

Pakistan Network of Quality Assurance in Higher Education (PNQAHE)

4TH International Conference of PNQAHE and Annual General Meeting

(With the collaboration of Khyber Medical University Peshawar)

“Future-Proofing Quality Assurance in Higher Education.”

(March 5-7th 2024, Islamabad, Pakistan)

Call for Abstracts for 2024 PNQAHE Conference

1. Background:

Pakistan Network of Quality Assurance in Higher Education was launched in the 1st International Conference on Quality Assurance in Higher Education, December 18-19 2017 organized by Khyber Medical University at Peshawar. In the conference, Quality Enhancement Cell of KMU proposed Pakistan Network of Quality Assurance in Higher Education to provide a platform to QECs of Pakistani HEIs which are established in 250 Universities. The proposal was accepted by almost all the participants from national and international HEIs. Therefore, all the members of the conference were nominated as full members of PNQAHE and interim committee was constituted for the voting process of executive committee of the network. The executive committee was constituted on September 27, 2018 and nomination of other positions of the board was also finalized on the same day. PNQAHE successfully achieved its goal and brought all QA professional of Pakistan on one platform by organizing 2nd and 3rd international conferences hosted by University of Lahore and Shah Abdul Latif University Khair Pur Sind, apart from this PNQAHE become regional partner of INQAHE. The practices of Quality Assurance need to be publicized therefore first time journal of Quality Assurance namely Journal of PNQAHE was launched in Pakistan and successfully issued 04 volume of Articles received and shared in the PIQAHE conferences. Next Conference is planned in the Capital of Pakistan (Islamabad).

2. Conference Themes

The main theme of the 2024 Quality Assurance and Higher Education Annual Conference is:

Future-Proofing Quality Assurance In Higher Education

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- a. **Quality Assurance Equipped to Adapt to an Increasing Student Body Mobility:** recognition of learning outcomes and degrees, credit transfers, internationalization, cross-cultural education, Qualifications Passport for Refugees and Vulnerable Migrants
- b. **Quality Assurance Equipped to Adapt to New and Emerging Technologies:** Adapting to the use of artificial intelligence in education, ensuring academic integrity in the digital age, Preserving the fundamental values of higher education in a AI world, LMSs, Cloud solutions, keeping up with rapidly evolving technology and its impact on teaching and learning, Navigating data privacy and security in a digital landscape
- c. **Quality Assurance Equipped to Adapt to Diverse Learning Environments:** Evaluating the effectiveness of online programs and courses, ensuring student learning outcomes in the virtual environment, Assessing the impact of hybrid and blended learning models, Challenges and opportunities of online and hybrid learning, Ensuring the validity and reliability of remote and online assessments, developing effective methods for evaluating non-traditional forms of student learning
- d. **Quality Assurance Equipped to Adapt to Sustainability in Higher Education:** Strategies for Sustainability in Higher Education, Sustainable Teaching and Learning Strategies, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Higher Education Institutions, Researching Sustainability, and Sustainable modes of operations for higher education institutions.
- e. **Quality Assurance Equipped to Adapt to Student Diversity:** Managing the increasing volume and complexity of student data, addressing student mental health and well-being, ensuring equity and inclusion in the assessment of student learning, Addressing the changing needs of a diverse student population
- f. **Assurance Systems and Processes Equipped for Future:** Integrating technology into quality assessment processes, Ensuring the transparency and accountability of quality assurance processes, balancing standardization and innovation in quality assurance practices, Quality assurance as an enabler of educational concepts and policies, adapting to changing accreditation standards and regulations

Guidelines for Abstract submissions:

- Abstract on any topic related to the theme or sub-themes of the Conference will be considered.
- Abstract should be no more than 250-300 words in length, and a bio-sketch of up to 100 words with one photo of the author.
- Abstract will be reviewed by a review committee. The acceptance of Abstract for inclusion in the program is at the prerogative of the review committee, and no correspondence will be entered into.
- If your abstract is selected for presentation, it is expected that you will have: 1) 15 minutes for presentation; 2) 5 minutes for questions/discussion.
- All submissions must be in English.

3. Timeline - key dates

November 2 nd , 2023	Call for Conference abstract released
	Online Registration opened
December 30 th , 2023	Deadline for submission of conference abstracts
January 1 st , 2024	Registration closes
March 5-7 th , 2024	Pre-Conference Workshops and International Conference at University of Education Lahore

5. Who can attend?

- Director, Deputy Director and staff of Quality Enhancement Cell
- Faculty members of HEIs
- Members of Accreditation Councils
- Representatives of Quality Assurance Agencies and network
- Students of Universities/HEIs

6. Further Information

Registration

Nominations of participants may also be communicated by the said due date through Fax or online registration at www.pnqahe.org.pk/conference along with bank draft as per following details in the name of Secretary Finance PNQAHE as conference registration fee per participant. Moreover, TA/DA of the participants will be borne by the parent University and accommodation will be arranged by UOE Lahore on payment. However, working tea & Lunch will be served by the host University.

S. No	Subject	For Faculty / Staff	International Participants	For PNQAHE members
1	Registration fee for Conference	8000/-PKR	200/-USD	5000/-PKR
2	Registration fee for workshop	2500/-PKR	100/-USD	1500/-PKR

- Note: 30% discount for more than one Faculty / Staff from same Institution (in conference registration)
- Bank of Punjab Account Number: 6540185438300016

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