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Research Mandate

- 1. The faculty and students of the Department of Islamic Studies are dedicated to conducting high-quality research within the field of Islamic Studies.
- 2. Faculty members actively supervise research, present their findings at national and international forums, and publish in journals of international repute.
- 3. Research encompasses a wide range of topics, focusing on contemporary issues within the Islamic world and Pakistan. This research seeks to provide tangible solutions to existing challenges through Islamic principles, contextualized within Pakistani culture.
- 4. Major research areas include the development of Indigenous Assessment Tools, along with the translation, adaptation, and norm development of such instruments.
- 5. Research is an integral component of all academic and training programs, with students receiving individualized research supervision.
- 6. The Department publishes its official journal, "HITEC ISLAMICUS" ISSN Online: 3105-4099, ISSN Print: 2521-0777, launched in 2025. The journal is published biannually.
- 7. Since 2025, the Department also publishes *Islamic Studies Abstracts*.
- 8. The *Islamic Studies Abstracts* initiative aims to highlight research conducted in Pakistan on contemporary issues in the Muslim world, with special reference to Islamic studies and its associated disciplines.
- 9. This publication will benefit the global student body by providing insight into the quality of research conducted at HITEC University, Taxila Cantt.
- 10. The Department mandates that all faculty and students adhere to the following Ethical Guidelines in research:
 - Researchers must obtain informed consent, which includes clear communication of:
 - o The research purpose, expected duration, and procedures.
 - The participants' right to decline or withdraw from participation, even after the study has begun, along with any anticipated consequences of withdrawal.
 - o Reasonably foreseeable factors that may influence willingness to participate, such as potential risks, discomfort, or adverse effects.

- o Any prospective benefits of the research.
- Limits of confidentiality regarding data collection, disposal, sharing, and archiving, including circumstances under which confidentiality must be breached.
- o Any incentives for participation.
- Researchers must respect the confidentiality and privacy of participants and explicitly discuss the limits of confidentiality with them.

Patron in Chief

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