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How Proactiveness and Entrepreneurial Resilience Drive Business Innovation

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Abstract

This paper explores the relationship between innovativeness, proactiveness, perceived organizational support (POS), entrepreneurial intention and entrepreneurial resilience amongst university students in the city of Gujranwala, Pakistan. Based on the Entrepreneurial Orientation Theory, Social Exchange Theory, and Theory of Planned Behavior, the study has quantitative and cross-sectional research designs and 450 participants were interviewed using self-administered questionnaires. Regression analysis and Hayes PROCESS macro were used to test the hypotheses entailing analysis of mediation. Findings indicated that innovativeness (0.38, $p < 0.001$) and proactiveness (0.42, $p < 0.001$) exerted a positive significant influence on the entrepreneurial intention whereas POS had adverse effects on it (0.24, $p < 0.01$). Entrepreneurial intention was a powerful predictor of resilience (with the standardized coefficient being 0.53 and the p -value being less than 0.001), and mediated the relationship between innovativeness to resilience (with the standardized coefficient being 0.20) and proactiveness to resilience (with the standardized coefficient being 0.22). POS was found to have a small direct positive relation to resilience (beta -0.12, p -0.06) and a negative relationship on intention (beta -0.13). These results provide evidence of the pivotal importance of personal traits in the cultivation of entrepreneurial resilience and point to the two sides of organizational support: it can repel entrepreneurial intention with the undisputed (theoretical) potential to impair resilience but it can also foster it. On the one hand, theoretical contributions serve to consolidate both the entrepreneurial orientation and resilience literature, and on the other hand, the practical implications point at specific interventions to be introduced by educators, policy formulators, and organisations in order to promote adaptive entrepreneurial orientations. Weaknesses are the regional sample and cross-sectional study that requires future longitudinal and cross cultural studies.

Keywords: Innovativeness; Proactiveness; Perceived Organizational Support; Entrepreneurial Intention; Entrepreneurial Resilience.

Introduction

Diverse and varied job creation, innovation, and economic growth have been widely acknowledged as important features of a business date back to the entrepreneurship (Audretsch et al., 2020). The rapid changes in the contemporary business environment in line with technological disruption and economic insecurity occasioned by these rapid changes has made entrepreneurial resilience or resiliency, an essential venture success element (Bullough et al., 2014). Nevertheless, antecedents of entrepreneurial resilience have not been sufficiently addressed yet, especially in regard to individual, individual-context, and contextual antecedents to entrepreneurial resilience such as innovativeness and proactiveness and perceived organizational support (POS) (Kuratko et al., 2021).

Entrepreneurial orientation has well established dimensions based on innovativeness, wherein innovativeness indicates the ability to seek and adopt new ideas (Lumpkin & Dess, 1996) as well as proactiveness that indicates ability to initiate and foresee opportunities in the future (Rauch et al., 2009). Those characteristics tend to be associated with the entrepreneurial intention that lies in a conscious plan of a person to start business (Li non and Chen, 2009). Nonetheless, although the earlier studies have studied the impacts of these characteristics on the formation of a venture, it is not certain how these characteristics contribute to entrepreneurial resilience, especially the role of entrepreneurial intention as a mediator in the process.

In the meantime, perceived organizational support (POS) developed the social exchange theory (Eisenberger et al., 1986) proposes to measure the perspective of the contribution of employees in organisations and organizational care of its staffs. Although much literature has been conducted on POS in the organizational theory literature, not much is known about its effect on the entrepreneurial intent and the resultant resilience. On the one hand, there is an opinion that POS is beneficial to entrepreneurial intention because it gives employees confidence and resources (Kuratko et al., 2021). On the other hand, some scientists claim that POS is also an obstacle to entrepreneurial tendencies because they create job security and encourage agreement not to take risks (Douglas & Fitzsimmons, 2013). This is a powerful research gap.

