

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

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To,

The Chairman

Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Rawalpindi
Morgah, Rawalpindi

Subject: - **SELECTION OF PAKISTAN TEAMS FOR PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIADS THROUGH 22ND NATIONAL SCIENCE TALENT CONTEST (NSTC-22)**

Respected Sir / Madam,

We are pleased to introduce the STEM Careers Programme, a joint initiative of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) and the Pakistan Institute of Engineering & Applied Sciences (PIEAS) to inspire youth in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). The programme provides talented students opportunities to represent Pakistan in International Science Olympiads (ISOs) in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Physics through the National Science Talent Contest (NSTC).

NSTC, an extension of the National Physics Talent Contest (NPTC) launched in 1995, has led to Pakistan's participation in ISOs since 2001. With continued HEC support, Pakistan has since won 148 medals, including seven Silver, seventy-two Bronze, sixty-six Honorable Mentions, one Merit Certificate, and two special awards till 2025.

We are excited to inform you that the STEM Careers Programme has launched its 22nd National Science Talent Contest (NSTC-22) through an advertisement published in national dailies on February 16, 2025. This contest aims to select Pakistan teams for the International Science Olympiads scheduled to be held in July 2026 (please find enclosed the promotional poster).

The last date for registration is May 30, 2025. We kindly request your esteemed institution to encourage maximum participation of your students in this prestigious contest. Interested students can register online at <http://stem.edu.pk> to become part of this enriching experience.

To facilitate further coordination and collaboration, we kindly request you to allocate a focal person from your institution for correspondence regarding this program. Additionally, we are available to conduct awareness sessions for your students and faculty at your convenience.

We look forward to your school/college's active participation in this exciting and prestigious initiative. Should you require any further information, please feel free to contact us.
With profound regards,

(Dr. Waqas Ahmed)
Programme Director