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Career Planning and Our Student

(Yousuf Almas)

Choosing a discipline for higher learning is the most crucial decision of anyone's life as it may lead a person to the horizons of success, if made with conscientiousness, and may also spoil the life, if due attention is not paid. The selection of a discipline for higher learning sets the career path of an individual and determines what a person will be known as, what his lifestyle will be like, and will be doing what.

The future of individuals and civilizations is totally dependant on career planning so it is the responsibility of the public sector as well as private sector to provide timely assistance and guidance to the students so as to steer them to the right path, if we want to see Pakistan as a country where individuals are given equal opportunities to fulfill their aspirations, maximize their learning potential and contribute fully and effectively to the development of the nation.

Most of the students choose a field of study because their parents want them to choose it, some are impressed by the success of a relative, some go to a particular field because

of their friends, and some don't make a decision at all and just select an easily available discipline because of the lack of information.



Yousuf Almas
CEO Eduvision
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This is just a picture of what our attitude towards career planning is, and how we neglect it so easily. But just stop here for a while and think: what we are doing and what we need at last. Isn't it totally against the rules of this world? Isn't this behavior just like a pigeon that closes its eyes after seeing a cat, that I can't see it so does it. We, being a Muslim especially, are always in search of some heavenly power that may solve all of our problems even though we give it careful considerations or not. ...P- 2

Assalam-o-Alaikum

By the grace of Almighty, I feel great pleasure to present the first ever newsletter of Eduvision before you. The purpose of this newsletter is not just promoting the activities of Eduvision, rather it is more inclined towards the promotion of our objective, that is to furnish the comprehensive guidance to the underprivileged Pakistani youth on career planning and excellence in education, and I hope that your belief on the same will keep strengthening after reading every upcoming issue of this newsletter.

Your readership and continued interest in our newsletter will be highly encouraging for us. Please feel free to make comments and suggestions or to submit articles and ideas you think we should pursue to careerplanning@eduvision.edu.pk

Syed M. Abbas

In-House Career Awareness Sessions

Eduvision's Career Awareness Program provides countless opportunities for students, parents and teachers to be aware of the fundamentals of different careers like Nature of the work, scope and required qualification, abilities and skills.

Eduvision is about to start free In-House Career Awareness Sessions. Comprehensive guidance and information will be provided about one career/field of

study in each session.

Students and parents are encouraged to come to participate in career awareness sessions.

Participation is exclusively free. Career Awareness Sessions will be held every Tuesday and Thursday 5:00 PM to 5:45 PM.



Graduates find employment in academic teaching and research, fertilizer companies, seed corporations, Food production companies like Nestle, Tissue Culture Laboratories and in Genetic Engineering research laboratories.

Eduvision Test

Helps you to

- Plan your future
- Grip your Abilities
- Assess your Aptitude
- Identify the most suitable career

Agriculture - A profession of Feeders of Mankind

(Sohaib Ahmed Khan)

Agriculture, or farming, is the simplification of nature's food webs and the re-channeling of energy for human and animal consumption. Agriculture involves redirecting nature's natural flow of the food web.

Agriculture has great impact on our everyday life. From the tea we drink to the vegetables we eat, and from the grass on the cricket ground to the natural fibers of the clothing we wear and the medicines we consume, are all products of agricultural sciences.

Nature of Work

Agricultural and food scientists play a vital role in maintaining the food supply and increasing the Nation's domestic Product by ensuring agricultural productivity and food safety.

Agricultural Scientists

- Take care of the beautiful treasure of nature.
- Diagnose diseases and take

preventive measures to protect plants and crops from biotic and a-biotic stress.

- Not only do the office work but are a part of the management.
- Those deployed in Research work, Work for regular hours in Fields and laboratories.
- Many agricultural scientists work in basic or applied research and development.
- Basic research seeks to understand the biological and chemical processes by which crops and livestock grow. Some agricultural professionals administer research and development programs, or manage marketing and quality operations in food companies.
- The work environment for those engaged in applied research or product development varies, depending on specialty and on type of employer. For example, food scientists in private industry may work in test kitchens while investigating new processing techniques.

Work Environment

- Spend considerable amount of their time outdoor in the field.
- Also spend part of their time conducting tests and research in laboratories and writing reports in their offices.
- Working conditions are diverse and include work outside in the field, laboratory and office work.

Allied Fields / Specializations

Agricultural Scientists often specialize in a particular crop or a certain aspect of crop production.

Some of the Specialized fields of Agriculture are as follows

- Agronomy
- Food Technology
- Plant Pathology
- Soil Sciences
- Forestry
- Horticulture
- Entomology
- Plant Breeding & Genetics
- Plant Protection

Eduvision Career Planning Test

Eduvision career planning test is designed to help students in identifying their career of interest and setting effective strategies to landing satisfactory employment. It helps in expanding self-awareness and broaden career horizons by connecting students to original content and more suitable career options.

A comprehensive report is provided to every students within 3 working days mentioning student's personality traits and the type of work that matches his/her person-

ality preferences, strengths, weaknesses, gifted abilities and suitable careers/fields for pursuing higher education.

Eduvision also provides information and guidance regarding specific careers to the students appearing in the test, continuously till their admission in Bachelor degree.

Career Planning

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But, by doing so, we neglect a very simple and clear Qur'anic Rule, "There is nothing for man,

but what he endeavors for." Our attitude towards this much important issue has led the individuals and society to the problems. Like Unemployment, Wastage of time and money, Frustration, Addiction to drugs in youth, Paucity of determination to the work and similar.

If a student chooses a field of study that does not suit his aptitude and abilities, he will never be able to achieve a position that would have been achieved by choosing a career after the clear understanding of values, skills and aptitude and will suffer from mental torment for rest of his life.

