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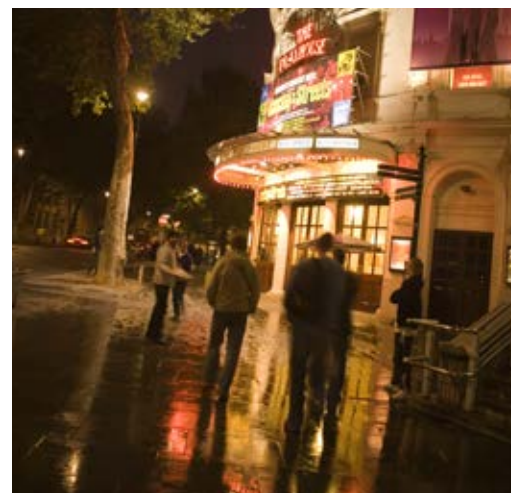
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Greetings from the British Council Pakistan

It is a pleasure to present the latest edition of the Study UK Magazine 2020.

The United Kingdom offers you a world-leading education system, with UK qualifications that can make a real difference to your career. With such a strong reputation for research and education, UK universities and colleges attract some of the world's leading academics and industry professionals. There are over 50,000 undergraduate courses at more than 395 providers in the UK. I am sure that you will enjoy exploring the options and decide on the best course of study for you. The UK is a welcoming place for students of all countries, and offers opportunities to experience diverse cultures.

The UK Government has also recently announced the Graduate Immigration Route which will enable international students to remain in the UK for two years after they have completed their studies. The new route will be launched in the summer of 2021, meaning that any eligible student who graduates in the summer of 2021 or after will be able to apply for the route.

The information in this magazine has been prepared to provide you with everything at you may need to consider while making your decision about studying in the UK.

The British Council is proud of its wide-ranging work in education in Pakistan. By extending the range of opportunities for educational and personal development available to young people, the British Council is playing its role in strengthening Pakistani society as well as bringing together people from both countries. Our programmes in Pakistan are mainly focussed on young people from the ages of 12 to 30. With the aim of building positive engagement within Pakistan and with the UK, we work toward building connecting, understanding and trust.

Every year around 10,000 Pakistani students study in the UK for undergraduate and postgraduate courses. In addition, we have the thousands of students who take transnational courses from UK institutions at



undergraduate level here in Pakistan. The most popular subject areas include business, information technology, STEM and English language along with the various specialised new fields of study being introduced on a regular basis. UK institutions welcome students from Pakistan. Pakistani students are hardworking, committed and make a positive contribution to their universities and the academic sector at large. There are also more than 1.2 million UK citizens of Pakistani origin living and working in the UK. The students and professionals studying and living in the UK are "Ambassadors" for Pakistan, representing its people and culture.

It is important that you and your family research and ask for advice from student counsellors, representatives from universities, education agents, friends and family who have already studied in the UK and of course from the Study UK team at the British Council in Pakistan. We wish you success in making your choices and in making the most of your opportunity to study in the UK. Good luck!

AMIR RAMZAN

Director Pakistan - British Council Pakistan

HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR IN PAKISTAN – A JOURNEY IN SEVEN DECADES

British Council started its work in Pakistan in 1947 with the goal of creating a friendly knowledge exchange and understanding between the people of the UK and Pakistan. We work towards this goal by making a positive contribution by creating opportunities, building connections, and engendering trust through working together in the fields of arts and culture, English language, Education and the Civil society. In 2017 we marked 70 years of the British Council working in Pakistan. We have been celebrating this through diverse activities and programming, ranging from cultural festivals and alumni events to form new partnerships and increase our digital footprint.



British Council Pakistan in collaboration with Higher Education Commission has worked consistently to make access to higher education easier for the average Pakistani. Sustainable development and institutional capacity building of the higher education sector in Pakistan have been the primary objectives of our projects. The Projects are based on mutual interest, need and mutual benefit. Our approach is to promote 'policy learning', in which both UK and Pakistan stakeholders co-develop solutions suited to Pakistan's context.

156 Pakistani universities out of 187 are engaged with British Council and Higher Education Commission programmes. We have created 160 academics between the UK and Pakistan. British Council manages three main scholarship schemes in Pakistan and engages with a network of more than 10,000 British alumni

through six chapters of the British Alumni Association of Pakistan.

Leadership development is our flagship programme with Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, so far more than 550 VCs, senior university management and senior management of Pakistan's Higher Education Commission have been trained in UK. We now organize Leadership programme for newly recruited vice chancellors as their induction programme.

80 per cent of Pakistan universities and 52 per cent of all UK universities are currently or have been involved in a partnership under the British Council under and Higher Education Commission academic links programmes. These programmes include INSPIRE, DelPHE, PMI2 and HEC-BC links, Knowledge Exchange partnerships, Transnational education programmes.

The British Council and Higher Education Commission developed capacity of PhD supervisors, improving English Language skills through Transforming English Language Skills, STEM Training for Pakistani faculty members, Entrepreneurship trainings and training institutional performance evaluation with the support of UK Institutes benefiting more than 60,000 students and 15,000 faculty members in Pakistan.

The British Council with the support of Scottish Government initiated a scholarship scheme for women in Pakistan in 2013. The Scholarship Schemes helps to overcome challenges that hinder Pakistani women access higher education. The scholarship scheme has facilitated 405 women so far, in their masters' study, all across Pakistan in priority fields such as education, sustainable energy, food security and agriculture, health sciences and STEM education. Under this scheme, British Council also provided female PhD candidates with the opportunity conduct their research or dissertation in Scottish Universities.

By 2050, the HEC aims to increase gross enrolment by 15 per cent, PhD faculty by 40 per cent, the number of universities to 300 and a total enrolment to 7.1 million. Given the enormity of HEC's goals, The British Council and Higher Education Commission have signed a Letter of Intent to collaborate on development of PAK-UK Education Gateway.

