

CALL FOR PROPOSALS



Startup Innovation in Sustainable Food Processing in Suburbs of Sukkur, Rohri & Khairpur

The Business Incubation Centre at Center for Entrepreneurship Management & Emerging Technologies (CEMET) is thrilled to invite innovative startups to submit proposals that align with our mission to transform the food processing industry into a sustainable, efficient, and value-driven sector. Our goal is to support projects that address key challenges and opportunities in the food processing domain, with a focus on increasing product shelf life, minimizing wastage, and promoting a knowledge-driven economy.

Thematic Areas

- ❑ **Sustainable Food Processing (SDG 12, 2, 3, 9):** This theme encompasses efforts to make food processing more sustainable by increasing the shelf life of products, minimizing wastage, and adding sustainable value. It also emphasizes the creation of marketable and exportable products while utilizing byproducts and adopting waste-to-product and waste-to-energy approaches to reduce environmental impact.
- ❑ **Knowledge Driven Innovation (SDG 9, 4, 8):** This theme focuses on leveraging knowledge and technology to drive innovation within the food processing industry. It encourages startups to develop solutions that create a knowledge-driven economy by utilizing data, analytics, and cutting-edge technologies to improve processes and outcomes.
- ❑ **Efficiency and Resource Optimization (SDG 9, 12, 13):** Efficiency Enhancement is at the core of this theme. It emphasizes the need for startups to innovate and optimize industrial processes to increase efficiency while reducing resource consumption. The goal is to improve productivity and reduce environmental footprint.
- ❑ **Circular Economy & Waste Management (SDG 12, 13, 14):** This theme revolves around creating a circular economy within the food processing industry. It promotes the utilization of waste by adopting waste-to-product and waste-to-energy approaches while also

encouraging recycling solutions to manage waste effectively and sustainably.

- ❑ **Job Creation & Economic Growth (SDG 8, 1, 9):** The focus of this theme is on initiatives that contribute to job creation and stimulate economic growth within the food processing sector. It encourages startups to develop projects that not only innovate but also have a positive impact on the workforce and local economies.

Benefits

- ❑ Exclusive access to the CEMET Business Incubation Centre
- ❑ Funding grant of PKR 01 million
- ❑ Networking with fellow innovators, partners and investors

How to Take Part

- ❑ Prepare a comprehensive proposal outlining your idea
- ❑ Highlight its uniqueness, feasibility and potential impact on local communities and industries
- ❑ Submit your proposal at <https://duet.edu.pk/>
- ❑ Shortlisted candidates shall be invited to present their ideas to a panel of experts
- ❑ For more details visit <https://duet.edu.pk/>

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