



**DIRECTORATE OF ADVANCED STUDIES
UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR**
**ASRB Minutes FROM PROCEEDINGS OF 9th -2026 MEETING OF ADVANCED
STUDIES AND RESEARCH BOARD HELD ON 23.07.2026**

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE 9th 2026 MEETING OF THE ADVANCED STUDIES AND
RESEARCH BOARD (ASRB), UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR, DATED 23.07.2026**

A meeting of the Advanced Studies and Research Board was held on 23.07.2026 at 09:30 am in the Committee Room No.1, Administration Block, University of Peshawar.

The following attended:

In Chair

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal

Dean, Faculty of Numerical & Physical Sciences

Members

1. ***Prof. Dr. Anwar Alam***
Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences
2. ***Prof. Dr. Sajjad Ahmad Khan***
Dean, Faculty of Management & Information Sciences
3. ***Prof. Dr. Shahida Aman***
Department of Political Science
4. ***Dr. Sanaullah***
Institute of Zoological Sciences
5. ***Dr. Sajjad Ahmad***
Director ORIC
6. ***Prof. Dr. Qamruz Zaman***
Director Advanced Studies

The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran by Prof. Dr. Anwar Alam, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Peshawar. After the recitation, the Chair welcomed all members of the Board.

Thereafter, the following agenda items were taken up for consideration and decision:

General Item. No. 1

Approval of minutes of ASRB-sub-committee, Faculty of Numerical & Physical Sciences held on dated 08.06.2026.

Decision: The Board **approved** Minutes of the Meeting of the Advanced Studies and Research Board Sub-Committee I, Faculty of Numerical & Physical Sciences held on dated 08.06.2026.



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General Item. No. 2

Approval of minutes of ASRB-sub-committee I, Faculty of Social Sciences held on dated 07.07.2026

Decision: The Board **approved** Minutes of the Meeting of the Advanced Studies and Research Board Sub-Committee I, Faculty of Social Sciences held on dated 07.07.2026

General Item. No. 3

Approval of minutes of ASRB-sub-committee-I, the Faculty of Life & Environmental Sciences held on dated 07.07.2026

Decision: The Board **approved** Minutes of the Meeting of the Advanced Studies and Research Board Sub-Committee-I, the Faculty of Life & Environmental Sciences-I held on dated 07.07.2026

Research Proposals

Item No. 01

Approval of Research Proposal of Ms. Janila Naz, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Economics (2020)

Research Title: DETERMINANTS OF WOMEN'S INFORMAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA: A CASE OF DISTRICT MARDAN

Decision: The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i The title should be revised by inserting a colon after 'Khyber Pakhtunkhwa' and then writing 'A Case Study of District Mardan'.
- ii The aim and objectives should be consolidated under a single, unified heading.
- iii Replace the numbered list with bullet points for the research objectives.
- iv All equations should be centered.
- v A proper justification for using OLS with Likert-scale data, along with the procedure adopted, should be clearly explained.
- vi The methodology should clearly mention the use of the proportional allocation method for data collection from the three *Patwars* of District Mardan.
- vii The section titled 'Plan of the Study' should be revised and presented as 'Plan of Work'.
- viii The plan of work should be presented in tabular form.
- ix A uniform style should be used for writing the journal names in the reference list.



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- x Some references cited in the text are missing from the reference section and should thus be added.
- xi Certain references included in the reference section are not cited in the main text and should be reviewed for consistency.

Item No. 02

Approval of Research Proposal of Ms. Saira Khan Afridi, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Economics (2022 Spring)

Research Title: ANALYZING THE ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PARADOX: BEHAVIORAL AND ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVES FROM KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA, PAKISTAN

Decision: The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i Section headings should be written without including a colon.
- ii Aim of the study should be incorporated in the proposal and should have a clear definition of the overall.
- iii The aim and objectives should be consolidated under a single, unified heading.
- iv Replace the numbered list with bullet points for the research objectives.
- v The full stop at the end of each objective should be removed.
- vi The Introduction and Literature Review should be presented under a single heading.
- vii All equations should be written using the Equation Editor and numbered.
- viii All equations should be centered.
- ix Cluster sampling should be used instead of stratified random sampling.
- x The value of 'N' should be specified in Taro Yamane's formula.
- xi The section titled 'Work Plan' should be revised and presented as 'Plan of Work.'
- xii The Organization of the Study section should be deleted.
- xiii The research proposal should be made more concise.
- xiv Several references in the reference list are incomplete and need to be fully detailed.
- xv Several references cited in the text are missing from the reference list; these should be added to ensure accuracy, completeness, and consistency in documentation.
- xvi Some references listed in the reference section are not cited in the main text and should be reviewed to ensure consistency and accuracy.

