NEWSLETTER

OUR IMPACT **SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2026**

Orange Tree Foundation
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Every opportunity can change a future.
Orange Tree Foundation continues to open doors through education, student development, and meaningful partnerships, helping talented students move toward brighter, more financially independent futures.

Student Impact

Mentorship in Action: From Scholar to Speaker



One of the most rewarding aspects of OTF's work is seeing our scholars grow into confident professionals. Ayan Riaz, a former OTF scholar, is now working as a **Trainee Assistant Engineer at Engro Polymer & Chemicals**, marking an important milestone in his professional journey.

Continuing his journey with OTF, Ayan Riaz joined Mentoring Minds Cycle IV as a speaker for the 'Decision-Making Toolkit' session on 23 September, alongside Sakina Ali Asghar. From once receiving support to now sharing his experiences with fellow scholars, Ayan embodies OTF's vision of creating opportunities for young people to build independent futures and inspire the next generation.

Taking Charge: The Markhor Fellowship

Eight OTF scholars stepped into the wilderness for the Markhor Youth Leader Fellowship Programme (4–8 October), hosted by Youth Impact, with OTF as its official institutional partner. This year's programme centred on the theme '**Ba-Ekhtiyaar**', which translates to taking charge of the choices that shape our lives.
The fellowship challenged young participants to step beyond their comfort zones, discover their strengths and grow through teamwork, leadership and shared experiences.

At OTF, education doesn't stop at just getting a degree. We strive to equip young people with the confidence and skills to build independent futures.



Turning Dreams Into Global Opportunities

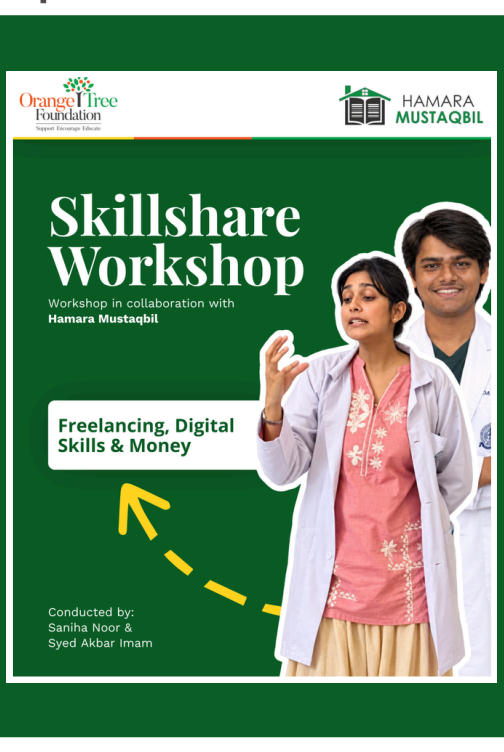
Muhammad Zaheer, an OTF scholar at NUST, is turning his passion for technology and creativity into exciting opportunities. Driven by curiosity, he approached university professors to gain hands-on experience and is currently contributing to a robotics project alongside a professor who has collaborated with NASA. Beyond technology, Zaheer has built a growing digital presence through The Zaheer Show, which has reached over 19,000 followers. He is also exploring documentary filmmaking and content creation and plans to establish his own creative studio.



One of his proudest achievements was being selected from approximately 250 applicants across Pakistan to represent the country's media and filmmaking sector at **The International Festival of Youth 2026** in Yekaterinburg, Russia. He was also among the few participants awarded full funding to attend.

The experience gave Zaheer international exposure, valuable connections and greater confidence in his abilities. His journey reflects how ambition, initiative and access to opportunities can help young people discover their potential and take it further.

Events & Activities



Skills Today, Opportunities Tomorrow

In collaboration with Hamara Mustaqbil, OTF's Student Affairs team organised a Skillshare workshop titled **Freelancing, Digital Skills & Money** on 24th of October for students in Grade 11 and above. Facilitated by Saniha Noor and Syed Akbar Imam, the session introduced students to freelancing, in-demand digital skills and how to secure their first clients safely.

Students also explored portfolio development and created **30-day plans** to begin building marketable skills. With discussions on budgeting, saving and investing, the workshop equipped students with practical knowledge to explore earning opportunities and take steps towards financial independence.

Partnerships

Taking OTF's Mission Across Borders

During September, OTF took its mission to international communities across Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom through a series of fundraising events and engagements.

From our first **Annual Dinner in Canada** to gatherings in Virginia, Maryland, Philadelphia and London, the tour brought supporters together around a shared commitment to expanding access to education.

These engagements gave us an opportunity to share OTF's work, strengthen relationships with our supporters, and build new connections with communities abroad.

Each interaction helped bring us closer to our goal of creating brighter futures for financially disadvantaged students across Pakistan.

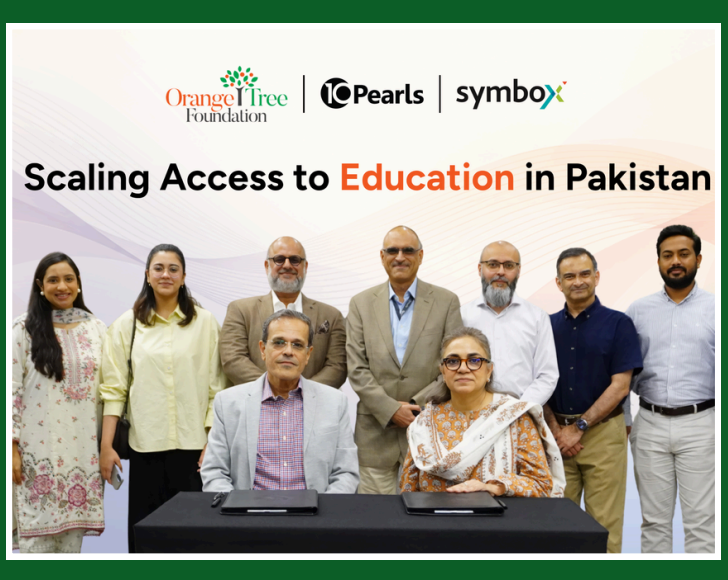




OTF X 10Pearls

On 9 September, Orange Tree Foundation formalised its partnership with 10Pearls to **strengthen the systems** supporting its growing scholarship programme. The initiative will bring student admissions, donor management, student affairs and financial operations together through a centralised management system, making it easier to coordinate processes and support our scholars.

This partnership will help OTF improve efficiency, strengthen its operations and create the capacity to support more students as we work towards expanding access to quality education across Pakistan.



Story of Resilience

A Clearer Vision, A Brighter Future



Hifsa Fareed, an OTF scholar pursuing a BS in Mass Communication at the University of Karachi, faced a significant challenge when keratoconus severely affected her vision in both eyes.

To help her continue her education without compromising her health, OTF facilitated the import of **specialised scleral contact lenses** from the United States, offering a safer alternative to surgery.

The lenses significantly improved Hifsa's vision, allowing her to return to her studies with greater confidence and focus. Her story reflects OTF's commitment to supporting scholars beyond the classroom, helping them overcome barriers to education and move towards a brighter, more independent future.

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