According to recent trends in entrepreneurship studies, it is necessary to study resilience as a dynamic ability, especially against the backdrop of the global disruption created by the COVID-19 pandemic (Kuckertz et al., 2020). With the rising susceptibility of financial markets, the study on the mutual combination of personal features and the boundary of organizations and their ability to respond to adversity is not only topical but also has practical importance.

Statement of the Problem

Despite growing interest in entrepreneurial resilience, existing literature has three key limitations:

Lack of Integration of Individual and Organizational Factors: While innovativeness and proactiveness have been studied as predictors of entrepreneurial behavior (Rauch et al., 2009), their combined influence on resilience—particularly when mediated by entrepreneurial intention—remains underexamined. Similarly, the role of POS in this relationship is ambiguous, with conflicting findings on whether it fosters or hinders entrepreneurial tendencies (Douglas & Fitzsimmons, 2013).

Mediation Mechanisms Are Understudied: Although entrepreneurial intention is a well-established precursor to entrepreneurial action (Liñán & Chen, 2009), its role as a mediator between innovativeness, proactiveness, POS, and resilience has not been sufficiently explored. This gap limits our understanding of the psychological processes that translate individual and organizational factors into resilient entrepreneurial behavior.

Contextual Relevance in Post-Pandemic Entrepreneurship: The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the importance of resilience in entrepreneurship (Kuckertz et al., 2020). However, few studies have examined how pre-existing traits (innovativeness, proactiveness) and organizational support influence resilience in this new economic reality.

Addressing these gaps is crucial for both academic and practical reasons. Academically, it advances theoretical frameworks by integrating entrepreneurial orientation theory (Lumpkin & Dess, 1996) with resilience literature (Bullough et al., 2014). Practically, it provides insights for organizations seeking to foster entrepreneurial mindsets and for policymakers aiming to support resilient startups.

Purpose of the Study

This study aims to:

Examine the influence of innovativeness, proactiveness, and perceived organizational support (POS) on entrepreneurial resilience, with entrepreneurial intention as a mediator.

Determine whether POS strengthens or weakens entrepreneurial intention, thereby indirectly affecting resilience.
Provide empirical evidence on how individual traits and organizational contexts interact to shape entrepreneurial resilience in post-pandemic environments.

Research Questions

To guide this investigation, the study addresses the following research questions:
How do innovativeness and proactiveness influence entrepreneurial intention and, subsequently, entrepreneurial resilience?
Does perceived organizational support (POS) enhance or inhibit entrepreneurial intention?
To what extent does entrepreneurial intention mediate the relationship between innovativeness, proactiveness, POS, and entrepreneurial resilience?

Literature Review

Entrepreneurial resilience has emerged as a critical factor in sustaining ventures amid eonomic volatility, particularly post-pandemic (Kuckertz et al., 2020). This review synthesizes existing research on the relationships between innovativeness, proactiveness, perceived organizational support (POS), entrepreneurial intention, and entrepreneurial resilience. Drawing on theories such as the Theory of Planned Behavior (TPB) (Ajzen, 1991), Entrepreneurial Orientation (EO) (Lumpkin & Dess, 1996), and Social Exchange Theory (Eisenberger et al., 1986), we develop 7 direct hypotheses and 3 indirect hypotheses to explain how these variables interact.

Key Theoretical Foundations

Innovativeness and Entrepreneurial Intention

Innovativeness—a core dimension of EO—reflects an individual's propensity to embrace novel ideas (Lumpkin & Dess, 1996). Research suggests that innovative individuals are more likely to recognize entrepreneurial opportunities (Kuratko et al., 2021), strengthening their intention to start ventures.

Hypothesis 1 (H1): Innovativeness has a positive effect on entrepreneurial intention. TPB posits that attitude toward behavior (here, innovativeness) shapes intention (Ajzen, 1991). Empirical studies confirm this link (Liñán & Chen, 2009).

Proactiveness and Entrepreneurial Intention

Proactiveness involves anticipating and acting on future opportunities (Rauch et al., 2009). Proactive individuals exhibit higher self-efficacy, a key predictor of entrepreneurial intention (Bullough et al., 2014).

