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Sialkot the 10 / 02 / 2026

All Deans of Faculties
And Heads of Teaching Departments
Grand Asian University, Sialkot, Pakistan.

Subject: Provision of Information on Targeted Research Journals for Planned Publications

In line with the University strategic objective to enhance research quality, international visibility, and compliance with HEC research benchmarks, the Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC) is initiating by the orders of Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Jahanzaib Islam, a structured exercise to map targeted research journals for forthcoming faculty publications. You are kindly requested to provide details of planned or targeted journals in which faculty members of your respective Faculty/Department intend to submit research articles during the upcoming academic cycles. The focus of this exercise is on:

- Q1 journals (as per Journal Citation Reports rankings), and
- HEC-approved "W" category journals, relevant to your discipline.

This information is essential for:

- Strategic research planning and prioritization,
- Alignment with HEC promotion, funding, and ranking requirements,
- Institutional readiness for international research collaborations and grants,
- Inclusion and sustained progression of GAUS in International rankings particularly in QS and World University rankings
- Quality assurance and compliance for internal approvals and processing

For uniformity and ease of compilation, you are requested to provide the required information using the attached preforma, clearly indicating the journal title, related website, impact factor/HEC W category, ISSN, and citation index.

Kindly ensure that the information is accurate, up to date, and endorsed by the Head of Department before submission. The completed preforma may please be forwarded to ORIC on 17th Feb, 2026 for further processing and consolidation at the University level.

Your cooperation in strengthening GAUS research ecosystem and advancing our collective academic standing is highly appreciated.

Dr. Engr. Syed Zohaib Javaid Zaidi
Director ORIC,
Grand Asian University, Sialkot

Feb 10, 2026

Dr. Jahanzaib Islam
Pro Vice Chancellor
Grand Asian University, Sialkot

Cc: Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC)



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PROFORMA FOR TARGETED RESEARCH JOURNALS (FOR PLANNED FACULTY PUBLICATIONS)

(To be submitted to ORIC as per Director of Research, Innovation and Commercialization Circular Feb 10th, 2026).

On special directions of Dr. Jehanzaib Islam, Pro Vice Chancellor, Grand Asian University, Sialkot for Inclusion and sustained progression of GAUS in International University rankings particularly in QS and World University rankings.

SECTION A: FACULTY / DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Item	Details
Faculty Name	
Department / School	
Head of Department (Name & Designation)	
Contact Email	
Reporting Period	<input type="checkbox"/> Upcoming Academic Cycle <input type="checkbox"/> Calendar Year _____
Expected No. of Submissions	Q1: ____

SECTION B: TARGETED JOURNAL DETAILS (One Row per Journal)

Journal Title Publisher Journal Website

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SECTION C: INDEXING, RANKING & COMPLIANCE (Mandatory)

Journal Title	JCR Quartile (Q1–Q4)	Impact Factor (Latest)	HEC Category (W/X/Y)	Scopus / WoS Index	ISSN (Print/Online)
				<input type="checkbox"/> Scopus <input type="checkbox"/> WoS	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Scopus <input type="checkbox"/> WoS	

△ Only Q1 journals and HEC-approved “W” category journals will be prioritized for institutional processing.

SECTION D: STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT (Tick Where Applicable)

Strategic Objective	Yes / No
Supports HEC Promotion Criteria	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Contributes to QS / WUR Ranking Metrics	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Linked with International Collaboration	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Suitable for Grant-Linked Publications (NRPU / EU Horizon / UKRI etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Industry / Applied Research Relevance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

SECTION E: PLANNED MANUSCRIPT INFORMATION

Journal Title	Tentative Manuscript Title / Theme	Lead Author	Co-Authors	Expected Submission Month
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SECTION F: QUALITY & COMPLIANCE DECLARATION

- ☐ Journal is **not predatory** and complies with **HEC & COPE standards**
 - ☐ APC / Publication Charges reviewed (if applicable)
 - ☐ Journal scope aligns with departmental research focus
 - ☐ Data availability and ethical approval (if required) will be ensured
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SECTION G: ENDORSEMENTS (MANDATORY)

Authority Name Signature Date

Head of Department

Dean of Faculty

SECTION H: ORIC USE ONLY

Item	Status
Verified by ORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Included in University Research Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
QS / Ranking Relevant	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Remarks

Submission Instructions

- Completed proforma must be endorsed by HOD and relevant Dean
 - Submit to ORIC by 17 February 2026
 - Soft copy (Word/PDF) + signed scan required
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Approved and implemented by

Dr. Jehanzaib Islam
Pro Vice Chancellor
Grand Asian University, Sialkot