



## Press Release

### **ITU PROFESSOR BAGS Research Productivity Award (RPA) 2017**

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Pakistan Council of Science & Technology (PCST) has awarded Dr. Khurram Bhatti, Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering at Information Technology University (ITU) Lahore, the Research Productivity Award – 2017 in recognition of his outstanding performance in the category of Engineering Sciences. Dr. Bhatti has won two internationally competitive research project grants for Pakistan this year, namely the EIFFEL VADE-MECUM research excellence program and PHC PERIDOT research grants.

On this achievement, Dr. Umar Saif, the founding VC of ITU, said, “Quality and Impact of research being carried out in Pakistani Institutions is improving at a gradual pace and Dr. Bhatti’s work is one such example. Recognition in the form of Research Productivity Award by the PCST and other national institutions is vital for continuous improvement. ITU is offering conducive and enabling environment to its faculty and researchers in order to do quality research on sustainable basis.”

He has also been granted a US Patent on his research work related to Operating System services in Linux earlier this year along with numerous publications in peer-reviewed conferences and International journals. Dr. Bhatti’s research interests include Embedded Systems, Information Security in Embedded and Cloud Computing Systems, Real-time and Mixed Criticality Systems, Run-time Resource Management, and Computer Architecture. He has authored/co-authored more than 25 research publications in prestigious journals & conferences including Springer RTS and Computing.

Among a number of 2,493 productive scientists of Pakistan employed in public/private sector universities, colleges and R&D organizations applied for the RPAs this year. A minimum threshold of 250 applicants was fixed to deem applicants successful in 12 subjects in four different categories. Only 10% of the top applicants from every subject are awarded the research productivity award by the PCST.