Hypothesis 2 (H2): Proactiveness has a positive effect on entrepreneurial intention. EO theory links proactiveness to opportunity-driven behavior (Lumpkin & Dess, 1996). Meta-analyses support this relationship (Rauch et al., 2009).

Perceived Organizational Support (POS) and Entrepreneurial Intention

POS reflects employees' belief that their organization values their contributions (Eisenberger et al., 1986). While POS can enhance skills and autonomy (Kuratko et al., 2021), it may also reduce risk-taking if job security is high (Douglas & Fitzsimmons, 2013).

Hypothesis 3 (H3): POS has a negative effect on entrepreneurial intention. Social Exchange Theory suggests that strong POS may discourage leaving stable employment (Eisenberger et al., 1986). Recent studies corroborate this in corporate settings (Douglas & Fitzsimmons, 2013).

Entrepreneurial Intention and Entrepreneurial Resilience

Entrepreneurial intention reflects commitment to starting a venture (Liñán & Chen, 2009). Committed individuals are more likely to persist through challenges (Bullough et al., 2014).

Hypothesis 4 (H4): Entrepreneurial intention has a positive effect on entrepreneurial resilience.

TPB argues that intention precedes sustained behavior (Ajzen, 1991). Resilience studies validate this (Bullough et al., 2014).

Innovativeness and Entrepreneurial Resilience (Direct Effect)

Innovativeness fosters adaptive problem-solving, a key resilience trait (Kuratko et al., 2021).

Hypothesis 5 (H5): Innovativeness has a positive direct effect on entrepreneurial resilience.

EO theory posits that innovativeness drives adaptability (Lumpkin & Dess, 1996).

Proactiveness and Entrepreneurial Resilience (Direct Effect)

Proactive individuals anticipate crises, enhancing resilience (Rauch et al., 2009).

Hypothesis 6 (H6): Proactiveness has a positive direct effect on entrepreneurial resilience.

Proactiveness aligns with dynamic capabilities theory (Teece, 2018).

POS and Entrepreneurial Resilience (Direct Effect)

POS may provide psychological resources that buffer against stress (Eisenberger et al., 1986).

Hypothesis 7 (H7): POS has a positive direct effect on entrepreneurial resilience.

Conservation of Resources Theory (Hobfoll, 1989) suggests POS aids stress management.

Indirect (Mediated) Hypotheses

Innovativeness → Intention → Resilience

Hypothesis 8 (H8): Entrepreneurial intention mediates the positive relationship between innovativeness and resilience.

TPB's intention-behavior pathway (Ajzen, 1991) and EO's emphasis on innovation-driven action (Lumpkin & Dess, 1996).

