

April 17, 2023

**Internal Postgraduate Program Review Report 2023**  
**MNS University of Agriculture Multan**

The internal Postgraduate Program Review of MNS University of Agriculture, Multan was conducted on March 28-29, 2023 by the following committee constituted by the Vice Chancellor:


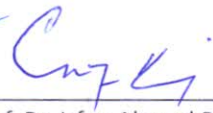

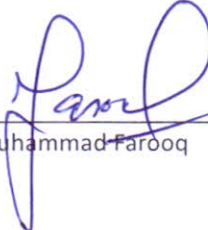
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| 1. Prof. Dr. Shafqat Saeed, Dean FAES        | Convener |
| 2. Prof. Dr. Irfan Ahmed Baig, Dean FSSH     | Member   |
| 3. Dr. M. Farooq, Director QEC, BZU          | Member   |
| 4. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashfaq, Subject Expert | Member   |

The activity started with the presentation of Director Graduate Studies who briefed on various rules and regulations of postgraduate programs offered at the University. The meeting was also attended by Director QEC, Deans, Controller Examinations, Directors of Institutes, and Chairpersons of Departments. Later on, the committee thoroughly checked the dossiers of each program prepared according to the HEC proforma. The committee also held meetings with the Chairpersons, faculty, and postgraduate students of each Department, and visited field and laboratory facilities for postgraduate research. At the end of the activity on second day, the committee members met the VC in the presence of heads of teaching and administrative departments, where they presented the salient observations during the postgraduate program review.


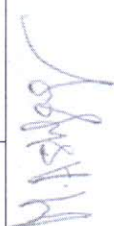

Following is the detailed review report of the postgraduate programs offered at the MNS University of Agriculture, Multan.

The MNS University offers ten (10) PhD and nineteen (19) MSc(Hons)/MS programs in various disciplines and the summary of the postgraduate programs, faculty staff, and students is as follows:

PhD Programs	10	MS/ MPhil Programs	19
PhD Qualified Faculty	98	MS/ MPhil Qualified Faculty	29
PhD Students	91	MS/ MPhil Students	1951


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S. No.	Program	Degree Title	NOC obtained from HEC	Approved from statutory bodies	Students	Faculty		Status	Remarks
						PhD	MS		
1.	Plant Breeding and Genetics	MSc(Hons)	Yes	Yes	33	6	3	OK	Meets the minimum requirements
2.		PhD	Yes	Yes	13			OK	Meets the minimum requirements
3.	Biotechnology	MSc(Hons)	Yes	Yes	34	5	2	OK	Meets the minimum requirements
4.		PhD	Yes	Yes	5			OK	Meets the minimum requirements
5.	Seed Science and Technology	MSc(Hons)	Yes	Yes	9	4	1	OK	Meets the minimum requirements
6.		PhD	Yes	Yes	0			OK	Meets the minimum requirements
7.	Horticulture	MSc(Hons)	Yes	Yes	39	6	3	OK	Meets the minimum requirements
8.		PhD	Yes	Yes	14			OK	Meets the minimum requirements
9.	Entomology	MSc(Hons)	Yes	Yes	40	10	1	OK	Meets the minimum requirements

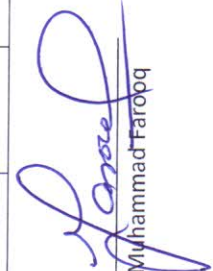




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10.		PhD	Yes	Yes	13				Meets the minimum requirements
11.	Plant Pathology	MSc(Hons)	Yes	Yes	30	8	1	OK	Meets the minimum requirements
12.		PhD	Yes	Yes	7				OK
13.	Agronomy	MSc(Hons)	Yes	Yes	29	11	1	OK	Meets the minimum requirements
14.		PhD	Yes	Yes	12				OK
15.	Human Nutrition Dietetics	MSc(Hons)	Yes	Yes	13	3	1	OK	Meets the minimum requirements
16.		PhD	Yes	Yes	3				OK
17.	Food Science & Technology	MSc(Hons)	Yes	Yes	65	6	1	OK	Although, the minimum requirements are met for the programs, however new admissions in Winter 2023-24 may be rationalized keeping in view
18.		PhD	Yes	Yes	13				OK

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27.	Management Agribusiness Specialization	MSc (Hons)	Yes	Yes	13	2	3	OK	Meets the minimum requirements
28.	Agricultural Economies	MSc (Hons)	Yes	Yes	14	3	3	OK	Meets the minimum requirements
29.	Computer Science	MS	Yes	Yes	64	8	3	OK	Meets the minimum requirements

The definitions of status of program are as mentioned below:

**Further Intake Stopped:** University should not admit any student/scholar in the program until HEC permits. The already enrolled students in the program may continue provided other identified deficiencies are rectified.

**Halted:** University should halt all the activities of the program, including conduction of classes, examination, thesis defense, award of degrees etc. until HEC permits.

**OK:** Program meets the minimum requirements as per HEC criteria.

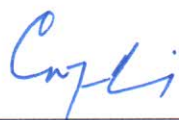
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**FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS:**

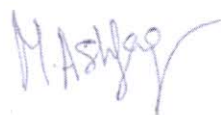
1. Allocation of the supervisor to postgraduate students mechanism exists, yet not uniform in all departments. A uniform mechanism needs to be devised and notified.
2. There should be clear SOPs if major supervisor is from the department other than the degree offering department in case of interdisciplinary degree programs.
3. There should be some clearing house for the verification of publication required for notification of PhD degree.
4. Faculty should be hired on immediate basis for the programs having excessive enrolment e.g. Food Science and Technology, CS, Statistics
5. Most of the administrative posts are on additional charge. Dedicated employees for each administrative position should be hired to spare the faculty for teaching and research.
6. The postgraduate students should be encouraged to use HEC digital library for searching literature including full-length research articles from international research journals.
7. Programs / Departments with higher involvement of visiting faculty should evolve a mechanism to engage these resources efficiently with proper monitoring and evaluation mechanism.
8. Post-graduate researchers' participation in the research-based advisories, technical consultations must be encouraged and ensured.
9. Career Counseling is one of the premier features of a university, so MNSUAM must establish a full-fledged Career Counseling Center/unit for providing sound counseling to the graduating students. TORs of Career Counseling and Job placement offices should be prepared.



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