

Subj: **Call for Nominations – Yearly Awards of Excellence: Best Researcher, Best Young Researcher, Best Research Paper, and Best Book of the Year (Jan – Dec 2025)**

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1 Ref to above, to promote research culture and enhance university ranking, QEC introduced sub awards at NDU in year 2014. Till now 10 x award ceremonies (Yr-2014-2023) have been successfully completed. Nominations for Awards of Excellence of Year-2025 are hereby invited. These awards are open to faculty, students, RAs and NDU staff who have published research paper(s)/ book(s) during the above mentioned period.

2 **Eligibility:** The research articles must have been published in HEC recognized, local or intl journal during the calendar year Jan - Dec 2025. Eligibility criteria for various NDU Research Awards categories is as under:-

a. **Best Researcher of the year Award.** The applicant must be resident of Pakistan for at least three years on January 1, 2026.

*(Research articles only published in a **W-category** journal in HEC Journal Recognition System (HJRS)/ HEC Journals and Publications Policy 2024 are eligible.)*

b. **Best Young* Researcher of the year Award.** The applicant must be under 40 years of age on January 1, 2026.

*(*Age should be Less than 40 years on Jan 01, 2026 and Research articles only published in a **W-category** journal in HEC Journal Recognition System (HJRS)/ HEC Journals and Publications Policy 2024 are eligible.)*

c. **Best Research Paper of the year Award.**

(1) The publication must not be more than three years before January 01, 2026.

(2) The publication must be written by no more than three authors.

(3) All authors must be residents of Pakistan for at least three years on January 01, 2025.

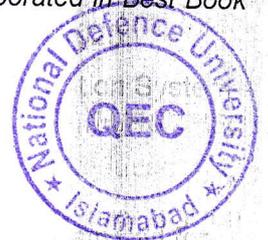
(4) Research articles only published in a **W-category** journal in HEC Journal Recognition System (HJRS)/ HEC Journals and Publications Policy 2024 are eligible.

(5) Research articles must have a minimum citation count of 100.

(6) Publications (including extended version of a paper) that have previously been submitted for the same category of the award are not eligible for resubmission.

d. **Best Book of the year Award.** The Book(s) must be published by a recognized academic press, and must have minimum 70,000 words.

Note: The publication(s)/ book(s) must be written by not more than three authors for consideration in these awards. The applicant has never been blacklisted by HEC. The applicant/publication has not received the same award earlier. None of the publications on Applicant/ Authors' credit is plagiarized as per HEC plagiarism policy. HEC Book Equivalence (when activated by HEC) factor may be incorporated in Best Book Award.



3. **HoDs /Branch Heads Only.** All HoDs/ Branch Heads are requested to direct eligible faculty, students, RAs and staff members to submit their publication(s) (as per attached **Anx-A** sent via QEC email) with covering letter/ ION signed by Head of Dept/ Branch, to QEC latest by **15 Feb 2026**. In case of more than one author (max 3 authors) from NDU, the amount will be divided among the all authors along with a separate certificate of appreciation for each author. After due date no research pub/ book will be entertained. Copy of the approved "SOP - NDU Incentive Based Research and Publication Version 7.0" is available on NDU QEC web page (<https://ndu.edu.pk/qec/sops.php>)

4. **NWGC Only:** It is requested to upload this ION at NDU website for Gen info of all concerned.

5. For info/nec action, please.



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