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**GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
PUNJAB RESOURCE MANAGEMENT &
POLICY UNIT (PRMPU), P&D BOARD**

6-A, Ahmad Block, New Garden Town,
Lahore

Dated: 19th March, 2026

To,

1. Secretary
Services Wing, S&GAD
2. Secretary
P&D Board

Subject: ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ONE-YEAR FOREIGN MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM

With reference to captioned subject, it is stated that Punjab Resource Management & Policy Unit (PRMPU), Planning & Development Board, Government of the Punjab, invites applications from eligible officers ([Annex-A](#)) for the award of a limited number of scholarships for **one-year foreign Master's degree program** at Top 100 QS-ranked universities. These scholarships are being offered under the scheme titled "Institutional Strengthening of P&D Board and Capacity Building of Public Sector Employees." The initiative aims to enhance the professional capacity of public sector officers through quality international education.

2. Officers meeting the eligibility criteria ([Annex-B](#)) may apply directly to universities without prior PRMPU clearance. Scholarship funding will only be considered for applicants who receive an unconditional admission offer from a university ranked in the QS Top 100 (2026 or the latest available ranking) by closing date.

3. Eligible officers are requested to submit their applications along with duly filled application form ([Annex C](#)) through their respective administrative department to PRMPU. It is clarified that admission offered by a university does not guarantee the award of scholarship. Final selection will be made by the Program Steering Committee (PSC) in accordance with the approved eligibility criteria, merit, funding parameters, and the availability of scholarship slots.

4. Foregoing in view, it is requested that applications of suitable and eligible candidates may kindly be forwarded to the Managing Director, PRMPU, at 6-A, Ahmad Block, New Garden Town, Lahore, by April 20, 2026 (Monday).

**(MUHAMMAD AHMAD RAJWANA)
MANAGING DIRECTOR
PUNJAB RESOURCE MANAGEMENT & POLICY
UNIT**

CC:

A copy is forwarded for information and necessary action to the:-

1. Deputy Secretary (Staff) (Staff)
Chief Secretary Office
2. Staff Officer to Chairman
P&D Board



**PUNJAB RESOURCE MANAGEMENT & POLICY UNIT
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD, GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ONE-YEAR FOREIGN MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM**

1. Punjab Resource Management & Policy Unit (PRMPU), Planning & Development Board, Government of the Punjab, invites applications from eligible officers for the award of a limited number of scholarships for one-year foreign Master's degree program at Top 100 QS-ranked universities. These scholarships are offered under the scheme titled "Institutional Strengthening of P&D Board and Capacity Building of Public Sector Employees."
2. Applicants who meet the eligibility criteria (available on PRMPU website) may apply directly to universities without prior clearance from PRMPU. However, only those candidates will be considered for scholarship funding who obtain an unconditional admission offer from a university ranked among the Top 100 in the QS World University Rankings (2026 or the latest available ranking).
3. Candidates are advised to get admission only in the disciplines/programs which have direct relevance to their Department/Organization and the kind of service they are expected to provide in future. Please note that admission offered by a university does not guarantee final selection for the scholarship. Final selection will be made by the Program Steering Committee (PSC) in accordance with the approved eligibility criteria, merit, funding criteria, and availability of scholarship slots.
4. PRMPU reserves the right to reject any or all applications, or to cancel the selection process at any stage without assigning any reason. The award of scholarships is subject to the availability of funds for FY 2025-2026. In case Government of the Punjab does not release the required funding, the entire process may be withdrawn or cancelled.
5. Candidates may download the application form from <https://prmpu.punjab.gov.pk/scholarships> and submit it through their respective department / organization via proper channel to the Managing Director, PRMPU, 6-A, Ahmad Block, New Garden Town, Lahore, by April 20, 2026 (Monday) at 1600 hours. Please note that applications will not be considered for final selection unless the official nomination or NOC from the concerned department is received by the closing date.

