

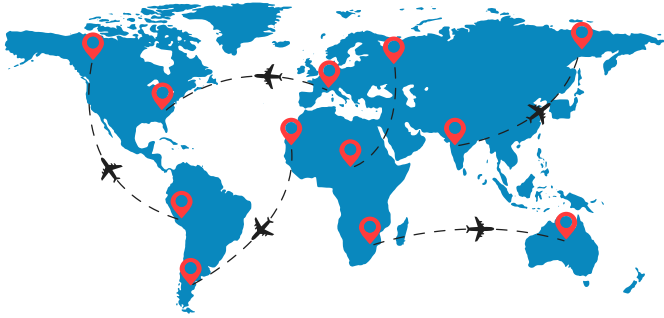


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OIA NEWSLETTER

8th Edition Spring 2026



In our Spring 2026 newsletter, the Office of International Affairs is excited to reflect on a semester of growth, global engagement, and remarkable milestones. This semester has been defined by enriching exchanges, meaningful partnerships, and significant progress in advancing the university's internationalization goals. Through a diverse range of activities, from welcoming distinguished professionals to our campus to participating in international expos and cross-cultural initiatives, we have continued to strengthen our commitment to building a globally engaged academic community. We invite you to explore the highlights and achievements that have brought us closer to a truly borderless LUMS!



SPRING RECAP

OIA OPEN HOUSE - SPRING 2026



The Spring 2026 Open House brought together students eager to learn about the various international exchanges offered by LUMS. The discussions reflected a genuine enthusiasm among students to broaden their academic pursuits and make the most of what LUMS' global network has to offer. [Read more](#)

GUEST LECTURE BY PROF. IAN WALDEN FROM QUEEN MARY UNIVERSITY OF LONDON





Prof. Ian Walden from LUMS partner university, Queen Mary University of London (QMUL), joined Dr. Sheharyar Sikander Hamid at SAHSOL for a lecture on the treatment of digital assets under English law. This engagement advanced collaboration in academic exchange and enhanced exposure for students and faculty.

HKUST (GUANGZHOU) RED BIRD MPHIL PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION SESSION



LUMS is proud to highlight its recent partnership with the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou), a leading interdisciplinary research university. Under this partnership, five outstanding LUMS students have been nominated for

the prestigious Red Bird funded MPhil Programme at HKUST, a two-year program offering the freedom to explore interdisciplinary research themes in a world-class academic environment. The nominated students have successfully progressed through a rigorous selection process to secure their places.

PAKISTAN-BANGLADESH KNOWLEDGE CORRIDOR EDUCATION EXPOS



OIA represented LUMS at the Pakistan-Bangladesh Knowledge Corridor Education Expo across five cities in Bangladesh, alongside 20 leading Pakistani universities. Ms. Hadia Khosa, Global Engagement Specialist, actively engaged with students on admissions, scholarships, and campus life, drawing overwhelming turnout and strong institutional recognition from university representatives and government officials. The participation significantly strengthened LUMS' visibility in Bangladesh, opening doors for prospective undergraduate and graduate students and reaffirming its commitment to expanding regional academic partnerships.

PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

We are excited to add **3** new partnerships to our global network!



**Aga Khan University,
Karachi**



**Hong Kong University of Science
and Technology (Guangzhou)
Red Bird MPhil Program,
Hong Kong**



**North South University,
Bangladesh**

OIA SPOTLIGHT - OUTWARD MOBILITY

In Spring 2026, **31** students participated in exchange programs at our prestigious partner universities across the globe, including Sciences Po (France), Seoul National University (South Korea), and Cardiff Metropolitan University (UK), among others. Students returned with stories of personal and academic growth, lifelong friendships, cultural discovery, and newfound independence, affirming exchange as a truly transformative chapter of their LUMS journey.

GLOBAL VISITS

BROCK UNIVERSITY



Ms. Anna Guo, Director International Student Recruitment at Brock, conducted an information session for LUMS students. The students met with Ms. Guo for a personalised session, during which they were exposed to valuable graduate opportunities at Brock.

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY



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Tim Field, Director at Sydney Future Students at the University of Sydney, and Ali Imran, country manager for the University of Sydney, engaged in insightful discussions with the OIA and Office of Advancement teams to explore potential pathways towards exchanges between the institutions. The strategic discussions reinforced OIA's internationalization efforts.

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW



Dr Craig Gurney, Director for Learning and Teaching in Urban Studies and Social Policy at the University of Glasgow, and Ms. Masooma Ali, International Officer (Pakistan), explored exciting opportunities for exchanges and joint academic initiatives at the University of Glasgow, forming stronger institutional partnerships and academic interactions hosted on campus.

MOU SIGNING CEREMONY WITH AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY



LUMS and Aga Khan University (AKU) signed a landmark five-year MoU, combining AKU's strengths in health sciences and public health with LUMS' expertise in technology, data science, and public policy. Signed by AKU Provost Dr. Tania Bubela and LUMS Vice Chancellor Dr. Ali Cheema, the partnership will drive joint research and academic initiatives in areas including climate resilience, mental health, AI for public good, and inclusive development, creating meaningful impact for communities across Pakistan. [Read more](#)

AGA KHAN EDUCATION SERVICES



Marva H., Early Childhood Development Coordinator from AKES Head Office, and Syeda Saima Mazhar, National Early Childhood Development Coordinator and Professional Development Manager from AKES visited OIA. This initial discussion is paving the way for a broader engagement with the Aga Khan network to recruit students from the East Africa region.

UNIVERSITY LEADERS FROM BANGLADESH



Prof. Dr. Mamun Ahmed, Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Bangladesh, led a high-level delegation to LUMS, facilitated by the HEC Pakistan. The delegation met with LUMS leadership, including Vice Chancellor Dr. Ali Cheema and Provost Dr. Tariq Jadoon, to discuss research partnerships, student and faculty exchanges, and joint academic initiatives, advancing LUMS' commitment to regional academic collaboration. [Read more](#)

OUTGOING STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Samar Ather at Cardiff Metropolitan University, UK (Fall 2025)



Muhammad Hiban Tariq at METU, Turkey (Fall 2025)



Fatima Attique at Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia (Fall 2025)



RECIPIENTS OF THE ERNST MACH GRANT, THE FH JOANNEUM UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES, AUSTRIA



Muhammad Nabhaan

Politics & Economics, 2027



Dua Sarfraz

Accounting & Finance, 2027



Semal Hassan

Accounting & Finance, 2028



Sharif Ullah

Management Science, 2028

Earlier this month, four exceptional LUMS students were awarded the prestigious Ernst Mach Grant by the Austrian Ministry of Science and Research. We extend our heartiest congratulations to them! The fully funded grant will support their exchange semester at FH Joanneum University of Applied Sciences, Austria. This achievement reflects their dedication, academic excellence, and commitment to international learning.

NOMINEES FOR THE RED BIRD MPhil PROGRAM AT HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (GUANGZHOU)

proud of their success and wish them the very best as they embark on this exciting journey of learning, research, and global engagement.



Areesha Khan

*Electrical Engineering,
Class of 2025*



Shaheer Hammad

*Computer Science,
Class of 2026*



Muhammad Ahsan Salar Khan

*Electrical Engineering,
Class of 2026*



Salaar Masood

*Computer Science,
Class of 2026*



Choudhary Usman Alam

*Computer Science,
Class of 2026*

Congratulations to our five outstanding LUMS students on being selected for the prestigious Redbird MPhil Program at HKUST. This remarkable achievement reflects their hard work, dedication, and academic excellence. We are incredibly

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