

Pakistan Application Instructions



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If you are interested in applying for the SPAR6C Article 6 Research Mentorship Program, please upload your application to the link by clicking the button below. Only applications including the following will be considered:

- 1. A maximum 2-page summary of your masters/PhD project or thesis, describing how it is relevant to climate change mitigation, and your motivation for joining the Research Mentorship Program.
- 2. Your CV showing your academic institution and department, and any current employment positions.
- 3. A letter of recommendation from your academic supervisor.
- 4. Proof of enrolment at an accredited university.



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Evaluation Criteria

Successful applicants will demonstrate the following:

- 1. Be a citizen of Pakistan, enrolled preferably in a Pakistani university, with at least a B2 English proficiency
- 2. The innovation and/novelty of the research project
- 3. Background and motivation of the student
- 4. Relevance to suggested research themes and alignment to the national priorities.

For Pakistan, these include the following potential topics:

1. Waste Management and Article 6 Potential research areas:

- Economic and emissions reduction potential of waste-toenergy projects under Article 6.
- Baseline methodologies for municipal solid waste management projects (landfill gas capture, composting, anaerobic digestion).
- Institutional and regulatory barriers to implementing carbon crediting in Pakistan's waste management sector.
- Integration of informal waste collection networks into formal MRV and GHG Accounting Systems.















2. E-Mobility and Transport

Potential research areas:

- Developing baseline emission factors for e-mobility in Pakistan (two- and three-wheelers, buses).
- Comparative analysis of grid-connected vs off-grid (renewable-based) EV charging and carbon accounting and their eligibility for Article 6.
- Financial instruments and carbon pricing mechanisms to incentivise e-mobility (e.g., concessional finance, blended finance).
- Policy alignment of Pakistan's National Electric Vehicle Policy with Article 6 cooperation and ITMO generation.
- Lifecycle GHG accounting of electric vehicles vs conventional vehicles in Pakistan's energy mix.

3. Agriculture Sector

Potential research areas:

- Carbon sequestration potential in rice cultivation, livestock, and agroforestry — identifying priority subsectors.
- Developing sectoral baselines for methane and nitrous oxide reduction in agriculture.















- MRV approaches for smallholder-based mitigation projects (digital MRV, satellite-based monitoring, farm-level data).
- Role of regenerative agriculture and climate-smart practices in generating ITMOs.
- Economic analysis of carbon revenue potential for farmers and cooperatives under Article 6.
- Linkages between agricultural mitigation projects and national food security policies.

4. MRV Framework for Article 6 Potential sub-topics / research areas:

- Integration of Article 6 MRV with Pakistan's National GHG Inventory (transparency framework).
- Methods for ensuring environmental integrity and avoiding double counting in bilateral ITMO transactions.
- Role of digital tools (blockchain, AI, IoT) for enhancing transparency and efficiency in MRV systems.
- Capacity needs assessment for MRV implementation at national and sub-national levels and lessons from international MRV systems (e.g., Ghana, Thailand, Chile) applicable to Pakistan.















5. Sectoral Baseline Methodologies Potential research areas:

- Development of standardized baselines for priority sectors (waste, transport, agriculture, energy etc.).
- Use of activity data and emission factors specific to Pakistan's context for sectoral baselines.
- Comparative review of baseline methodologies approved under Article 6.4 vs voluntary carbon markets.
- Incorporating dynamic baselines to ensure environmental integrity and reflect evolving national conditions as well as international requirements.
- Challenges and opportunities in adopting internationally accepted baseline methodologies in Pakistan.
- 6. GHG Accounting in the Pakistani Context Potential research areas:
 - Analysis of the current status and gaps in Pakistan's GHG Inventory (by IPCC sector).
 - Strengthening institutional capacity for data collection, validation, and emission factor development.
 - Increasing the quality of land-use, land-use change, and forestry (LULUCF) data in the national GHG inventory.















- Development of localised emission factors for underrepresented sectors (e.g., waste, transport, agriculture).
- Alignment of national accounting with Article 6 transparency and corresponding adjustment requirements.
- Role of academic and private sector institutions in improving GHG data systems.

7. Financial Instruments for Projects under Article 6 Potential research areas:

- Design of blended finance mechanisms to mobilize private investment for Article 6 projects.
- Carbon pricing models and incentive mechanisms for domestic project developers.
- Feasibility of a national carbon credit guarantee or stabilization fund.
- Financial viability analysis of ITMO projects and pricing benchmarks (based on VCM and bilateral trades).
- Governance and distribution models for revenue from corresponding adjustment fees.