Over the years, Pakistan has vastly benefitted from the UK Education Sector through British Council. From knowledge exchange and leadership development programmes, to student and teacher training, scholarships and research collaborations, the UK education sector has assisted in improving the higher education sector in Pakistan.

The gateway aims to facilitate comprehensive programmes to help build the capacity of higher education institutions. The six main areas for collaboration as identified in the LOI include Innovative and Collaborative Research, Higher Education Leadership, Quality Assurance and Standard Setting, Distance Learning, International Mobility and Transnational Education.

Given past collaborations and its track record in higher education, partnership with the UK higher education sector can prove to be beneficial for all parties involved. The UK can play a significant role in building strategic partnerships through policy dialogues, study tours, facilitating sector level collaborations, and institution to institution partnerships. While Pakistan will contribute to the UK higher education sector by increasing the total number of PhD, masters and undergraduate students in UK institutions, increased research projects and services, and growth in talent pool.



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BRITISH COUNCIL STUDY UK CAMPUS DRIVE 2020

British Council Study UK Campus Drive offers an exclusive opportunity for students to meet with university representatives from UK higher education institutions to get first-hand information about UK universities application procedure, courses, scholarship, and life in the UK.



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The following UK Universities participated in the Study UK Campus Drive 2020.

- Cambridge Education Group
- Coventry University
- Kingston University
- Queen Mary University of London
- Swansea University
- University of Aberdeen
- University of Nottingham
- University of Portsmouth
- University of Warwick

Participating UK Institutions visited 12 leading Pakistani institutions and interacted with approximately 2200 potential students. Representatives from UK institutions also had the opportunity to network with the school counsellors and faculty members in order to promote their institution, courses, and student support facilities.

CAMPUS DRIVE 2020

20-21 | January | Monday and Tuesday

Karachi and Hyderabad

1. The City School
2. Suffa University
3. Beaconhouse School System
4. University of Sindh

23-24 | January | Thursday and Friday

Islamabad and Rawalpindi

1. Beaconhouse School System
2. Pak-Turk Maarif Intl Schools & Colleges
3. Benchmark School System
4. Roots International School

27-28 | January | Monday and Tuesday

Lahore and Faisalabad

1. The City School
2. Kinnaird College for Women University
3. Beaconhouse School System
4. University of Agriculture



COUNSELLORS' SYMPOSIUM

STUDY UK COUNSELLORS SYMPOSIUM WAS BACK IN KARACHI



The Study UK Counsellors' Symposium 2020 was held at British Council Karachi Library on February 10. It was a one-day event that provided three UK HEIs, as event partners, an exclusive opportunity for direct networking and profile-building among counsellors. Around 70 student influencers in Pakistan from leading schools, universities and education industry partners attended this activity of substance.

The programme was curated with the overarching theme 'Counselling for 2020' and enabled interaction, insights and engagement of a diverse portfolio of stakeholders including student advisors, career advisors, placement officers, teachers, heads, education professionals, education agents and consultants. The themes for sessions and discussions were primarily on key areas around counselling, career guidance and international higher education.

The event is a signature, unique platform designed by IES Pakistan team to provide professional development to the target audience while generating focused recognition for UK HEIs and relevant partners. The programme also included a dialogue between Michael Houlgate, Director Sindh and Baluchistan British Council Pakistan and Mike Nithavrianakis-British Deputy High Commissioner, Trade Director for Pakistan, exploring UK as higher education destination in 2020.

Participating Universities included:

- Brunel University of London
- The University of Law
- Warwick University



British Council Study UK Counsellors' Symposium 2020-Programme Run

Welcome Note

Michael Houlgate-Director Sindh & Baluchistan, British Council Pakistan

Sponsored Session: Game-changing personal statements for 2020
Warwick University- Tom Parker (International Officer-Middle East & Pakistan)
Zeeshan Riaz (Pakistan Representative)

Panel Discussion: Gearing up for 2020

Exploring emerging skills, subject areas and specialisation needed to align higher education with industry trends of the new decade

Moderator: Khawar Abbas- Head of International Education Services, British Council Pakistan
Panellists: Dr. Christopher S.Taylor- Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty, Habib University
Dr Huma Baqai-Associate Dean and Associate Professor, IBA
Umer Farooqi- HR Business Partner, Engro PowerGen

Sponsored Session: The Case for a Better Future
The University of Law-Sami Ahmed Khan (Business Development Manager, Pakistan)

Panel Discussion: What's Next?

Divulging the challenges and opportunities for counsellors and educational advisors in 2020

Moderator: Tooba Iqbal-Manager International Education Services, British Council Pakistan
Panellists: Zeeshan Riaz- Pakistan Representative, Warwick University
Muhammad Ahad Gul- Manager Placement and Alumni-The City School Head Office
Fehmida Saad-Founder and CEO Universal Educational Guidance

Dialogue: UK as a Higher Education Destination in 2020

Michael Houlgate-Director Sindh & Baluchistan
in conversation with
Mike Nithavrianakis- British Deputy High Commissioner, Trade Director for Pakistan

Session: The Balancing Act

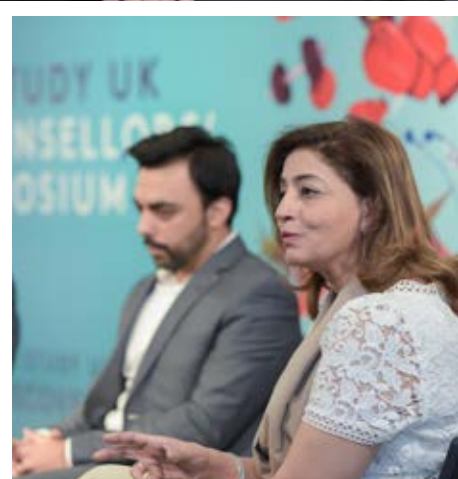
Addressing the work life balance challenge for counsellors and educationists-how to focus on personal wellbeing and manage stress

Session Lead: Zainab Tariq- Programme Manager, IRD

Closing Note

Certificate Distribution





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The UK's 162 higher education institutions are all held to strict standards by the government, so you know you are getting the best teaching, support and resources available.

