		Institutional Application for Full Membership Please complete and send to huc@icimod.org
1. Applying Institution		
Institution name in local language:	Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University Peshawar	
Institution name translate into English:	Martyred Benazir Bhutto Women University Peshawar	
Postal mail address:	Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University Peshawar LaramaLandiSarakCharsada Road Peshawar Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Pakistan	
Country:	Pakistan	
Telephone:	+9291-9224777	
Fax:	+9291-9224778	
General email:	vc@sbbwu.edu.pk	
Website:	www.sbbwu.edu.pk	
2. Head of Institution		
Position (Rector, President, VC etc.):	Vice Chancellor	
Title (Prof/Dr/Ms/Mr):	Prof. Dr	
First name(s):	Safia	
Surname:	Ahmed	
Sex:	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Email: Primary	vc@sbbwu.edu.pk	
Secondary	safiamrl@yahoo.com	
Phone: Landline	+9291-9224777	
Mobile	+92 300 9543534	
Period of Mandate:	From:	6 th June 2022
Academic Discipline:	Applied and Environmental Microbiology/Biotechnology	
3. Head of Academic Affairs		
Position:	Vice Chancellor	
Title (Prof/Dr/Ms/Mr):	Prof. Dr	
First name(s):	Safia	
Surname:	Ahmed	
Sex:	Female	
Email: Primary	vc@sbbwu.edu.pk	
Secondary	safiamrl@yahoo.com	
Phone: Landline	091-9224777	
Mobile	+92 300 9543534	

4. Head of International Relations				
Position:		Director ORIC		
Title (Prof/Dr/Ms/Mr):		Dr.		
First name(s):		Nargis		
Surname:		Jamila		
Sex:		Female		
Email: Primary		oric@sbbwu.edu.pk		
Secondary		Nargisjamila@sbbwu.edu.pk		
Phone: Landline		+92-91-9224818 +92-91-9224706		
Mobile		+92-334-9001073		
5. General Information:				
5.1 Date of foundation and history of institution (Maximum 300 words):				
<p>Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University Peshawar (SBBWU) is the First Public Sector Women University in the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) which was inaugurated by the then Chief Minister of KP, Mr. Akram Khan Durrani, on 1st September 2004. It was established in accordance with the Frontier Women University Act 2004 (N.-W.F.P. ACT NO. VI OF 2005) No. PA/NWFP/Legis: 1/2005/2677 under The Frontier Women University Bill, 2004 assented by the Governor of the North-West Frontier Province on 7th February 2005. The University, first, became functional in the hostel building of Government Frontier College for Women, Peshawar in February 2006 launching its first academic activities with the opening of eight Departments and initial enrolment of 240 students. However, currently there are a total of 24 BS programs (4 years), one LLB program (5 years), 15 M.Phil programs and 5 Ph.D. Programs offered in the University with 209 faculty members and more than 5000 on campus students alongwith 10000 registered enrolment under Associate degree (AD) and BS programs in 21 female affiliated colleges. The University has been awarded as BEST AFFILIATION MECHANISM ACROSS KP 2021 at Quality Assurance Award Ceremony by Higher Education Department KP in September 2021. The initially approved PC-I of the university was worth Rs. 456 million for 400 kanals land which was allotted to the University in 2007 at Charsadda Road by Provincial Government. In the mid-2008 the site was cleared, and construction was initiated. Current Campus with 7 academic blocks, two administration blocks and allied facilities is fully functional. Academic structure consists of two faculties(Faculty of Social Sciences and Faculty of Sciences)with 25 various departments. The major disciplines includes: Art and design, English, Urdu, Psychology, Management Science, Political Sciences, Health and Physical Education and Economics. Further in Faculty of Sciences we have Physics, Chemistry, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Mathematics, Statistics, Zoology, Botany, Food and Nutrition and Bioinformatics.</p>				
5.2 Legal status of institution:				
State/Government Established University/ Institution		<input type="checkbox"/> Government Established University		
Private Not-for-profit University/ Institution				
Private For-profit University/ Institution		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other, please specify:		Click here to enter text.		
5.3 Membership in national, regional and/or international associations:				
S.NO.	Name of Association	Type of Association (national, regional, international)	Nature of collaboration/engagement	Benefits derived from the association
1	Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education	International	Membership under a project DNGFE	Collaborating in the academic and research area