Item No. 03

Approval of Research Proposal of Mr. Muhammad Abbas, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Economics (Session 2024-25)



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Research Title: ANALYZING THE DETERMINANTS OF CONSUMER SWITCHING BEHAVIOR AND ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY OF TRADITIONAL RESTAURANTS IN KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA

Decision: The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i Section headings should be used without numbering.
- ii Aim of the study should be incorporated in the proposal and should have a clear definition of the overall.
- iii The full stop at the end of each objective should be removed.
- iv The plan of work should be incorporated into the Synopsis.
- v The Organization of the Study section should be deleted.
- vi Some references cited in the text are missing from the reference section and should thus be added.
- vii Certain references included in the reference section are not cited in the main text and should be reviewed for consistency.

Item No. 04

Approval of Research Proposal of Ms. Mehrunnisa, PhD Research Scholar, College of Home Economics (2025).

Research Title: EXAMINING THE IMPACT OF NUDGING HUMAN RESOURCE PRACTICES ON FACULTY JOB PERFORMANCE IN PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES IN KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA, PAKISTAN

Decision: The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i The full stop at the end of each objective should be removed.
- ii All equations should be written using the Equation Editor and numbered.
- iii Use 'n' instead of 'S' to represent the sample size.
- iv Explain the quantitative research design in detail, providing appropriate justification for the selection of the sampling procedure, sample size, and statistical techniques, including Structural Equation Modeling (SEM), Regression Analysis, Factor Analysis, and any other relevant methodological aspects. Justify why each method is appropriate for achieving the study's objectives.
- v The entire reference list should be revised and formatted in accordance with the University of Peshawar's prescribed referencing style.



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Item No. 05

Approval of Research Proposal of Ms. Sidra Arshad, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Computer Science (Session 2019-2020)

Research Title: A PREDICTIVE AND CONSTRAINT- AWARE ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURAL FRAMEWORK FOR HOSPITAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Decision: The case was deferred due to the absence of the scholar.

Item No. 06

Approval of Research Proposal of Ms. Aqeela Begum, PhD Research Scholar, Pashto Academy University of Peshawar (2024-2025)

Research Title:

د خدائي خدمتگار تحريک د پارليماني ليکوالانو
د ليک تحقيقي او تنقيدي جائزه (۱۹۳۷-۴۷)

THE CRITICAL AND RESEARCH-BASED REVIEW OF THE LITERARY WORK OF
PARLIMENTARY AUTHORS OF THE KHUDAI KHIDMATGAR MOVEMENT (1937-47)

Decision: The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i. The heading 'Abstract' should be replaced with 'Summary' to align with formal academic conventions.
- ii. Section headings should be written without including a colon.
- iii. Aim of the study should be incorporated in the proposal and should have a clear definition of the overall
- iv. The research objectives should be presented with bullet points instead of numbers
- v. The heading 'Abstract' should be replaced with 'Summary' to align with formal academic conventions.

Item No. 07

Approval of Research Proposal of Mr. Abdul Jabbar Khattak, PhD Research Scholar, Pashto Academy (Session 2024-2025)

Research Title:

پښتو ادب کښي د ضلع کرک د ادبي خدماتو يوه تحقيقي جائزه



AN ANALYTICAL STUDY OF DISTRICT KARAK'S LITERARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO PASHTO LITERATURE

Decision: The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i. The heading 'Abstract' should be replaced with 'Summary' to adhere to formal academic conventions.
- ii. Numerical labels should be removed from all headings.
- iii. Section headings should be written without including a colon.
- iv. The Introduction and Literature Review should be presented under a single heading.
- v. Aim of the study should be incorporated in the proposal and should have a clear definition of the overall
- vi. Replace the numbered list with bullet points for the research objectives.