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The Register of Regulated Qualifications contains details of Recognised Awarding Organisations and Regulated Qualifications in England (Ofqual), Wales (Welsh Government) and Northern Ireland (Ofqual for

vocational qualifications and CCEA Accreditation for all other qualifications). For Scottish qualifications, please visit the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework website.

INNOVATIVE TEACHING METHODS

Our universities combine traditional lectures with a variety of innovative teaching techniques, designed to encourage independent thinking, problem-solving skills and self-motivation. You will be working in small groups solving real-life problems from your future career, whether in the classroom, the lab or on field trips.

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You will have an opportunity to learn from the very best in your field: many teachers in UK universities are industry leaders in their field, and you will have one-to-one access to them where you will be able to learn from their vast experience. Our institutions also cultivate industry relationships, allowing you to get practical experience in your field within world-leading organisations, and make connections to give your career an edge.

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Shayan Junaid, St. Mary's College

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ALUMNI PROFILE

RABIA SULTAN ABBASI

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

I was born and raised in Pakistan and the only two places I had been until I turned 23 were my two hometowns; Islamabad and Murree. When I arrived in UK, I landed in London before making my way to Sheffield. My friends used to joke about how from never travelling outside my hometowns, I have travelled to the London which is one of the most diverse cities of the world.

I have always been academically good, and my parents recognised my big ambitions early on and strived to provide me with the best possible education. Being a woman and coming from a traditional middle-class family in Pakistan, education gave me the hope and means to develop my career in the way I always dreamt of. I graduated from NUST as Software Engineering graduate with a President's Gold medal following which I was awarded a scholarship to pursue my postgraduate degree at the University of Sheffield. The University of Sheffield's scholarship enabled me to pursue a degree abroad. I studied MS Software Systems and Internet Technology and graduated with distinction in 2014.

My course with Computer Science department was based on classroom-based learning and we were assessed through multiple assignments, coding projects and few exams. During my time in Sheffield, I worked as a Student Ambassador with International Recruitment to support new incoming students from Pakistan with their journey of arriving in UK. I also worked with University's English Language Teaching Centre, ran social media platforms for Nursing and Midwifery department and I also built a website for a winter sports charity in Sheffield. Additionally, I was involved in multiple extra-curricular activities which gave me a chance to meet students and staff from multiple departments.

Studying abroad was a huge opportunity for me and I was determined to extend that experience in the form of working abroad. Soon after arriving in UK, I started researching best IT companies to work for and skills that those companies are looking for in graduates. My experience of working part-time with University and involvement with extra-curricular activities (during my



undergraduate and postgraduate studies) has been a huge contributor towards my job search and interview process. The University of Sheffield career service has been very supportive throughout the process with general guidance and one to one support in reviewing CV, online application and answering any other questions.

Soon after finishing my MS degree, I started as a graduate employee with Accenture five years ago and I am currently working there as Associate Manager. My current role is to lead technical delivery of complex



enterprise wide software systems managing design, build and test teams. My journey with Accenture has been very rewarding in terms of career development and the nature of work. I climbed the career ladder quickly following a very simple principle of demonstrating the ability to perform at the next level and always supporting others in their role. I took projects that were a level higher than my ability, upskilled myself by taking new challenges every day and used all the mentoring available to do the job well. Additionally, I have really enjoyed the diversity of work I did in the areas of enterprise wide technology transformation projects in Telecom, Financial Services and Education industries. However, working with geographically dispersed teams has been by far the favourite part of my job. I have worked with near-shore teams across Europe and offshore teams in Philippines and India.

My life in UK has been nothing short of adventure. I met amazing people from all over the world and due to nature of my job I have worked in multiple cities in UK and abroad. I almost feel the sense of awe learning about different cultures, religions and nationalities. The more I meet people from different cultures, the more I can recognise the similarities whilst celebrating differences. It's an extraordinary experience of

personal growth and finding new perspectives to connect with people who have different background, lifestyle and life circumstances.

No one's life is void of challenges and I had my own fair share of hardships predominantly cultural and financial. A big part of those hardships were the unpleasant situations, but even bigger part was self-doubt and imposter syndrome those situations can leave you with. My biggest learning from those times is to recognise that every situation either pleasant or unpleasant is temporary, and we must keep pushing forward.

My advice to students reading this is to trust your abilities and keep learning new things everyday as part of their degrees and outside. Stay updated with the latest trends in your field of study. Find the role models that are thriving in the career that you want to be in and learn from them. Participate in activities outside your coursework and build a broader perspective of your industry early on. Recognise that your life will have good and bad days but if you know what's important to you then you will persevere. And last, but surely not the least, don't forget to have fun. Every morning before you start your day, find a funny meme and laugh your heart out.

STUDY UK EXHIBITION TOUR

THE BEST ROADSHOW OF UK UNIVERSITIES TO TOUR PAKISTAN



The British Council held Pakistan's largest Study UK Exhibition in October 2019. 26 leading UK Universities visited Pakistan and met with students in Karachi, Islamabad and Lahore. They met students, counselled, guided and advised visitors about the latest opportunities in higher education in the UK. The students received advice about admissions, scholarships, subjects, admission procedures and life in UK.

The Study UK Exhibition Tour returned to Pakistan in October 2019. This year, the exhibition not only went bigger but better as well. We ventured into three cities: Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad with the largest cohort of UK higher education institutions (UK HEIs) to come to Pakistan to connect with students through exhibitions, campus counselling visits and networking activities. The Study UK Exhibition Tour had participation from 26 UK HEIs and an audience outreach of 7500+ via open-to-public exhibitions and campus visits, making it the biggest tour to take place in Pakistan till date.