2	S&SE Asian UN Membership	International	Membership	Collaboration and Research
3	Association of Commonwealth Universities	International	Membership	Extending Academic and research collaboration of the common wealth universities opportunities
4	COMSTECH	National	Membership in progress	Regional connectivity

6. Quality assurance or accreditation. Please explain the quality assurance or accreditation process for your institution.
(Maximum 300 words)

University was established in 2004 with a focus on the quality assurance and enhancement in its provisions and processes. For the said it opted for establishing the quality enhancement cell (QEC) in 2007 under the project funded by Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC) later QEC became part of University; funded by its recurring budget. The QEC is looking after the quality assurance and enhancement activities at the university in collaboration with academic and administrative departments under the patronage of the Vice Chancellor.

The University is ranked by WURI Rankings in 2024 as 234th innovative University and 51st university providing mobility and openness to students worldwide.

Feedback for improvement is a vital part at SBBWU; surveys are conducted on Course evaluation from students and faculty, Teacher evaluation filled by students, alumni survey, employer survey, survey of graduating students. The results are used for improving teaching, courses, program and identification of training areas.

University undergoes Self- institutional performance evaluation annually where it reviews governance, finances, support services for staff and students, research, curricula, community engagement etc. The report prepared by the reviewing team contains strengths and areas which can be further improved in the university. The compliance on the suggestion is ensured by the university over the period of the next one year and the progress is reported in the next self-review. The same exercise is conducted by the HEC as external evaluation of the university. SBBWU has been going through the Institutional Self review since 2018 and is reviewed by HEC as well; the last HEC's review visit was in 2022.

University also reviews and improves its programs internally via Self-Assessment Process prescribed by HEC. The undergraduate programs falling under purview of national Accreditation Council are also taken up with the relevant accreditation council currently 11 programs are taken up with accreditation councils. NOC for all post-graduate programs offered have been granted by HEC. Furthermore, the Post graduate program Review program is also in place where every year the programs are reviewed to ensure Quality (their compliance with the national standards and university approved regulations).

Since 2017; awarding annually Best Department Award, Best University Teacher Award and Best Researcher Award for the promotion of the culture, and recognition of the efforts of the faculty members. In 2024 our University Teacher won National level best Teacher Award by HEC.

University also ensures the quality of its affiliated institutions and colleges for which two offices are established; Affiliations section and QECAC which look after external quality assurance and internal quality assurance respectively.

7. Academic structure, degrees and diplomas

7.1 Academic structure (Please list the principal divisions, Faculties, Colleges, Schools, etc.):

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES (4 Years)

1. BBA
2. BS Microbiology
3. BS Biochemistry
4. BS Zoology
5. BS Chemistry
6. BS Human Nutrition & Dietetics
7. BS Biotechnology
8. BS Bioinformatics
9. BS Botany
10. BS Mathematics
11. BS Statistics

12. BS Physics 13. BS Computer Science 14. BS Economics 15. BS Political Science 16. B.Ed. (4 Years) 17. BS Health and Physical Education 18. BS Art and Design (Specialization: Textile Design, Fashion Design, Fine Arts, Communication Design) 19. BS Pakistan Studies 20. BS History 21. BS English 22. BS Communication Studies 23. BS Islamiyat 24. BS Urdu 25. BS Psychology 7 UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES (5 Years) LLB 7 CERTIFICATE COURSES/DIPLOMA 1. B.Ed. (1.5 Years) 2. Post Graduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology (PGDCP) 3. Diploma in the Developmental Studies																											
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10. Research Facilities and Other Services																											

10.1 Library staff and holding

Chief Librarian

Title: Deputy Librarian

First name: Haseeba

Middle name:

Last name: Shafi

Gender: Female

Highest degree obtained: Masters in Library Sciences (M.Phil)