Item No. 08

Approval of Research Proposal of Mr. Muhammad Tahir, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Arabic Session: 2022-23.

Research Title:

دراسة الاشتقاق في الافعال المعتلة والمهموزة والمضاعفة في الكتب الستة من كتاب الزكاة
(دراسة لغوية تحليلية)

ANALYTICAL STUDY OF THE DERIVATION FORMS OF VOWELS VERBS IN SIXTH ADITH BOOKS (FROM THE BOOK OF AL ZAKAT)

Decision: The case was deferred due to the absence of the scholar.

Item No. 09

Approval of Research Proposal of Mr. Khalid Iqbal Khan, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Political Science (August 2018-2019).

Research Title: ELECTORAL INTEGRITY IN PAKISTAN: A CRITICAL ASSESSMENT OF POST 2010 ELECTORAL REFORMS

Decision: The Board after due discussion and deliberation **approved** the research proposal and recommended the



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following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The Board, realizing the expertise required in making the proposal complete, referred the proposal to Prof. Dr. Anwar Alam to guide the scholar in incorporating the required suggestions and issue a "Correction Certificate" after the suggestions/amendments have been made by the scholar. The scholar shall submit the "revised proposal" along with "Correction Certificate" from Prof. Dr. Anwar Alam, as well as a "Correction Certificate" from her Supervisor within 07 days to the office of DAS for record only. The suggested corrections are as follow:

- i. All headings should be presented without numerical labels.
- ii. The aim of the study should be incorporated into the proposal and clearly define the overall purpose of the research.
- iii. Replace the numbered list of research objectives with bullet points.
- iv. The qualitative analysis section should explicitly detail the number of interviews conducted and provide a rigorous description of the methodological approach adopted for data analysis.
- v. The plan of work should be revised.
- vi. Some references are repeated in the reference list and should be removed.

Item No. 10

Approval of Research Proposal of Mr. Farooq, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Political Science (Session 2018-2019).

Research Title: THE DIGITAL-TERRITORIAL NEXUS: HOW TEHRIK-E-TALIBAN PAKISTAN(TTP) AND ISLAMIC STATE OF KHURRASAN PROVINCE (ISKP) FORGE HYBRID INSURGENCY IN PAKISTAN

Decision: The case was deferred due to the absence of the scholar.

Item No.11

Approval of Research Proposal of Ms. Ayesha Saeed, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Botany (Session: 2024-2025).

Research Title: PHARMACOGNOSTIC, PHYTOCHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT OF ORXYLUM INDICUM(L.) KURZ.

Decision: The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i. The proposal should conform precisely to the University of Peshawar's officially approved Uniform Format of Proposal, as provided on the university's website.
- ii. Replace the numbered list of research objectives with bullet points.
- iii. The full stop at the end of each objective should be removed.



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- iv. The study design should be incorporated into the methodology section.
- v. Some references listed in the reference section are not cited in the main text and should be reviewed to ensure consistency and accuracy.
- vi. Explain the quantitative research design in detail, providing appropriate justification for the selection of the sampling procedure, sample size, and other relevant methodological aspects e.g. ANOVA.
- vii. The methodology should specify the approximate time period and season of data collection.

Item No. 12

Approval of Research Proposal of Ms. Aafra Zeb, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Psychology (Session 2023-24)

Research Title: PARENTAL CAREER EXPECTATIONS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS AMONG MEDICAL STUDENTS: INTERVENTION THROUGH INNER CHILD THERAPY

Decision: The case was deferred due to the absence of the scholar.

Item No. 13

Approval of Research Proposal of Ms. Ashwani Prain, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Botany (Session 2024-25)

Research Title: SYNERGISTIC IMPACT OF METAL DOPED NANO-BIOCHAR AND NANO-HYDROXYAPATITE WITH BENEFICIAL MICROBIAL INOCULANTS ON GROWTH PERFORMANCE OF OCIMUM BASILICUM L. UNDER SALINITY STRESS

Decision: The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i. Replace the numbered list with bullet points for the research objectives.
- ii. The full stop at the end of each objective should be removed.
- iii. The proposal should conform precisely to the University of Peshawar's officially approved Uniform Format of Proposal, as provided on the university's website.
- iv. A uniform style should be used for writing journal names in the reference list.
- v. Ensure that all in-text citations correspond accurately to entries in the reference list.
- vi. Each reference in the list should have a corresponding in-text citation to ensure accuracy and relevance.
- vii. A detailed procedure for data analysis should be included.