The tour kicked-off from Karachi, moving to Islamabad and concluded at Lahore. All three exhibitions were well attended by the target audience. In addition

to the day long exhibitions, the participating universities also undertook four campus counselling visits to educational institutions (A level schools and universities) in Islamabad and Lahore. The delegates were warmly welcomed by career counsellors and prospective international students at each campus. The three exhibitions and four visits to selected campuses, facilitated engagement with approximately 7500 students.

The Study UK Pakistan team had also arranged several networking events to facilitate connections between the participating UK institutions and key contacts from the public and private education sectors. The Exhibition tour also provided the delegates to experience the vibrancy and history of Pakistan, via a cultural tour of Lahore Fort and Royal mosque, and a cultural evening organized at Kinnaird College Lahore.

As always, the exhibition was not only popular amongst students, who wished to pursue higher education in the UK, but it also attracted parents, education managers and representatives of the Pakistani institutions as well.

We look forward to making the next events even better and to hosting UK institutions with the same traditional hospitality and colours of Pakistan!

26 of the best UK higher education institutions visited Pakistan to participate in the exhibition tour.

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They are:

- 1 City, University of London
- 2 Durham University
- 3 Kaplan International
- 4 Kingston University
- 5 Queen Mary University of London
- 6 Royal Holloway, University of London
- 7 Sheffield Hallam University
- 8 SOAS University of London
- 9 The University of Edinburgh
- 10 The University of Manchester
- 11 The University of Sheffield
- 12 University of Aberdeen
- 13 University of Birmingham
- 14 University of Dundee
- 15 University of East Anglia
- 16 University of Essex
- 17 University of Glasgow
- 18 University of Kent
- 19 University of Leeds
- 20 University of Nottingham
- 21 University of Portsmouth
- 22 University of Salford
- 23 University of Strathclyde
- 24 University of Sussex
- 25 University of Warwick
- 26 University of York

Study UK Exhibition Tour 2019

Karachi	Tuesday, 15 October 2019
Islamabad	Thursday, 17 October 2019
Lahore	Tuesday, 22 October 2019

Campus counselling visits

The City School, Islamabad
Westminster School and College, Islamabad
The Millennium Universal College, Lahore
Forman Christian College University, Lahore

HIGHLIGHTS



3 exhibitions



4 campus counselling visits

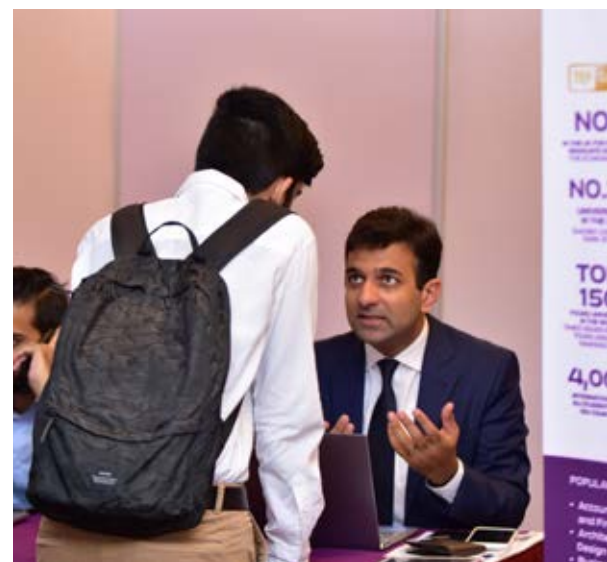


26 UK institutions



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PAK-UK SCHOOLS EXCHANGE VISIT



The Lyceum School, Lahore developed links with Queen's Park High School through the Connecting Classrooms, Exchange Visit Programme.

Matt Yeoman, Assistant Head teacher travelled all the way to Pakistan to observe and learn the classroom practices here. He was amazed at the cultural diversity and the warmth he received in the country.

Mr. Yeoman spent a week in Pakistan engaging with the students, observing classroom practices, teaching the students and in turn, also learning a lot from them.

During his visit, he even had the chance to attend an International School Awards Ceremony in Islamabad, where he met the Minister of Education and the Head of Schools to discuss potential partnerships moving ahead, ensuring sustainability.

Queen's Park High School reciprocated the visit with the arrival of the Lyceum School's Principal, Bushra Anis Naqvi, who spent a week in the UK. Her visit played a very similar yet different role than that of Mr. Yeoman, which is exactly what the Exchange Programme is all about.

The Programme encourages cultural exchange in all possible ways. The world is a growing global village, exchange of knowledge and best practices through experiential learning is not just beneficial for the participating teachers, but also the students currently enrolled and the ones to come in the future, this would result in a ripple effect, hence creating a colossal impact.

GET THE SKILLS EMPLOYERS WANT

During your studies, there will be an opportunity for you to develop the critical thinking skills, creativity and confidence that employers look for.

There may also be the chance for you to get involved in internships, work-placements, volunteering and dissertation placements.

The QS global survey of graduate employers consistently shows that UK degrees are highly valued worldwide, with UK universities topping the QS employer reputation ranking.

INTERNSHIPS AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Having a form of work placement experience definitely gives you an advantage in an increasingly competitive graduate job market.

Some courses include a year of working in the industry or internships in the industry you're interested in. Work placements provide you with hands-on experience in a profession that you can't simulate in lectures or the classroom.

PLAN FOR YOUR CAREER

All UK universities and colleges employ professional career advisers to give advice on how to plan your career, build your CV and prepare for interviews.

Careers advisors can help you focus on developing the skills needed to succeed in particular industries. By honing in on specific attributes which will make you more employable, you will stand out amongst others.

There are lots of UK based organisations that offer excellent careers planning and support. See the links here for organisations that can help you discover where your UK qualification could lead.