Field of study/expertise: Library Sciences

Primary email: librarian@sbbwu.edu.pk

Secondary email: nil

Landline number: +91-92-9224749-97

IT Director if different from Chief Librarian

Title: Deputy Director IT

First name: Amanat

Middle name: Ullah

Last name: Khalil

Gender: Male

Highest degree obtained: MASTERS (MSc)

Field of study/expertise: Computer Science

Primary email: amanatkhalil@sbbwu.edu.pk

Secondary email: itc@sbbwu.edu.pk

Landline number: +92-91-9224770

Library Holdings

Number of volumes: 360

Number of periodical subscriptions: *We have access to primary or basic resources of HEC digital library and the databases in this library have number of journals covering different subjects. The details are available on the website of HEC.*

1. *ASTM. It covers engineering*

2. *INFORMS. Management sciences almost 12 journals*

3. *SPRINGERLINK. science, technical and medical journals*

4. *TAYLOR AND FRANCIS JOURNALS has 1000 academic journals covering different subjects from sciences and humanities both*

5. *Wiley and Blackwell journals has 1234 journals on science, medicines, technology and humanities.*

Access to electronic networks, please specify

- ✓ **Free wifi on entire campus**
- ✓ **Free wifi in library**
- ✓ **Free wifi in designated areas**
- ✓ **Number of computer stations with catalogue access available at central library (27 laptops)**

✗ Online library services

If (Online library services), please tick

- ☐ To all faculty and students
- ☐ To faculty and graduate students only✓
- ☐ To faculty only

10.2 Major research outputs

List your University Journals that publish peer-reviewed research (as many as apply), specify which has online access and also provide the link.

- **FWU Journal of Social Sciences**

List top five national peer-reviewed journals to which staff and students from your university have contributed in the past 5 years.

i. *The Pakistan Journal of Life and Social Sciences*

ii. *Journal of Development and Social Sciences*

iii. *Pakistan journal of Psychological Research*

iv. *Pakistan Journal of Botany*

v. Pakistan Journal of Pharmaceutical sciences

List top five international peer-reviewed journals to which staff and students from your university have contributed in the past 5 years.

i. Chemosphere

ii. Journal of Hazardous materials

iii. Applied Soft Computing

iv. The ISME Journal

v. Composite B. Engineering

List other achievements including publications, conferences and seminars organised in the past 5 years.

Publication is not added yet please guide me as what is to be added here

1. Total Number of Publications 2500

2. National Projects 22

3. International Projects 05

4. International Conferences 05

Does your university own/operate a publishing house?

No, the university does not own any Publishing house.

10.3 Other training and consultancy services.

Does your university provide the following programs and services?

Short-term diploma courses

Online ☒ Yes ☐ No

Distance ☐ Yes ☐ No

Traineeship/internship to students/fresh graduates

☒ Yes ☐ No

Consultancy services to private sector

☒ Yes ☐ No

Advisory services to the government

☒ Yes ☐ No

Career placement for graduates

☒ Yes ☐ No

Other, please specify

11. Budget

11.1 Total annual budget

953.670 million

11.2 Percentage allocated for research.

Approx. 1 Percent along with funded projects from external sources

11.3 Would your university be able to allocate financial resources for HUC activities such as meetings of the Thematic Working Groups (TWGs), mobility of staff and students, etc.?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please tick

☐ TWG ☒ Mobility ☐ Other

List source of funding in past 5 years

	Amount	Currency
National/Government	319.670 million	PKR
Private sector		
International		
Other (Specify) Own Resources	634.00 million	PKR

12. Mountain Specific Training and Research

12.1 List departments that are relevant to mountain research and development and the number of students and faculty in the current academic year.

Department	Number of Students (No. of Lecturers/ Professors)		Title of Mountain Specific Courses
	MSc./MA	Ph.D.	
Dept of geography	BS Level	-	GIS
Dept. Microbiology	MS/MPHIL (2)	PhD (2)	Water management in mountain area. Glaciers Protection
Dept. Environmental Science and Sustainability	BS (5)	-	Food, water and Climate annexes Climate change and deforestation Sustainable establishments in mountains area of KP. Education and Health digital approach in hard areas of Waziristan KP
Dept Botany	BS (5)		Biodiversity Medicinal Plants
Total	12	2	

Is the University/Institution interested in introducing/ developing more mountain-specific curricula?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If Yes, what kinds of mountain-specific courses?

