



STEM Careers Programme



STEM Careers Programme is a joint venture of Higher Education Commission and Pakistan Institute of Engineering and Applied Sciences for grooming talented students for careers in Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM)

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To,
The Chairman,
Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Rawalpindi

Subject:- SELECTION OF PAKISTAN TEAMS FOR PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIADS THROUGH 21ST NATIONAL SCIENCE TALENT CONTEST (NSTC-21)

Respected Sir / Madam,

STEM Careers Programme, a joint venture of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) and Pakistan Institute of Engineering & Applied Sciences (PIEAS) to inspire the potential youth of the nation to pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). Besides, STEM teams also represent Pakistan in International Science Olympiads (ISOs) in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Physics organized in different countries, every year, exhibiting the natural talent of the country in these competitions through National Science Talent Contest (NSTC). NSTC is an extension of the National Physics Talent Contest (NPTC) launched in year 1995. The first-ever International participation of Pakistan team was in the 32nd International Physics Olympiad that was held in Antalya, Turkey in 2001. The performance of the Pakistan students was quite encouraging in that Olympiad as one of its team member won an honorable mention and also got the best performance award for the first time participating country. Later in 2003, owing to the subsequent encouraging performance of Pakistan teams led us to extend this Programme to Biology, Mathematics, and Chemistry with the generous support of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) and since then, Pakistan Teams are regularly participating in these annual International Science Olympiads across the world and won altogether 134 Medals including four Silver Medals, sixty three Bronze Medals, sixty four Honorable Mentions, one Merit Certificate and two special awards till 2023.

Now STEM Careers Programme has launched its 21st National Science Talent contest (NSTC-21) through advertisement published in National Dailies on December 24, 2023 for selection of Pakistan Teams to participate in International Science Olympiads in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Physics, scheduled to be held in July-2024 (please see the enclosed poster).

The last date for registration is February 18, 2024 it is kindly requested to encourage maximum participation from your Schools/Colleges. The students can apply online via <http://stem.edu.pk> and be a part of this activity.

We shall look forward and appreciate the active participation of your schools/colleges in this challenging endeavor.

With profound regards,

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Programme Director