- The UK's Competitive Advantage, June 2017 by Universities UK
- **Prospects - Work experience and internships**
www.prospects.ac.uk
- **Gradlink - UK's Career Advice for International Students**
www.gradlinkuk.com
- **AIESEC - Volunteering Experiences and Professional Internships**
www.aiesec.co.uk

Source: <https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/why-study/get-skills-employers-want>

STUDY UK WEEK PAKISTAN

The Study UK Week was initiated this year as an exciting, new opportunity for UK higher education institutions (UK HEIs) to gain maximum outreach and visibility, just in time for the Study UK Exhibition Tour 2019 in Pakistan.

The Study UK Week 2019, scheduled from 23 to 27 September, provided activities strategically designed to generate positive brand recognition among students across O/A level and undergraduate campuses in Pakistan. Participating UK HEIs chose from clutter-free, direct marketing options that did not require in-person representation including social media engagement, on campus branding and face to face activities run by Study UK student ambassadors.

The week enabled engagement of key stakeholders within the Pakistan market while creating brand visibility and information sharing platforms with both digital and on ground options. It was enthusiastically celebrated by local partner institutions, and its events were executed with dedicated ownership by them.

List of Participating UK HEIs

1. University of Portsmouth
2. University of Leeds
3. Queen Mary University of London
4. University of Wolverhampton
5. University of Kent

Some feedback from local stakeholders

'Insightful activity that helped develop interest in students for UK universities'

'Students became familiar with the participating UK universities and wanted to explore them more for their future degrees'

'Interactive event that involved students, giving them an option to learn about UK study options while leading and taking ownership'

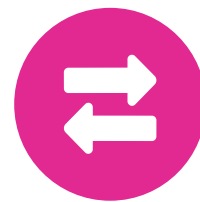
STUDY UK WEEK 2019 - HIGHLIGHTS



35 Local Partner
Campuses



4200+ audience
reach achieved



3 major cities
covered



162 student
ambassadors trained
and engaged



increased interest and
recognition for
participating UK HEIs

CITY WISE LIST OF LOCAL PARTNER CAMPUSES

KARACHI	LAHORE	ISLAMABAD
Lyceum School	Aitchison College	Westminster Academy Islamabad - Ibn Sina Campus
Beaconhouse College Campus Defence	International School of Choueifat	Benchmark School System
Beaconhouse College Campus PECHS	Superior University (Two Campuses)	SuperNova School
Institute of Business Administration Karachi (IBA)	Forman Christian College University	The City School - Rawal Campus
The City School PAF Chapter-A level	Beaconhouse College Campus.	Roots Millennium School
The City School Darakhshan Campus	The City School A-level Campus Gulberg	The City School - Capital Campus Islamabad
Sceptre College	The City School Ravi campus	The Millennium Universal College (TMUC Islamabad)
Cedar College	The Millennium Universal College (TMUC-Lahore)	Headstart School – A Level Branch, F8
Habib University	Kinnaird College	University of Wah
The Millennium Universal College (TMUC-Karachi)	Pak Turk International Schools and Colleges Lahore (Two campuses)	Wah Engineering College
The City School Gulshan -A level		
The City School North Nazimabad A level		
The City School Hyderabad A-level		





PICTURE THE IMPACT: UK ALUMNI PHOTO EXHIBITION SERIES

The UK Alumni in Pakistan are one of the most prominent footprint of British Council's endeavours in education sector of the country. Leaving their impression in diversified range of fields, the UK Alumni remain testament to British Council's commitment towards establishing strong educational linkages between Pakistan and UK. Hence it is imperative that British Council aims to synergize the efforts of these torchbearers of its philosophy by continually arranging networking events.

Continuing with the tradition, British Council has recently initiated a series of photo exhibitions for UK Alumni in the country. The objective behind these exhibitions is to bring to light the widespread and impactful work of the UK alumni through the lens of a camera. The first photo exhibition of this series was organized in British Council Karachi office on 9th December 2019. Eight photographs were put on display showcasing the successful and productive interventions of UK Alumni in different aspects of life.

Three UK Alumni members were invited to address to the event. Sarah Qureshi, currently the CEO and founding director of Aero Engine Craft (Pvt) Limited,





holds the PhD degree in Aerospace Engineering from Cranfield University. Being a specialist in propulsion, she discussed her research work and her contribution in the invention of revolutionary contrail-free aero engines. Usage of contrail-free aero engines will reduce global warming and induce artificial rain during flight.

Sikander Bizenjo, an alumnus of University of East Anglia in Norwich, is working as project manager in School of Business and Leadership, Karachi. Apart from launching several educational campaigns, he is currently leading the Urban Youth Project to promote youth-led businesses from lower-income and marginalized communities of Karachi. He spoke about how he helped train 80 micro-entrepreneurs, including 40 girls thus far to empower them socially and economically.

Rabia Zafar holds her Ph.D. degree in Earth Science and Engineering Research from Imperial College London

and is currently working as Director ORIC, Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University in Quetta. She is principal investigator of Balochistan's first Geographic Information System, remote sensing based Mineral Inventory Project and Balochistan Space Program. She talked about her recent project on the health and safety measures of coalminers in the hazardous coalmines of Balochistan.

The speaker's session was followed by a networking dinner. The audience of the event, which also comprised of UK Alumni members, used this platform to socialize and hold interactive discussion with the guest speakers. During the dinner, several other UK Alumni members also stepped forward and expressed their desire to attend the upcoming events as speaker. The success of event was evident from the interest it has kindled in the audience to take centre stage in future.

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ALUMNI PROFILE

NUDRAT HUSSAIN KHAN

WARWICK UNIVERSITY

The journey of my higher studies in the UK is a unique one, made special due to the tremendous support extended to me by the University of Warwick at a very emotional time of my life.

