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NOTIFICATION

SUBJECT: SUBMISSION OF STATEMENT OF PURPOSE FOR PHD
PROGRAM ADMISSION / PROVISIONAL ADMISSION

This is for the information of all candidates who have already applied for admission to the PhD programs at Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto University of Law, Karachi, that all applicants who have cleared the admission test (obtained 60% or above marks in the admission test) and those who are desirous in seeking provisional admission (subject to clearance of GRE/HAT General or equivalent test within one year) are required to submit their "Statement of Purpose" by 20 April 2026 in the Controller of Examination Office of the University for the admission / provisional admission process. Statement of Purpose received after 20th of April 2026 will not be considered for admissions / provisional admissions.

The candidates are directed to submit Soft Copy of "Statement of Purpose" on below mentioned email address:-

CONTROLLER@SZABUL.EDU.PK

The candidates are directed to submit hard Copy of "Statement of Purpose" also on below mentioned address:-

CONTROLLER OF EXAMINATION

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Clifton, Karachi, Pakistan.

This Statement of purpose is a mandatory requirement for admission which is in accordance with the guidelines of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) as outlined in the Graduate Education Policy 2023, under Section 3: Minimum Requirements for Award of Doctoral Degree (Level 8), specifically Sub-Section 3.5 moreover those who have not cleared the test will be given an opportunity to avail provisional admission as per sub section 3.1 (Qualifications), clauses 3.1(i), 3.1(ii), and 3.1(ii)(a & b), both sub-sections are as under.

THE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION
GRADUATE EDUCATION POLICY 2023

3. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARD OF DOCTORAL DEGREE (LEVEL 8)

3.1 Qualification

- i. Prior to admission into a PhD program, the student shall have been awarded MS/MPhil or equivalent degree as described in this policy OR
- ii. Students pursuing MS/MPhil studies and interested in continuing to PhD may be granted provisional admission upon satisfaction with the Admission Committee regarding Statement of Purpose and students' commitment to the PhD program, provided that confirmation of the admission shall be subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions within a period of one year from the date of provisional admission:
 - a. Award of MS/MPhil degree, as prescribed in this policy.
 - b. Clearance of the admission test, as prescribed in this policy

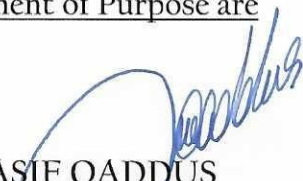
3.5 Statement of Purpose

As part of the application for admission to PhD programs, applicants shall be required to submit a statement of purpose, which shall form an integral part of the application. The admissions committee shall use the information provided to ascertain the preparedness and interest of the candidate in pursuing doctoral studies, and whether the department has the requisite resources to train and supervise the doctoral candidate in the subspeciality in which the applicant is interested. A statement of purpose shall, at least, include the following:

- i Title of the potential research proposal
- ii Clear articulation of the current understanding of the intended field and ideas for potential research
- iii Explanation of the intended impact of the proposed research
- iv The prospective candidates shall demonstrate passion and enthusiasm for the area of research.

Admissions/provisional admissions will be granted on a limited number of seats, those candidates who have cleared the admission test will be admitted in the program provided that their statement of purpose is found satisfactory and they are cleared in the interview by the admission committee. Those who were unsuccessful in the admission test and are desirous in provisional admission will be selected on merit bases which will be based on the scores obtained in statement of purpose moreover the limited top scoring candidates selected for provisional admission will be called and will be required to clear the interview as well which will be conducted by the admission committee. .

PLEASE NOTE: The structure and evaluation criteria for the Statement of Purpose are attached for your reference.


WASIF QADDUS
Controller of Examination

Copy for information:

1. P.A to Vice Chancellor, SZABUL, Karachi.
2. P.S to Registrar, SZABUL, Karachi.
3. Dean Faculty of Law.
4. Dean Faculty of Social Sciences.
5. Chairperson Department of Law.
6. Chairman Department of Business Management.
7. Director Admission.
8. P.A to Controller of Examination.
8. Office File.