Surrendar Kumar – BBA – Batch 2014,
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“It was almost impossible to pursue education in Pakistan’s most prominent institute namely Institute of Business Administration, Karachi (IBA) for a person like me who is from interior Sindh. But I always do believe in dreams, and these dreams always motivated me in the difficult time of my life. And due to this I was selected in life-changing program by the name of Sindh Foundation Program (SFP). In the program I was trained through different intensive schedules. And then I was selected in IBA. I am thankful to Dr. Zeenat Ismail and Dean & Director – Dr. Ishrat Husain, my sponsors and their team for their utmost contributions and efforts.”

Mithan Kumar – BS (Economics & Mathematics) – I, Batch 2014, District Umerkot

“Things around us keep changing but we never know when our life is going to change. IBA Karachi, through Sindh Foundation Program, brought a beautiful change in my life. It not only groomed my personality, taught me to work in collaboration and to manage time, but also helped me face this competitive world. The hard work, proper counseling and support of my instructors geared me to get enrolled in the discipline of Economics and Mathematics for graduation program at IBA. IBA was my dream from childhood which seemed would never come true because of its expenditure which I could not bear. Sindh Foundation Program made it possible for me by giving me this brilliant opportunity. Valuable classes at IBA, trips to different corporations in Karachi and workshops at PEEP were the best experiences of my life. I would like to pay immense thanks from the core of my heart to the Dean & Director Dr. Ishrat Husain, my sponsors and whole team of Sindh Foundation program because of them today this scholarship is bolstering me to pursue my studies in Pakistan’s most prestigious business school.”

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INTRODUCTION:
The Institute of Business Administration, Karachi collaborates with the Community Development Program – CDP, Planning & Development Department, Government of Sindh, to launch the IBA – Sindh Foundation Program for the talented and deserving students of Sindh region. All expenses for the Foundation Program will be mutually borne by IBA-Karachi & Sindh Government.

OBJECTIVE:
The objective of the six(6) months Foundation Program is to indent the meritorious-cum-needy students from the less advanced districts of Sindh and prepare them for IBA’s or any other Institution’s entrance examination and interviews for the undergraduate programs.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:
- Candidates must have passed Intermediate (F.Sc./F.A./HSC) from any Board of Intermediate Education of Sindh in the year 2014
- Candidates must have secured ‘70% or above’
- Candidates must have a domicile of Sindh
- Candidate is willing to join IBA’s Sindh Foundation Program if selected
- Candidate meets the HEC criterion for “Financial Support for Meritorious Needy Students”

KEY POINTS:
- The program will be based on merit-cum-need consideration.
- The program will start in the month of December and end in May. A training of 6 months prior to the IBA entrance examinations for BBA/BS.
- Upon induction to the Sindh Foundation program, the trainees will be provided full lodging and boarding free of cost, free tuition, plus a small stipend to cover other personal expenses.
- The core courses are English Grammar & Composition, Mathematics, Introduction to Computer Applications, Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Accounting, & Presentation & Communication Skills. For further grooming, the program emphasizes on personal development and interviewing techniques.
- Upon completion of the Sindh Foundation Program, the trainees will have to appear for the IBA aptitude test to enroll into BBA/BS Degree programs.
- Those selected for admission to IBA, Karachi will have to apply for scholarships via regular scholarship schemes. The scholarship committee will then decide the need criteria upon induction of the student in the undergraduate program of IBA. Summer Semester is not covered in the scholarship.

FEATURES & FACILITIES:
- The foundation program class size will consist of nearly 30-35 students.
- All trainees will be expected to live together at the IBA run and managed premises.
- Pick and Drop facility will be provided to the students for the hostel.
- Female students will be provided separate accommodation in STHP Girls Hostel under the direct supervision of a designated lady staff member.
- Extracurricular activities such as sports, cultural events, debating contests would also be organized.

ASSESSMENT TEST & INTERVIEW:
- Shortlisted candidates will be called for the assessment test based on Matriculation curriculum which comprises of English and Mathematics MCQ’s.
- Based on the performance of the assessment test, candidates will be called for the panel interview.