Hailing from the deprived land mired in controversy but of generous people of Quetta, Balochistan ; a loving, but conservative home; and despite an early marriage and pitted against deeply ingrained gender expectations, I grew to become the second masters degree holder in my entire family. After the successful completion of the examination of civil superior services, I chose to join the trade and commerce group, becoming the first woman in the clan setting out on a career path.

As a horse-back rider, (a hobby not associated with girls in this part of the world), I had often day-dreamt of the English countryside, and one day, studying there like Mr. Jinnah. I remember, frantically applying to universities, getting selected but not having enough tuition cover or courage to tell my father. The day I finally got a scholarship is etched in my memory. Etched too is the memory of my father telling me (in Paris EuroDisney) that no matter how intelligent I might be, he would never send me abroad 'unchaperoned' for higher studies. Something broke inside me that day.

Little did I know that destiny had something planned for me, albeit the fact that I will have to resiliently work for it. After the hardcore training of civil services, and two years in my office, one day, I met an emerging entrepreneur, whom I was facilitating as deputy director Afghanistan reconstruction cell. He wanted me to fill some forms for him and I saw the University of Warwick's website for the very first time. That night, I sat down and filled a few forms for myself, including the IELTS. Disillusioned once, I had just acted on a whim and was not anticipating any positive outcome. Cliché- nevertheless I was overjoyed when I received a band score of 8.5 and 9 in speaking. A prompt email of acknowledgement, exchange of many more, an essay and some telephonic interviews later, I had been selected by all the universities including the prestigious Warwick MPA scholarship. It was a battle of nerves to convince my family to let me avail the opportunity as I thought it was my last bet. My father flew to the UK that summer and especially visited the Warwick Campus. He called me to tell how he loved it. The next week on his way to the airport, he had a massive heart attack in London underground and I received his coffin where I



had seen him off dressed to the nines, a month ago!

I took a principled decision not to leave my grieving mother alone and with a very heavy heart, I informed the University of Warwick about the withdrawal decision. I cannot ever forget the email message I got back from them (both the UK and Pakistan representatives), not only understanding my situation but lauding my decision. I was further moved when I received refund of my hostel accommodation (Lake Side) advance which was not their general policy. Needless to say, it was a time of heart ache.

The next year, I was selected for a fully funded World Bank Scholarship and the MEXT scholarship from the Government of Japan. I had also secured admissions in the 3 top universities of the US and the UK respectively, and World Trade Institute, Switzerland. Opting for the Warwick Law School was an easy one-the university that had stood by me as a warm, pulsating feeling.

Entering the English soil this time was an exhilarating



experience: my father's last memories and all my struggles of past 15 years rolling into one. The immigration officer welcomed me with a huge smile, wishing me luck and sharing her son also intended to go to Warwick.

Living and studying in the UK has shaped my personality in more ways than one. The freedom of getting on to a bus all by myself, doing groceries, walking and laughing in the rain without being judged are some of the little but most cherished memories. The beauty of England is not only that it provides opportunities to explore her own people and places; it lets you be friends with people from all over the world. I have formed life-long friendships with English, European, Indian, American, Spanish and so many people of other regions. This exposure has hugely impacted my work performance as a commercial diplomat. The five senses are fully tantalized in the UK. Scones with strawberry jam were a love at first bite; Tesco express midnight binges; learning to greet everyone 'y alright!'; libraries at every turn, jacket potato vendors, beautiful dogs and lovely parks and peaceful churches, English Tea Pot for all and sundry, potlucks and knitting Trauma Teddys for Syrian Refugees- not to mention morning horse-back rides and afternoon teas! The United Kingdom is the best demonstration of tolerance and acceptance. It is the country of random kindness, where I learnt to balance stand in an underground while reading newspaper and cheered on by random daily commuters. The place that taught me to enjoy being a nobody and unashamedly myself. The country that gave my husband and I our first German Shepherd family member called Jasper.

During my studies, I had elected to keep varied modules such as gender, global economy, environment

and labour laws to tackle these issues in an effective manner back home. Graduating with a distinction and coming back home with lots of love and friends is one amazing voyage. Being accepted as a Doctoral studies candidate was humbling. Teachers like Sir Alan Neal, and Ms. Anne Stewart all law school staff made it remarkable.

The tale of the dreamy girl, on the back of a mountain gelding in a far-flung remote area called Quetta, told by a somewhat sad, but strong woman is the one I would never tire telling my grandchildren.

Today as a USAID Women Leaders in Trade Policy alumni, Acumen Fellow and World bank scholar, and after gazillion trainings and travels, I assumed charged as Director General, Punjab (the first female, hoping to pave the way for many more), I owe all my strength to break the glass ceiling to my UK experience. Every time, I am invited as a success story or a motivational speaker, I look back at this daunting journey and the long road ahead with very fond memories of my UK sojourn. It remains my pride, my passion and my pain.

I have had 30 plus research papers and articles published on the modules that I chose for my LLM in England, and have contributed in initiating developmental projects for women entrepreneurship development, child labour elimination, participatory leadership, and market intelligence. As I climb the corporate ladder, I see myself in positions of additional responsibilities in international economic law divisions of the government and feel confident that my UK qualification and the experience has equipped me to make a difference!

To all aspiring students in the UK: Learn to carry an umbrella. Mine kept on being swept away with the wind throughout, with me hanging onto my cap for dear life.

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Source: <https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/why-study/access-world-leading-research>

EXPLORE THE UK

Make the most out of your time whilst studying in the UK.

It is a country with rich history and culture, stunning countryside, paired with world-leading modern art, design, culture, fashion and sport. A UK education offers something for everyone.

From bustling cities to snow-capped mountains, rolling green hills to highlands and islands, the UK is beautiful and exploring is a must. Its relatively small size and good transport links mean that you can see a lot while you are here.

