

Evidence(s) THE Impact Ranking 2025

University Dawood University of Engineering & Technology (DUET), Karachi
Country Pakistan
Web address <https://duet.edu.pk/sdgs/>
SDG 1.4.1 Assistance to the local community in supporting the startup of financially and socially sustainable businesses.

DUET provides significant assistance to the local community in supporting the startup of financially and socially sustainable businesses. The keyways DUET supports such initiatives:

CEMET Business Incubation Centre:

DUET's Centre for Entrepreneurship Management & Emerging Technologies (CEMET) supports innovative startups, particularly in sectors like food processing, through its Business Incubation Centre.

Startups receive exclusive access to university facilities, including cutting-edge laboratories for research, product development, and innovation.

CEMET fosters entrepreneurship in sustainable and knowledge-driven fields, providing mentorship, guidance, and resources to help local businesses flourish.

Financial Assistance:

The university offers a funding grant of PKR 1 million to startups through the incubation centre, specifically targeting projects that contribute to sustainability, resource optimization, and economic



CALL FOR PROPOSALS





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

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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growth.

This financial support helps startups with product development, reducing wastage, and promoting exportable products, which in turn encourages the growth of financially and socially sustainable businesses.

Education and Training:

The university emphasizes knowledge-driven innovation through training workshops and educational programs. Startups are encouraged to use data, analytics, and modern technologies to drive their ventures forward.

DUET fosters a circular economy approach by promoting waste-to-product and waste-to-energy solutions, contributing to sustainable business models.

Networking and Mentorship:

The Business Incubation Centre offers startups access to a network of fellow innovators, partners, and investors, creating opportunities for growth and knowledge-sharing.

Mentorship programs are also provided, helping startups refine their ideas and maximize their potential impact on local economies and communities.

Collaboration and Partnerships

DUET has partnerships with various regulatory bodies, such as the Pakistan Nuclear Regulatory Authority (PNRA), which explores collaboration in fields like energy systems and environmental protection, providing an avenue for startups to engage with key industry players.





CALLING ALL CREATIVE MINDS

DAWOOD UNIVERSITY OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY INVITES YOU TO USE YOUR INTUITIVE BRAIN IN SOLVING PAKISTAN'S TOP PROBLEM. AS HOST INSTITUTION, DUET IS INVITING ALL STUDENTS AND FACULTY TO NATIONAL IDEA BANK III

NATIONAL IDEA BANK III IS READY TO ACCEPT NEW IDEAS, AND THIS TIME, THEY ARE ON A MISSION TO TACKLE ONE OF OUR NATION'S MOST PRESSING CHALLENGES.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

THE NEGATIVE BALANCE OF TRADE. WE IMPORT A LOT AND EXPORT VERY LITTLE, BUT TOGETHER, WE CAN FIND THE OPPORTUNITIES TO CHANGE THAT NARRATIVE.

- A CHANCE TO BE INVITED TO SILICON VALLEY FOR AN EXCLUSIVE THREE-DAY TRAINING AND ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS WITH SILICON VALLEY'S TOP INVESTORS.
- ON SEPTEMBER 17 AT 11:00AM PAKISTAN TIME, YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR FROM THE NIB FOUNDER AND CHAIRPERSON OF ASPIRE PAKISTAN ON THE INTRIGUING TOPIC OF "WHERE DO IDEAS COME FROM?"
- REGISTER NOW TO SECURE YOUR SPOT AT THIS ONLINE TRAINING SESSION, WHERE YOU'LL LEARN, COLLABORATE, AND EMBARK ON A JOURNEY TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF TRADE.

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REGISTER HERE:
[HTTPS://WWW.DUET.EDU.PK/NIB-EVENT-REGISTRATION](https://www.duet.edu.pk/nib-event-registration)



These efforts demonstrate DUET's active role in not only providing financial assistance but also delivering educational resources, mentorship, and facilities that empower the local community to establish sustainable and socially responsible businesses.