



## SDG-9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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Innovation and entrepreneurship is the backbone of economic and social development of a country. COMSATS University Islamabad is actively engaged in promoting and providing an enabling environment for an ecosystem of entrepreneurship and innovation to flourish.

For this, CUI started the Business Incubation Center (BIC) / Student Startup Business Center (SSBC) where students are given an opportunity to gain practical experience of conceiving and launching commercially viable products and services in the market, as part of their Final Year Project (FYP).

BIC provides the following services free-of-cost to students: co-working space; Internet and IT services; management training; seed funding and grants; access to all CUI facilities and brand name; networking opportunities; mentoring, by faculty and entrepreneurs; opportunity to participate in national and international startup events; and cash awards to top performing graduates. The Student Startup Business Center (SSBC), in collaboration with the National Center of Artificial Intelligence (NCAI), conducted a 5-days training workshop on 'Artificial Intelligence' in August 2021.

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Total research income from industry and commerce	PKR. 886,474,688
Research income from industry and commerce per academic staff	PKR. 413,660
Research income from industry and commerce by subject area: (STEM)	PKR. 866,474,688
Research income from industry and commerce by subject area: (Medicine)	PKR. 200,000,00
Number of academic staff by subject area: (STEM)	1,893
Number of academic staff by subject area: (Medicine)	42
Number of academic staff by subject area: (Arts & Humanities/Social sciences)	208
Total number of students enrolled	34,323
International Students from developing countries	430
Number of students with disabilities	09