LONDON

The capital of England is the biggest city in the UK, and one of the most culturally and ethnically diverse cities in the world. From fascinating history and iconic buildings, to cutting-edge fashion, theatre and food, it's easy to see why London is one of the most exciting and most visited cities on the planet.

NORTHERN ENGLAND

Once at the heart of the industrial revolution, today northern cities like Manchester and Liverpool are best known for their famous football clubs and great nightlife. Outside the cities you'll find impressive countryside, from the beauty of The Lake District, to the rolling hills of the Yorkshire Dales.

CENTRAL ENGLAND

Known as The Midlands, this region is home to the UK's second largest city, Birmingham, as well as its most famous universities, Oxford and Cambridge. Head out of the cities and find the picturesque villages of the Cotswolds and the charming Tudor town of Stratford-upon-Avon, Shakespeare's birthplace.

SOUTHWEST ENGLAND

Remote sandy beaches make Southwest counties such as Dorset, Devon and Cornwall popular holiday destinations in the UK. The region's main cities, Bath and Bristol offer vibrant alternatives to the tranquillity of the coast, offering fascinating history, as well as colourful music and arts scenes.

SOUTHEAST ENGLAND

Noted for its gentle rolling countryside, the Southeast is home to the county of Kent, known as the 'Garden of England'. The region's seaside towns are also a big attraction, with Brighton, famous for its vintage shopping, colourful nightlife and laid-back beach living, one of the most renowned.

SCOTLAND

The UK's northernmost country, Scotland is a stunning mix of wild beauty and buzzing cities. From the capital city Edinburgh, home to the iconic hilltop castle and the world's biggest arts festival, to the mountain wilderness of the Highlands, and the miles of untouched beaches dotted along the coastline, Scotland has a lot to offer.

WALES

With three national parks – Snowdonia, the Pembrokeshire Coast and Brecon Beacons – covering twenty per cent of Wales, it goes without saying that it's home to some stunning landscapes. As well the mountain ranges, rugged coastline and historic capital Cardiff, Wales is equally famous for its distinctive Welsh language and love of sport.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Northern Ireland is a country renowned for its friendly people and natural beauty. In the capital Belfast, you'll find a great mix of nightlife and history. Venture to more rural areas to see stunning coastline, including the Giant's Causeway, the famous natural rock formation that has many a legend associated with it.



HOW TO CHOOSE A UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE

With over 160 universities and colleges and limitless courses and study options on offer, you can make your UK higher education experience as unique as you are.



There are specialist universities and colleges, world-renowned historic institutions, modern innovative facilities and pioneering and progressive research centres in locations all over the country, offering you the chance to tailor your learning to your aspirations and career goals.

SPECIALIST UNIVERSITIES

Many UK universities are world renowned for their subjects, courses, professors and tutors. There are also universities and colleges that have a very strong focus upon a specific subject area, such as business, art and design, music or engineering.

These institutions offer highly specialised education in your chosen field and you will be surrounded by like-minded students – great for focused development, future contacts as well as making friends.

HOW TO RESEARCH

There is a lot of information available to help you decide which course, location and UK university or college is right for you. A good place to start is Unistats, the official website for comparing UK higher education course data. On this website you can select and compare subjects, modes of study, teaching outcomes and location to help you learn more about the courses

Source: <https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/why-study/access-world-leading-research>

on offer. For each course there is a 'Key Information Set' which tells you about professional accreditation, student satisfaction and provides employment statistics. You can also look at the University's own website and there are a number of university league tables (or rankings) that provide more information.

Some organisations publish rankings at institutional and/or subject level include QS World Universities, Times Higher Education and The Guardian. The People & Planet University League is a ranking of UK universities on their environmental and ethical performance. UCAS also has a wealth of support on how to choose your course and how to apply to study in the UK. The Association of Colleges site offers a map of colleges in the UK alongside links and vital information.

University and college websites and prospectuses have full listings of courses on offer, details of course content and modules, and success stories of previous graduates. Many have student blogs and promotional films, and there is also lots of material created by current students about their UK experience.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

Does the university offer the right course options and

flexibility for you?

How does it rank for student satisfaction and care?

What facilities are on offer? Consider things such as libraries, lecture halls and study spaces

What are your career prospects? What percentages of its students go straight into employment or further study after graduating?

What are the teaching standards like?

How does it perform in terms of research activity?

Are there extra-curricular opportunities such as student unions, societies and sports teams?

Is the university based on campus or spread out over a city?

Where in the UK? Studying in a city centre London University will be a different experience to a smaller university in Wales that is close to the countryside.

What are the course fees and accommodation costs and standards like?

Is the institution recognised by UK authorities as having UK degree awarding powers?

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BUILT-IN FLEXIBILITY

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QUALIFY SOONER

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As well as connecting you with all kinds of ambitious likeminded students from the UK and abroad, UK courses offer lots of ways to take your first steps into the world of work. From placements, internships and opportunities to gain professional accreditation, we'll make sure you take your first steps on the career ladder with confidence.

Source: <https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/why-study/short-flexible-courses>



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If you are from a Commonwealth country, believe you could make a positive difference to the world and can't afford to fund your UK studies on your own, then you could be the ideal candidate for a Commonwealth Scholarship.

WHAT IS THE COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP?

The Commonwealth Scholarship scheme is aimed specifically at students from disadvantaged backgrounds across the Commonwealth. By funding postgraduate studies in a range of different study formats, it helps to support innovators and leaders of the future.

This historic award is the UK's primary scholarship scheme focused on supporting British international development goals. It is designed to attract outstanding talent to UK universities whilst also supporting sustainable development overseas.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Scholarships are offered in any subject for both master's and PhD courses, with specific scholarships available for split-site, shared and distance learning study. (Some undergraduate opportunities are also available for residents of St Helena).

