / 2014-15. On the recommendation of Fee & Funds Committee and subject to the approval of the Council, Syndicate and Senate the Vice Chancellor has been pleased to sanctioned the Fee Structure as per details below:

BS Chemistry, Physics, Botany, Zoology, Mathematics, Statistics, CS			1st Semester	2nd Semester	3rd Semester	4th Semester	5th Semester	6th Semester	7th Semester	8th Semester
1	10001	Admission Fee	5000							
2	10002	Registration Fee	1500							
3	20001	Security Fee (Refundable)	5000							
* Sub Total (A)			11500							
B-	30001	Tuition Fee	15090	15090	16599	16599	18259.9	18258.9	20084.79	20084.79
1	40001	Sports Fee	500	500	550	550	605	605	665.5	665.5
2	40002	Library/Laboratory/IT Fee	1000	1000	1100	1100	1210	1210	1331	1331
3	40003	Examination Fee	2000	2000	2200	2200	2420	2420	2662	2662
4	40004	Transcript Fee/Certificate Fee	500	500	550	550	605	605	665.5	665.5
5	40005	Magazine Fund	500	500	550	550	605	605	665.5	665.5
6	40006	Internet Charges	500	500	550	550	605	605	665.5	665.5
7	40007	Endowment Fund	1000	1000	1100	1100	1210	1210	1331	1331
8	40008	Transport Charges	900	900	990	990	1089	1089	1197.9	1197.9
9	40009	Field Trips/Study Tour	500	500	550	550	605	605	665.5	665.5
10	40010	Development Fund	500	500	550	550	605	605	665.5	665.5
11	50001	Thesis/Report			0		0		0	500
12	60001	Degree Fee			0		0		0	1000
Sub Total (C)			7900	7900	8690	8690	9559	9559	10514.9	12014.9
Grand Total (A+B+C)			34490	22090	25289	25289	27817.9	27817.9	30599.69	32099.69

\* Rs. 15,000, additional charges for Self Finance

This will be effective from the admissions of Academic Session 2014-15.

*(Signature)*  
 (Karamat Ali Khan)  
 Assistant Registrar

Secretary to the Vice Chancellor  
 All Deans of Faculties  
 All Directors  
 All Chairmen/Coordinators of the Departments  
 Audit Officer  
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All fee paid once, are not refundable except the security deposits.  
 The University reserved the right to make amendment(s) in the fee structure.  
 Fee is subject to minimum 10% annual increase.  
 Students/parents/guardians must realize that payment of fee is a commitment for the entire period of study. Any request for concession will not be entertained.



# UNIVERSITY OF POONCH RAWALAKOT

## General Administration

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No. UPR/Fin-206 (Vol-03)/2636L/2020

Dated: 12-10-2020

### Office Order

On the recommendations of Fee & Fund Committee and in anticipation to the approval of Academic Council, Syndicate and Senate, the Vice-Chancellor has been pleased to sanction the revised fee structure as per detail below:

BS Science Group			1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester	4 <sup>th</sup> Semester	5 <sup>th</sup> Semester	6 <sup>th</sup> Semester	7 <sup>th</sup> Semester	8 <sup>th</sup> Semester
Chemistry, Physics, Botany, Mathematics, Zoology, Statistics, BS(CS), Microbiology and Biotechnology										
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12	50001	Thesis/Report	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	500
13	60001	Degree Fee	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	1000
Sub Total (C)			7900	7900	8690	8690	9559	9559	10515	12015
<b>Grand Total (A+B+C)</b>			<b>34490</b>	<b>22990</b>	<b>25289</b>	<b>25289</b>	<b>27818</b>	<b>27818</b>	<b>30602</b>	<b>32102</b>

The revised fee structure for BS Microbiology & Biotechnology will be effective from the Admissions Fall-2020 and all other disciplines will be effective from session 2014-15.

(Authority: Fin-206, Vol-03, Para-42/N)

*[Signature]*  
Assistant Registrar (General)

#### Copy to:

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