Add more space if needed

Eco tourism, (Department of Management Sciences)
Hotel Management in Mountainous (Department of management Sciences)
Biodiversity (Department of Botany)
Geological Information system (GIS), (Dept of Geography)
Culture preservation and promotion (Department of History)
Climate resilience and culture preservation through Arts in mountains (Dept of Arts and Design)
If No, why not?

12.2 List Research Programmes or Centres of Excellence that are relevant to mountain research and development.

Research Programmes/Centres	Objectives	Major Activities
History and Culture (Dept. History)	Preservation of culture in different parts of Himalayan region in KP	Student visits, plantation derive,
Archaeology (Dept. Arts and Design)	Preservation of archaeological sites in KP	Visits of Buddha Sites, Depiction of history and culture through arts.
Dept of Environmental Science and Sustainability		

12.3 List ongoing Research Projects (or Research Groups) most relevant to mountains

Research Projects/ Groups	Objectives	Key Institutional Partner(s)	Name of the Team Leader(s)	Donor(s)
Mountain conservation	Protection of mountain	Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Shiringal KP	Dr. Hamida Bibi	Ministry of youth affairs Govt of KP
Climate action and exchange of ideas	Mountain's area tourism and women empowerment	University of Swat	Dr. Sadaf Bashir	Ministry of Youth Affairs

13. Expression of Interest in HUC

13.1. Please rank the following areas of collaboration between your university and HUC members once membership is granted.

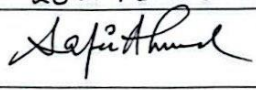
Assign from 1 to 5 with 1 lowest and 5 highest

Activities	Priority Ranking 1 = Low; 2 = Medium Low; 3 = Medium; 4 = Medium High; 5 = High
a. Research collaboration:	5
b. Mountain-specific curricula development:	3
c. Capacity building/Training:	4
d. Exchange of students and faculty members or researchers:	5
e. Resource sharing in cash or kind	2
f. Fund raising	1

13.2 From which sources have you learned about HUC?

Colleagues in my University/Institution	<input type="checkbox"/>
Colleagues outside my University/Institution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Internet/Website/Social media	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other Sources, <i>specify</i>	
13.3 What are particular contributions, apart from what mentioned in 11.3. If any, your university can make to HUC as a member?	
Our University particularly can make contribution to HUC as all female faculty and staff will be part of different activities we can make gender equality contribution. Our University students and Faculty are highly motivated and energetic to work with collaboration with member countries. We can promote Education in arear of Pakistan particularly in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Himalayan belt.	
14. National, Regional, and International Partnership and Collaboration	
Please attach a list of universities and research institutions in your country, Hindu Kush Himalayan Region, and the world in which your university has an active Memorandum of Understanding.	
List is attached as Annexure 1	

15. Profile of the Submitter	
Title (Prof/Dr/Ms/Mr):	Prof. Dr
First name(s):	Safia
Middle name:	-----
Last name:	Ahmed
Gender:	Female
Highest Degree obtained:	Post Doctorate
Field of Study/Expertise:	Applied and Environmental Microbiology/Biotechnology
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Phone number:	+92 300 9543534
CV, please attach or share the link:	CV attached as Annexure 2
Photo, please attach or share the link:	Picture Attached as Annexure 3
Are you willing to allow HUC Secretariat to contact you via social media?	Yes No
If yes, please share the social media contact. (WhatsApp, Viber, WeChat)	WhatsApp: +92 300 9543534
16. Disclaimer and E-signature	
Upload cover letter, dated, and signed by head of institution and institution's official stamp affixed.	
Annexure 4 attached	
<p>✓ The information provided in this form is true and complete to the best of our Knowledge and has been verified by the Heads of the Institution who signed the enclosed Cover Letter. It is understood that the CVs and specifications of individuals included in this application are searchable for all registered users of this website and portal.</p>	
Date of Submission:	26th March 2025
Institutional Seal:	 Vice-Chancellor Shahood Benazir Bhutto Women University, Peshawar

End

