

## **Orientation Ceremony 2025: A Warm Welcome to Freshers**

The Department of Bioinformatics at the International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) successfully hosted the Orientation Ceremony for the Spring 2025 intake, marking the beginning of an exciting academic journey for the new students. The event was designed to introduce freshers to the department, faculty, and academic opportunities while emphasizing the vital role of Bioinformatics in bridging biology and computational sciences.



The ceremony commenced with a warm welcome from the host, Oshas Shahid, who extended greetings to the freshers, faculty members, and distinguished guests. The event was officially inaugurated with an acknowledgment of the significance of Bioinformatics in scientific research and innovation. Special gratitude was expressed to Prof. Asmat Ullah Khan (Dean, Faculty of Biological Sciences), Dr. Attiya (In-charge, Department of Bioinformatics), Ms. Tahira Noor (In-charge, Female Program), and faculty members: Ms. Rimsha Yousaf and Ms. Fatima Iqbal, for their contributions to the department.

To begin the event on a spiritual note, Ms. Aliza Nirmal was invited to recite verses from the Holy Quran, along with their translation. Her recitation created a serene and reflective atmosphere, setting a meaningful tone for the rest of the event.

Following the recitation, Dr. Attiya, addressed the audience, highlighting the department's mission and vision. She encouraged students to explore research opportunities, actively engage in academic and extracurricular activities, and make full use of the department's resources to enhance their professional growth. She emphasized the importance of Bioinformatics in today's world and motivated students to strive for academic excellence.

Ms. Tahira Noor, In-charge Female Program, then took the stage to provide guidance on the academic environment, institutional rules, and departmental regulations. She reassured the freshers of the department's commitment to creating an inclusive and supportive atmosphere, ensuring that students feel empowered and well-integrated within the academic community.

The ceremony concluded with an inspiring speech by Prof. Dr. Asmat Ullah Khan, Dean of the Faculty of Biological Sciences. He underscored the interdisciplinary nature of Bioinformatics and its growing demand in scientific and healthcare sectors. Encouraging students to embrace

innovation and research, he emphasized the role of Bioinformatics professionals in shaping the future of medicine, genetics, and computational biology.

The event concluded with an interactive session, allowing students to engage with faculty members and senior peers, fostering a sense of belonging and enthusiasm for their academic journey ahead.