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Subject: National ICT Research and Development Awards 2013

The “National ICT Research and Development Awards 2013” has been launched to acknowledge the efforts of Pakistani organizations, researchers, academicians, professionals, engineers, etc. in the area of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) with the aim of encouraging the development of an ICT focused R&D culture in Pakistan.

National ICT R&D has also planned to hold a Grand Awards Event in August/September 2013 during which the winners would be announced and excellence of their work acknowledged. This may be converted into a yearly featured event for National ICT R&D Fund depending upon its popularity and feedback from key stakeholders. Details of awards are as follows;

Award Categories

1. ICT based Products/Systems/Applications.
2. Published Research Papers.

Award Description

Each award will consist of a certificate and a cash award as per following detail:

1. First Prize: Rs. 1.5 Million
2. Second Prize: Rs. 1.0 Million
3. Third Prize: Rs. 0.5 Million

In addition, a grant up to Rs 2.5 million may be awarded to the winners (or the winning teams) through their parent institution(s) to pursue further R&D in a related area of interest.

How to Apply:

The application forms for the awards should be submitted both in hard and soft copy format to ORIC, IIUI and the same should be sent at the following address before the deadline: General Manager – Monitoring, National ICT R&D Fund, 6th Floor, HBL Tower, Jinnah Avenue, Blue Area, Islamabad. The soft copy of the application form and its enclosures may be sent at the following email: ict-awards@ictrdf.org.pk & ORIC@iiu.edu.pk.
Deans of the concerned faculties are therefore requested to disseminate this information to all faculty members and encourage them to avail this funding opportunity through submission of applications under subject award.

Detailed information and guidelines of this tremendous funding opportunity is available at the web link: [http://www.ictdrf.org.pk/](http://www.ictdrf.org.pk/) and [http://www.iiu.edu.pk/ORIC/](http://www.iiu.edu.pk/ORIC/). Please contact the ORIC, IIUI for any further assistance and guidance.

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