



Report of Graduate Program Self Review of PhD Programs King Edward Medical University, Lahore For the Year (2024-25)



King Edward Medical University Lahore is Public Sector University chartered by the Government of the Punjab in the year 2005. As per Quality Assurance Mechanism by the HEC, the following team of experts notified and conducted the PhD Program Self Review on Wednesday, 23rd April, 2025:

Self-Review Panel/Committee:

Prof. Ahsan Numan, Chairman Dept. of Neurology / Chairman DPCC, King Edward Medical University, Lahore.	(Internal Member)
Prof. Mustehsan Bashir, Chairman Dept. of Plastic Surgery, King Edward Medical University, Lahore.	(Internal Member)
Prof. Nazish Imran, Chairperson Dept. of Child & Family Psychiatry, King Edward Medical University, Lahore.	(Internal Member)
Mr. Asif Saeed Haider, Director (AAQIC), Accreditation and Accreditation and Academic Quality Improvement Cell, University of Management Technology (UMT), C-II, Johar Town, Lahore.	(External Member)
Mr. Farhan Qadir, Deputy Director QEC, King Edward Medical University, Lahore.	(Internal Member)

Following is the summary of programs, students and the faculty members for the evaluated PhD programs:

Ph.D Programs	05
Ph.D Faculty	06
Ph.D Students	08

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The detail of each program along with its status is mentioned below:

S. #	Discipline	Program	Students	Faculty	Status	Remarks
				PhD/ Fellowship		
1.	Ph.D in Anatomy	Ph.D	01	3	OK	Meeting the minimum requirement
2.	Ph.D in Biochemistry	Ph.D	04		OK	Meeting the minimum requirement
3.	Ph.D in Community Medicine	Ph.D	0		OK	Meeting the minimum requirement
4.	Basic Sciences	PhD	0		OK	Program is not accredited by concerned accreditation council, efforts should be made to accredit these programs from regulatory body.
5.	Clinical Sciences	PhD	3	3	OK	Program is not accredited by concerned accreditation council, efforts should be made to accredit these programs from regulatory body.
Total=			8	6		

The University is advised to comply with the Review Panel's decisions, while considering the definitions of the status of program as mentioned below:

- Halted:** The University should halt all the activities of the program, including conduction of classes, examination, thesis defense, award of degrees etc. until HEC/Program review team permits.
- Further Intake Stopped:** The University should not admit any scholar in the program until HEC/Program review team permits. The program for enrolled student would run provided that other identified deficiencies are rectified.
- Ok:** The program is meeting the minimum requirements as per HEC criteria and it may be continued accordingly.

Decision of the committee after self-review of Ph.D program, it is unanimously decided that the program is meeting the minimum requirements as per HEC criteria and it may be continued accordingly. (OK)

FINDINGS:

- Only three PhD Basic Science Programs (PhD Anatomy, PhD Community Medicine, and PhD Biochemistry) are accredited by PMDC.

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2. It has been observed that students are taking too long to appear in the comprehensive examination and not completing their coursework within the time. This delay not only affects their academic progress but also their chances to complete their degrees within the prescribed time limit set by HEC.
3. Notification of the Ph.D. Entry Test Committee has not been revised since 2018. The committee's TORs and objectives have not been defined. In addition to this, the Ph.D. entry test committee at KEMU has not been intimated to HEC. It is crucial for good governance that the PhD entry test committee establish clear terms of reference and objectives to ensure a standardized and effective entry test process for prospective PhD candidates.
4. Supervisors are not allocated in a timely manner.
5. The KEMU does not define or adhere to the prescribed format of transcript
6. Campus Management System (computerization) needs to be implemented to cover the complete PhD student life cycle at KEMU.
7. Online tracking systems for meetings of DPCC, BOS, BOF, IRB, PEC, AS&RB, Academic Council, Syndicate, and Senate are not available for these PhD programs.
8. The implementation of HEC graduate policy, 2023, is lacking in many areas of PhD programs at KEMU.
9. The nomenclature of PhD Basic Sciences and PhD Clinical Science should be specified according to the subject like PhD Anatomy, PhD Community Medicine, PhD Biochemistry, PhD General Surgery, PhD General Medicine, and PhD Dermatology etc.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

10. As only three PhD Basic Science Programs (PhD Anatomy, PhD Community Medicine, and PhD Biochemistry) are accredited by PMDC, so admission in these programs are made only, rest of basic science programs need accreditation from PM&DC first. Moreover, PhD faculty should be inducted/hired/get transferred from other institution to start PhD in other disciplines.
1. Comprehensive examinations should be time-bound; afterwards, the student's explanation should be implied. Students should be encouraged to appear in examinations on completion of 18 credit hours of Ph.D. coursework by making more stringent policies in accordance with HEC graduate policy, 2023.
2. The Ph.D. Entry Test Committee's TORs and objectives should be established, and they should be updated and communicated to HEC.
3. Supervisors should be allocated on a timely basis.
4. The KEMU must define or comply with HEC's prescribed format of transcript. Controller of Examinations Office should design transcript format.
5. Campus Management System (computerization) must be implemented to cover the complete student's life cycle at KEMU, ensuring that all aspects of the student experience are efficiently managed. This system will streamline processes from admissions to graduation, providing a seamless interface for students, faculty, and administration alike.
6. An online tracking system for meetings of DPCC, BOS, BOF, IRB, PEC, AS&RB, Academic Council, Syndicate, and Senate should be developed.



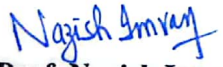
7. KEMU should implement the HEC Graduate Policy, 2023, in true letter and spirit.



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