

Pakistan Forest Institute, Pakistan

The Pakistan Forest Institute (PFI) is a federal government organisation under the Ministry of Environment, Government of Pakistan. The Institute was established in 1947 to carry out research in forestry and allied sciences and impart education and training in forestry, rangelands, wildlife, and watershed management to candidates from provincial forest departments and other agencies engaged in forestry activities, as well as students from foreign countries. It has been affiliated with the University of Peshawar

since 1958 for the purpose of examinations and of awarding degrees in forestry.

PFI is located on the campus of the University of Peshawar where the Institute occupies an area of about 93ha. Among its facilities are an auditorium, committee room, museum, central library, lecture rooms, research and teaching laboratories. There are also student and training hostels, houses, a guesthouse, and officers and staff clubs as well as a dispensary.

Research nurseries and experimental plots for silviculture, genetics, and medicinal plants are located on the estate and throughout the country. A botanical garden with 271 species of trees, shrubs, and climbers helps forestry graduates as well as students to familiarise themselves with these species.

The Institute's vision is to be recognised as a place of excellence and ahead in the field. Its mission is to improve the quality of life through scientific management of forests, rangeland, wildlife, watersheds, environmental protection, and biodiversity conservation in Pakistan through excellent research and training activities carried out in a creative and friendly learning environment.



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The Institute:

- promotes forestry education and research appropriate to the continued development of the forestry sector and conservation of the resource base;
- collects and disseminates information on forest management and development and forest products and their use;
- coordinates activities within Pakistan relating to research and development, publicity, and

development of forests and wood industries and to liaise with relevant bodies outside Pakistan; and

- advises the Federal and Provincial governments and regional forest departments and related industries and farmers on planting, wood production, and use

The Institute is organised in five divisions reporting to the Director General: forestry research, biological sciences' research, forest products' research, sericultural research, and forest education – the latter offering B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees in forestry .