MANAGING DIRECTOR

Punjab Resource Management & Policy Unit,
6-A, Ahmad Block, New Garden Town, Lahore
Ph No: 042-34556625



**ELIGIBILITY, MERIT & FUNDING CRITERIA
FOR ONE-YEAR FOREIGN MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM**

Eligibility Criteria
1). Hold four years Bachelor's degree or a two years Bachelor's and Master's combination (16 years of formal education) for foreign one year Master's Degree and having at least five (05) years of public sector work experience in BPS-17 or above .
2. Not be 50 years of age at the date of commencement of degree program.
3). Have an admission offer letter from top 100 QS ranked university.
4). Be a regular employee of Government belonging to Federal services (PAS only), Provincial services (PMS only) and P&D Board officers, currently on active strength of Govt. of the Punjab. He / She must not be currently on deputation with a donor agency or international agency. Not be on long leave from the government (equal or more than one year).
5). Furnish an undertaking on stamp paper that he/she will serve the Government at-least for five (05) years after completion of degree otherwise all the expenditures incurred on for the course will be reimbursed to Government exchequer.
6) The applicant must not be facing any ongoing inquiry or disciplinary proceedings, and no major penalty should have been imposed in the past.
7). Intended degree program of the applicant shall be relevant with the past experience of the officer and the kind of service he is expected to provide in future. Decision of PSC would be final in this regard.
8) Officers who already hold a Foreign Master's Degree shall not be eligible for the PRMPU's Foreign Master's Degree Scholarship Program.
9) Be in good mental and physical health.
10) Furnish a duly filled PRMPU Application Form (to be downloaded from the PRMPU official website), within the given deadline.



Merit Criteria
I. University Ranking (Max 70 points) University Ranking Score = $(101 - \text{University Ranking}) * 0.7$
II. Course/Subject Ranking (Max 30 points) Course / Subject Ranking Score = $(101 - \text{Course / Subject Ranking}) * 0.3$
III. Merit List Preparation 1. Applicants will be ranked based on their Total Merit Score. <i>Total Merit Score = University Ranking Score + Subject Ranking Score</i> 2. Selection will be made in order of merit based on total score out of 100. 3. In case of a tie in Total Merit Score, the following criteria will be applied in order: - Higher University Ranking Score - Years of relevant public sector service experience - Final decision by the Program Steering Committee (PSC) 4. The final merit list will be approved by the Program Steering Committee (PSC).

Note: PRMPU will annually identify and prepare a list of priority areas/fields in accordance with the capacity-building requirements of the Government of the Punjab, subject to approval by the PSC. Applicants who secure admission in priority areas will be given preference.



Funding Criteria

1. TUITION FEE: 100% (Full Coverage)

The complete tuition fee for the approved degree program will be covered for all awardees regardless of their merit ranking or university ranking.

2. LIVING STIPEND: 100% (Full Coverage)

Living stipend covers: Accommodation, food, local transportation, books, stationery, and other incidental expenses as per approved rates for the specific country and city of study. It will be benchmarked against comparable international / regional scholarships (e.g. Chevening, Fulbright, and Erasmus Mundus etc.)

3. PAYMENT MECHANISM

The fee shall be directly deposited into the respective university account by PRMPU, or reimbursed to the officer if it has already been paid by him/her. The officer shall provide an affidavit confirming that he/she will deposit the fee to the university within one (1) month of receiving the amount in his/her account. In the case of an advance payment, the scholar must ensure that the fee is paid within 30 working days from the issuance of the invoice by the respective university. The living stipend may be disbursed on a bi-annual basis in advance, in accordance with the approved funding criteria.

