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Daanish University

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Build an Institution. Shape a nation.

A new university is emerging in Islamabad.
We are looking for an investment advisor.

INVESTMENT ADVISOR — SEPARATELY MANAGED ACCOUNT (SMA)

Daanish University is an emerging institution in Islamabad, Pakistan, operating independently under a trust and offering, rigorous STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics) education that will converge with civilizational values, to shape future leaders of Pakistan. Daanish University aims to develop graduates with strong fundamentals; multidisciplinary ability, and ethical grounding - drawn from diverse socio-economic backgrounds purely on merit.

VALUES

We develop graduates with strong fundamentals, multidisciplinary ability and ethical grounding, drawn from diverse backgrounds **purely on merit**. A national outreach programme identifies, nurtures and **fully funds** the most talented students from across Pakistan. Our core values — rigour, inclusivity and merit — rest on four pillars: transdisciplinary pedagogy; inclusion; collaboration & societal impact; and a culture of inquiry & reflection.

THE ROLE

Daanish University Trust seeks independent, professional and fiduciary investment advisory services for prudent management of its Endowment Fund, with these overarching objectives:

- Preservation of capital in real terms
- Maintaining adequate liquidity for operational and strategic requirements
- Achieving sustainable long-term returns in excess of inflation and approved benchmarks
- Ensuring prudent diversification and minimising investment risks
- Strengthening institutional investment governance and oversight mechanisms

WHO MAY APPLY

Asset Management Companies (AMCs) and firms licensed by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) are invited to submit proposals to act as Investment Advisor and to manage the Trust's endowment through a Separately Managed Account (SMA) structure.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Valid SECP licence for asset management and investment advisory, plus active MUFAP membership
- AMC rating of **AM1** or above (PACRA or VIS), with no negative watch or outlook
- Ten or more years in operation since incorporation
- Total AUM of at least **PKR 250 billion**
- Ten-year track record in money market and income fund management
- At least **40** institutional, endowment or SMA mandates managed
- Clean regulatory record — no material SECP sanctions in the past five years

WHAT TO SUBMIT

Firms must also submit:

- Company profile: legal name, date of incorporation, SECP licence, MUFAP membership and AMC rating
- Total AUM in PKR, with client mix — individuals, corporates, pension funds, NGOs and endowments
- Fixed income fund performance, last ten years ending 30 June 2026
- Equity fund performance, last ten years ending 30 June 2026
- Investment team snapshot: total size, CFA charter holders and average experience

PROCUREMENT METHOD

The procurement shall be conducted through Single Stage – Two Envelope Procedure using the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method, in accordance with Regulation 3(B) of the PPRA Procurement of Consultancy Services Regulations, 2010, read with the applicable provisions of the Public Procurement Rules, 2004 and the e-Pak Procurement Regulations, 2023.

HOW TO SUBMIT

The RFP and all associated documents are available at **PPRA website and EPADS 2.2**. Proposals must be prepared strictly in accordance with the RFP.

EVALUATION

Proposals will be evaluated on the technical and financial standing of the bidders. The weightage assigned to the technical and financial components is set out in the RFP.

Daanish University Trust reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, at any stage of the process, without assigning any reason and without incurring any liability whatsoever to the affected bidder(s).

DEADLINE & OPENING

The Technical & Financial Proposals must be submitted on EPADS 2.0 by **11:00 a.m. on Thursday, 17 September 2026**. The Technical Proposals shall be opened on same day at 11:30 a.m. in the presence of bidders or their authorised representatives who choose to attend, at the address below.

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• Deadline Thursday, 17 Sep 2026 • Submission 11:00 a.m. • Opening 11:30 a.m.