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viii The expected duration of the experiment should be clearly specified in the research proposal.

Item No. 14

Approval of Research Proposal of Ms. Humera Anjum, PhD Research Scholar, Institute of Education and Research (2022-23)

Research Title: THE ROLE OF CAREER EXPLORATION IN THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ERA: A QUALITATIVE STUDY OF GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA

Decision: The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i The proposal should be condensed by removing unnecessary details and repetitive content.
- ii Remove the numbering from all section headings and use headings only.
- iii A clearly defined overall aim of the study should be included in the proposal.
- iv The section titled 'Work Plan' should be revised and presented as 'Plan of Work.'
- v The "Summary of Research" section should be deleted.
- vi Some references cited in the text are missing from the reference section and should thus be added.
- vii Certain references included in the reference section are not cited in the main text and should be reviewed for consistency.

Item No. 15

Approval of Research Proposal of Ms. Zubaida, PhD Research Scholar, Institute of Education and Research (2020-21)

Research Title: CHALLENGES FACED BY VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR CAMPUS: A QUALITATIVE CASE STUDY

Decision: The Board, after careful consideration of the corrections made by the scholar, approved the revised/resubmitted proposal.



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Item No. 16

Approval of Research Proposal of Ms. Shahnaz Baqer, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Sociology (Session 2025 Spring)

Research Title: INTERSECTION OF EDUCATION, SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH OUTCOMES AMONG WOMEN IN GILGIT BALTISTAN

Decision: The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i Aim of the study should be incorporated in the proposal and should have a clear definition of the overall.
- ii The proposal should follow the University of Peshawar's approved uniform format.
- iii Section headings should be used without numbering.
- iv The Introduction and Literature Review should be presented under a single heading.
- v The section titled 'Work Plan' should be revised and presented as 'Plan of Work.'
- vi The rationale for selecting a sample size between 300 and 400 should be clearly explained and supported by appropriate statistical or methodological justification.
- vii The qualitative analysis section should explicitly detail the number of interviews conducted and provide a rigorous description of the methodological approach adopted for data analysis.
- viii Several references in the reference list are incomplete and need to be fully detailed.
- ix Several references cited in the text are missing from the reference list; these should be added to ensure accuracy, completeness, and consistency in documentation.
- x Some references listed in the reference section are not cited in the main text and should be reviewed to ensure consistency and accuracy.

Item No. 17

Approval of Research Proposal of Mr. Muhammad Taimur Khan, PhD Research Scholar, Pakistan Study Centre (Spring 2023-24)

Research Title: ELECTORAL GOVERNANCE AND INTEGRITY IN PAKISTAN AND INDIA: A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF ELECTION COMMISSION PERFORMANCE IN THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTIONS

Decision: The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised



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proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i The proposal should be written as per Uniform Format of proposal writing of University of Peshawar.
- ii The aim and objectives should be consolidated under a single, unified heading.
- iii Bullet points should be used instead of numbers inserted for the research objectives.
- iv Ensure that all in-text citations correspond accurately to entries in the reference list.
- v Each reference in the list should have a corresponding in-text citation to ensure accuracy and relevance.
- vi A detailed procedure for data analysis should be included.
- vii Detailed information regarding the qualitative research should be provided.
- viii The plan of work should be clearly defined and revised to ensure specificity and clarity.

Item No. 18

Approval of Research Proposal of Ms. Safia Naz, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Physics (2022-23)

Research Title: PHYSICOCHEMICAL CHARACTERIZATION OF AIRBORNE PLASTIC PARTICLES IN INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTS OF PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN

Decision: The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i The proposal should be written as per Uniform Format of proposal writing of University of Peshawar.
- ii The data analysis procedure should be systematically revised.

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(Prof. Dr. Qamruz Zaman)

Director/Secretary, Advanced Studies & Research Board

Confirmed & Approved by:

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(Meritorious Prof. Dr. Johar Ali)



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Vice-Chancellor
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