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS

- i. All funding is subject to the scholar maintaining satisfactory academic progress as certified by the university.
- ii. Scholars must submit semester-wise progress reports to PRMPU



Planning & Development Board,
Government of the Punjab



**PUNJAB RESOURCE MANAGEMENT & POLICY UNIT,
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

APPLICATION FORM

FOR AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THE SCHEME

**‘Institutional Strengthening of P&D Board and Capacity Building of
Public Sector Employees**



APPLICATION FORM

1. My Profile

Name: _____	Employment Type	PAS: ☐																				
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		P&D Board: ☐																				
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2. Education

Program title	Subject	Institute	Session
Ph.D.			
M.A. / M.Sc. / BSc(Hons)			



Professional Degree			
Others			

3. My Experience (Government Sector)

Department	Designation	Scale	From	To

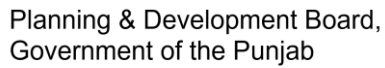
Total Government experience in Years (must not be less than 5 years): _____

Last Earned Leave availed: From _____ to _____

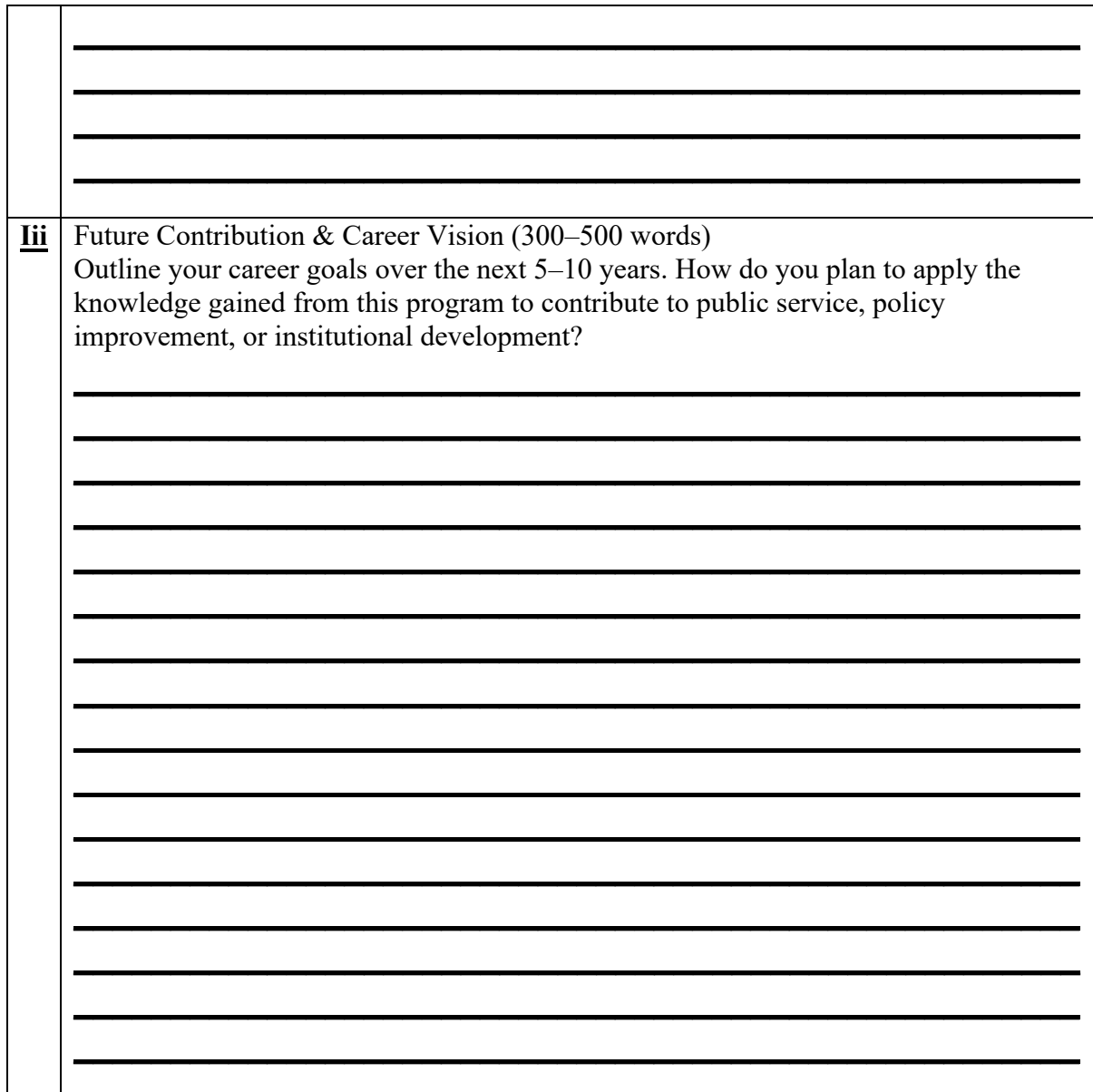
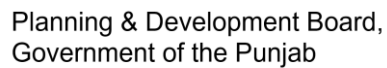
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4. My Application

