

## Arfa Karim Technology Incubator

We are driven by the vision of Arfa Karim Randhawa, Pakistan's tech prodigy and daughter of the Nation. Inspired by her legacy, we empower careers, foster innovation, and nurture tomorrow's tech and entrepreneurial leaders. Founded on values of integrity, creativity, and collaboration, AKTI bridges the gap between academic knowledge and real-world success, guiding individuals to thrive in the competitive professional landscape. Our commitment to excellence is not just a mission; it's a legacy carried forward. Arfa Karim Randhawa (1995–2012) was a Pakistani computer prodigy who became the world's youngest Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP) at the age of 9 in 2004. Her achievement garnered international attention and led to an invitation from Bill Gates to visit Microsoft's headquarters in the United States when she was 10. Born in Faisalabad, Pakistan, Arfa displayed an early interest in computers. By the age of 7, she was proficient in Microsoft PowerPoint, and at 9, she enrolled in a local technology institute to pursue her interest further. Her dedication and aptitude for technology led her to pass the MCP exam, setting a world record. After returning to Pakistan from a visit to the Microsoft headquarters, Randhawa gave numerous television and newspaper interviews. [S. Somasegar](#), the vice president of Microsoft's Software Development Division, wrote about her in his blog.<sup>[7]</sup> On 2 August 2005, Arfa was presented the Fatimah Jinnah Gold Medal in the field of Science and Technology by the [prime minister of Pakistan Shaukat Aziz](#) at the 113th anniversary of [Fatima Jinnah](#)'s birth.<sup>[9]</sup> She also received the Salaam Pakistan Youth Award in August 2005 from the president of Pakistan.<sup>[10]</sup> Randhawa received the President's [Award for Pride of Performance](#) in 2005,<sup>[11]</sup> a civil award usually granted to people who have shown excellence in their respective fields over a long period of time; she is the youngest recipient of this award. She was made brand ambassador for [Pakistan Telecommunication Company](#)'s 3G Wireless Broadband service, "[EVO](#)", in January 2010.