Each scholarship is fully funded, which means that as well as covering your tuition fees you will also receive your airfare to and from the UK, and a living allowance to support you while you are here. Additional grants are also available on some scholarships for cold weather clothing, thesis writing, field work, family visits and the costs of mid-term travel home.

Courses need to be completed in a single year at a UK university. There's no restriction on what you can study but the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission gives priority to applicants whose studies are most relevant to their development criteria.

WHO IS IT FOR?

To apply for a Commonwealth Scholarship you must be a citizen or permanent resident of a Commonwealth country. You will still be eligible if you are a refugee or British protected person.

You also need to have an undergraduate honours degree of at least upper second class (2:1). If you wish to study a PhD, you will need an appropriate master's degree too.

Finally, you must be unable to afford to study in the UK without the scholarship.

HOW TO APPLY

To be awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship you need to apply through a National Nominating agency. Each country has its own specific nominating bodies, with its own rules and eligibility criteria and deadlines.

The course you wish to study will need to be with a university that is partnered with the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission. If you have already been accepted on a course with an eligible university, they can apply on your behalf.

You can start your personal application by following the online process on your country page on the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission website. Your application will then be sent directly to your country's nominating agency.

WHAT DO I NEED TO APPLY?

To begin your online application you'll need a scanned copy of your passport, your academic transcript, your existing university degree certificate and, if you have one, your admission letter.

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS?

Annual deadlines for application are usually in December. Check the page of the scholarship you are interested in at the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission website to see dates when they are announced for 2019/20.



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Once the route is introduced, international students who have successfully completed a course at undergraduate level or above will be eligible to apply for the Graduate route. The application process will be as simple as possible and applicants will be subject to criminality, identity and security checks. All applications will need to be made in-country and a fee will be applied.

All students accepted for the Graduate route will receive two years non-extendable leave. During that time, they will be able to work, or look for work, at any skill level, but won't be able to access public funds and settlement rights will not be accrued. Graduates will

also be able to switch into skilled work once they have found a suitable job.

Plans for the graduate immigration route's introduction will be set out in due course. Once the route is introduced, those with valid leave as a Tier 4 student, who have successfully completed a course at undergraduate level or above at a higher education provider with a track record of compliance, will be eligible to apply. Those who graduate and whose leave expires before the route is introduced will not be eligible for it.

The launch of the route demonstrates the government's support for the education sector, and commitment to the International Education Strategy, which sets out ambition to increase the number of international higher education students to 600,000 by 2030.



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LITERATURE AND OUTREACH

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STUDENT VISAS



Most international students need a student visa to study in the UK. Finding out whether you need a visa to study is easy - simply check here on GOV.UK.

Your student visa will allow you to live and study in the UK throughout your course.

If you attend a pre-departure briefing in your home country, you will pick up more handy tips on your visa application. British Council holds pre-departure briefings in many countries. To find out more about these events in your home country, go to the British Council website and select your country from the drop-down menu.

TYPES OF STUDENT VISA

Tier 4 (General) Student Visas

If you are 16 or over and want to study at higher education level, you'll need to apply for a Tier 4 (General) student visa.

You need to wait until you have an offer from a university or college before applying for your Tier 4 (General) student visa. Your university or college will then be able to give you a document called a Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS). To do this, your chosen institution needs to be approved by the UK government as a 'licensed Tier 4 sponsor'.

Short-Term Study Visas

Short term study visas are available to students who want to join courses that are up to six months long or English language courses up to 11 months long.

Can I work in the UK on a study visa?

Many international students in the UK take a part-time job, work placement or internship alongside their studies. The hours and type of work you do will depend on the type of visa and your sponsoring university or college.

STUDY UK CONNECT PROGRAMME

GIFT UNIVERSITY, GUJRANWALA - AUGUST/SEPTEMBER, 2019

In the month of August British Council Pakistan, in collaboration with the University of Dundee organised a study familiarisation programme to the UK for a group of fifteen students enrolled at GIFT University, Gujranwala - Pakistan.

As part of this programme, student delegation took part in a five days study-programme exclusively designed by the British Council in collaboration with the International office at the University of Dundee. This study programme consisted of:

1. Study sessions:

- Group problem solving through an engineering task - Led by Dr Saverio Spadea
- Pakistan's Politics and Future – An insight in the University of Dundee's research in this area - Led by Dr Abdullah Yusuf
- Single use plastics assignment introduction – Led by Centre for Entrepreneurship
- The practical issues of Fiscal and Monetary policies - Led by Dr Sudharshan Reddy
- History of the city and University of Dundee – Led by Eddie Small
- Maths and how it can feature in all manners of research projects – Led by Dyce Davidson
- Analysing & presenting evidence; A Mock Trial Session - Led by Jacques Hartmann
- Study in Scotland: What is it like to study in Scotland plus how to maximise your chances of getting an Unconditional offer and scholarship Led by Ellen Brooks and Libby Findlay
- How to give the perfect business pitch
- How to create a great Social Media Marketing Campaign
- Group project presentations: Entrepreneur centre support with Single Use Plastics Project





2. Meetings and tour of facilities with International College Dundee
3. Interaction with faculty
4. Interaction with Pakistani students enrolled on campus
5. Meetings with international student ambassadors
6. Badminton competition between Pakistani and international students
7. Group project presentations
8. Scottish themed dinner
9. Tour of the V&A museum, Dundee

Before the start of study programme at the University

of Dundee, delegation spent a day in Edinburgh covering Royal Mile, Edinburgh Castel and Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

During the five days that the delegation spent at the University of Dundee, two of the students were interviewed and offered admissions on scholarship. They will join University of Dundee in spring, 2020. In addition to these two students, six more will seek admissions at the same institution in Scotland on completion of their current degree in Pakistan.

On completion of the study programme at University of Dundee, all participants received completion certificates and prizes for the winners of group presentation. Afterwards, the delegation travelled to London to further experience the environment, culture and heritage of UK.







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