Level of Study	
One-Year Master's	☐
Program Detail	
Program title: _____	University: _____
QS Course / Subject Ranking: _____	QS University Ranking: _____
Duration of Degree: _____	Start Date: _____ End Date: _____
Admission secured (Yes / No)	Unconditional Offer (Yes / No)
Total Fee of the program	USD: _____ PKR: _____ Other Currency: _____



i)	Professional Experience & Impact (300–500 words) Describe your current role, key responsibilities, and major projects you have undertaken. Highlight specific achievements and measurable impact on your department or organization.
ii)	Motivation & Relevance of Study (300–500 words) Why do you want to pursue this course at this stage of your career? Explain how the program aligns with your professional goals and how it will help address challenges or improve outcomes in your organization or the public sector.



Any instance of plagiarism or submission of falsified information will result in the immediate disqualification of the applicant from consideration for the scholarship by PRMPU

6.1 HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR ANY OTHER SCHOLARSHIP/ TRAINING FUNDED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB?

Sr. #	Subject Area	Institution	From	To	Sponsored by



b. Foreign Training

Sr.#	Subject Area	Institution	From	To	Sponsored by

6.2 HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY AVAILED ANY OTHER SCHOLARSHIP/ TRAINING FUNDED BY THE PRMPU?

Yes	☐	No	☐
If yes mention detail below.			

Foreign short training	☐	Local short training	☐
Foreign one-year degree program	☐	Foreign two-year degree program	☐
Foreign Ph. D	☐	Local M. Phil, master's	☐

6.3 HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY AVAILED ANY OTHER SCHOLARSHIP/ TRAINING FUNDED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB?

Yes	☐	No	☐
If yes mention details.			

Scholarship Name			
Funding Department			
Mode of Scholarship:			
	In person	☐	
	Online	☐	
	Hybrid	☐	



7. SUBMIT FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS

- i. CNIC
- ii. NOC from competent authority
- iii. Joining Letter
- iv. Experience Certificate
- v. Undertaking
- vi. Surety Bond
- vii. University Admission Letter
- viii. Tuition Fee detail
- ix. Certificate for No Disciplinary
- x. Course Module

8. TERMS & CONDITIONS

- a. The information provided in my application is accurate, complete and honestly presented;
- b. I have replied question at No. 5 without their being edited or translated by anyone else;
- c. I understand and agree that any offer of scholarship will be rescinded if any misrepresentation or material omission in the information provided in this application is discovered at a later date;
- d. Any difference in the interpretation of advertisement or instructions related to the application, i would consider the decision of PRMPU as final.
- e. Please note that incomplete applications will not be accepted and PRMPU reserves the right to outrightly reject incomplete forms.

Applicant Signature

9. SUBMISSION

Filled application form along with required documents may be submitted through respective department/organization via proper channel to the Managing Director, PRMPU, 6-A, Ahmad Block, New Garden Town, Lahore, by April 20, 2026 (Monday).

Note: It is recommended for you to carefully complete your application before submission.