NBP Student Loan Scheme-2010

Pursuant to the announcement made by the Federal Finance Minister in his 2001-2002-budget speech, a STUDENTS LOAN SCHEME (SLS) for Education was launched by the Government of Pakistan in collaboration with major commercial banks of Pakistan (NBP, HBL, UBL, MCB and ABL). Under the Scheme, financial assistance is provided by way of Interest Free Loans to the meritorious students who have financial constraints for pursuing their studies in Scientific, Technical and Professional education within Pakistan.

The Scheme is being administered by a high powered committee comprising Deputy Governor, State Bank of Pakistan, Presidents of the commercial banks and representative of Ministry of Finance, Government of Pakistan.

Eligibility:

Under the scheme the students are eligible to apply for loans provided:

1. He/She has obtained admission on merit through normal course/procedure in the approved Universities/Colleges of the public sector.
2. He/She at the time of admission in the age bracket of:-

For Graduation	21 Years
For Post-Graduation	31 Years
For Ph.D	36 Years

3. He/She has secured at least 70% marks in the last public examination.
4. He/She is unable to pursue studies due to financial constraints.

Repayment of Loan:

The maximum period of repayment of loan is



10-Years from the date of disbursement of first installment .The borrower shall repay the loan in monthly installment after one year from the date of first employment or one year from the date of completion of studies, which ever is

earlier.

Important Information

- Application Forms are may be downloaded from National Bank of Pakistan website www.nbp.com.pk/studentloan
- The students desirous of availing loan under the Scheme may apply on pre-scribed form for financial assistance subject to he or she has got admission on merit through normal procedure in the Universities/ Colleges.
- Applicants are required to submit their applications on the prescribed form, duly completed in all respect, to the designated branches indicated against each University/College by the given date
- Application shall be considered on merit according to the availability of funds. Any application which is not made on the prescribed form or is un-signed or does not contain the required particulars and documents or reaches late will not be entertained.

Students who have availed this facility in the last / previous year(s) need not to apply.

ContactPakistan-World's Largest VNGO

Contact Pakistan is the World's Largest Pakistani Virtual community welfare organization based in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with a mission to serve the humanity.ContactPakistan.com offers a number of community services to the expatriate Pakistanis. All of the services offered by ContactPakistan.com are free of charge. Some of the welfare services offered by 'Contact Pakistan' include Medical Service, Legal service, Investment Cell, Parenting and Career Counseling. Contact Pakistan was the first organization to collaborate with and support the services offered by Eduvission. More details on the activities of Contact Pakistan may be found on Eduvission website or at www.contactpakistan.com

Distinction

Mr. Yousuf Almas has been awarded with the Fellowship of Royal Society of Medicine-UK, one of the highest honors in the academic world.

Mr. Almas is one of the very few non-medicine fellows of the society. Mr. Yousuf Almas is the founding Chief Executive of Eduvission and author of Eduvission Career Planning Guide. His publication on the field of Education and Career Planning exceeds 30. More than 25000 students have been benefited by Mr. Almas through counseling and seminars.

Dr. A.A. Khan Visits Pakistan

Dr. Ahamd Ali Khan, Emeritus Professor Royal college of Society, UK visits Pakistan to attend International Conference organized by National Institute of Psychology, Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad.

Dr. A.A. Khan is member of Eduvission Advisory Council, President of the International Health Foundation, Chair of Policy Study Research Institute, London, Chair of Health Advisory Board, Union of Muslim Organizations UK & Ireland.

Dr. Khan chaired the 2nd session on the 2nd day of the conference and also presented his paper on 'Addressing Mental Health Needs of the Children' in the conference.



Eduvision, since its inception, has been providing assistance and guidance to the students in the selection of a proper field and discipline which best suits their goals and aptitude by analyzing local and global scenario. We maintain that the selection of a proper discipline is the only path that may lead a student to the right path of success.

Eduvision is catering to the needs of students ranging from Secondary level to Ph.D level, through its different programs. Some of Eduvision's programs include Career Planning, Co-Curricular, Scholastic Support, Information Centre for Higher Education in Pakistan, and Free Online Information system.

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Did you like this issue of Eduvision Newsletter?

Write to careerplanning@eduvision.edu.pk to comment or suggest any change.

More than 150 disciplines are offered by Pakistani Institutions of Higher Learning at Bachelor Level. Participate in Eduvision Career Awareness Sessions, and learn which one is suitable for you.

Eduvision partners with Educational Institutions

Eduvision and Women's Institute of Science & Humanities signed an MoU to promote and support the training, Development and welfare of women.

Progressive in vision, Islamic in ethos and global in character, the WISH, a model institution, strives to offer strong academic programs, objective oriented co-curricular activities and innovative teaching techniques and delivers values-based holistic education for the harmonious intellectual, spiritual, emotional, and cultural development of women.

Eduvision and Read Foundation have agreed to work for developing collaborations and launching joint ventures with focus on the career planning of the students.

CEO Eduvision Mr. Yousuf Almas, Director Education [H] Prof. Dr. Saifullah Ajmal and Project Manager Sohaib Ahmad Khan, held meetings with Read Foundation CEO Mr. Mahmood Ahmad, Director Fayyaz Khan and other officials followed by Eduvision team's visit to Read Foundation's schools. They discussed the

areas of collaboration and agreed to look for possibilities of launching joint ventures with the Read Foundation.

READ Foundation is one of the largest not-for-profit educational networks of rural Pakistan. Currently, the Foundation is running a cohesive network of 339 schools with an ever-growing student body of around 70,000 children, guided by 3,250 teachers. READ Foundation is providing free education to more than 7,000 orphan students.