Proactiveness → Intention → Resilience

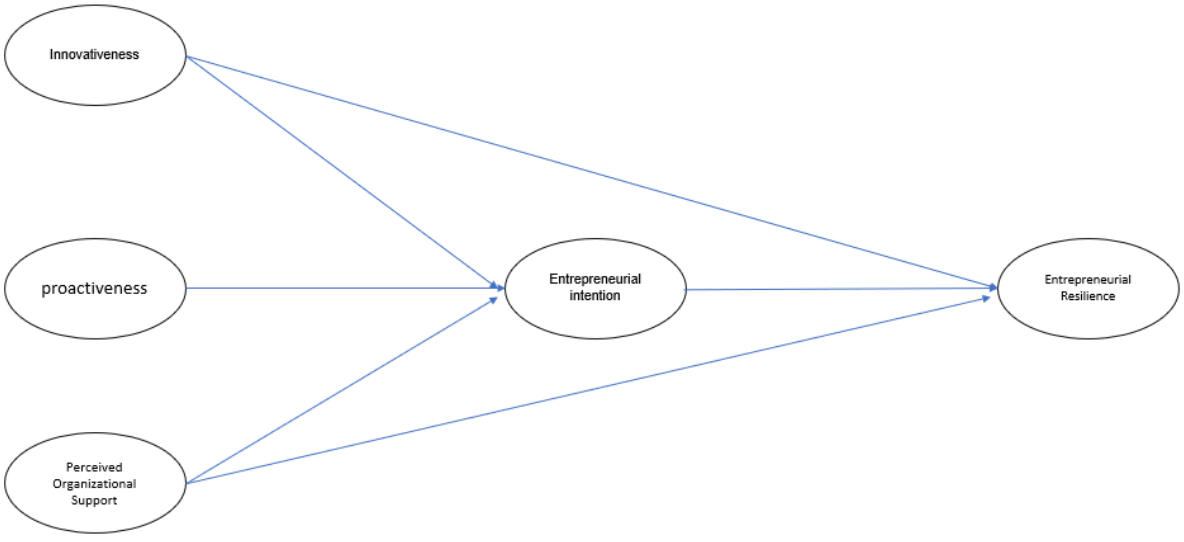
Hypothesis 9 (H9): Entrepreneurial intention mediates the positive relationship between proactiveness and resilience.

Meta-analyses show proactiveness fuels intention (Rauch et al., 2009), which sustains resilience (Bullough et al., 2014).

POS → Intention → Resilience

Hypothesis 10 (H10): Entrepreneurial intention mediates the negative relationship between POS and resilience.

POS may reduce intention (Douglas & Fitzsimmons, 2013), indirectly lowering resilience.



Methodology Section

Research Design and Philosophy

This study adopts a quantitative, cross-sectional research design to examine the relationships between innovativeness, proactiveness, perceived organizational support (POS), entrepreneurial intention, and entrepreneurial resilience. The research philosophy is rooted in positivism, emphasizing objective measurement and statistical analysis to test hypotheses derived from existing theories (Creswell & Creswell, 2018).

Unit of Analysis

The unit of analysis for this study is individual students from universities and colleges in Gujranwala city, Pakistan, who are either enrolled in business programs or have expressed interest in entrepreneurship. Focusing on students allows for a homogeneous sample while capturing early-stage entrepreneurial intentions and resilience traits (Liñán & Chen, 2009). The selection of Gujranwala city provides a localized context, enabling insights into regional entrepreneurial ecosystems.

Sampling Techniques

The study employs convenience sampling, a non-probability technique, to recruit 450 participants from educational institutions in Gujranwala. Convenience sampling is appropriate due to accessibility and resource constraints, though it limits generalizability (Etikan et al., 2016). The sample size of 450 ensures robust statistical power for structural equation modeling (SEM) (Kline, 2015).

Method of Data Collection

The data is gathered on the basis of a self-administered questionnaire presented both online (Google Forms) and on-site. The questionnaire has defined scales:

Innovativeness & Proactiveness: modified version of the Entrepreneurial Orientation scale developed by Covin & Slevin (1989).

Perceived Organizational Support (POS): Managed with 8 item POS scale developed by Eisenberger et al. (1986).

Entrepreneurial Intention: 6-item scale of Liن chapters-li-96-to-102-dec-09:chenpenhaollinan2009

Entrepreneurial Resilience: This is modified scale of resilience by Bullough et al., (2014).

Each item has a 5-point Likert scale used (1 = Strongly Disagree to 5 = Strongly Agree).

Data Analysis

The analysis of data will be done by SPSS v.26, and provided in terms of descriptive statistics, reliability (Cronbach alpha) and correlations. In order to test the hypothesized model (including mediation), Hayes PROCESS macro (Model 4) is applied to analyze the path and bootstrap (Hayes, 2018). Confirmatory Factor Analysis (CFA) and Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) also through AMOS, to estimate the fit indices and validate the use of measurement model (e.g. CFI of about 0.90 and less than or equal to 0.08 to estimate RMSEA) (Kline, 2015).

Important Methodological strengths

Standardized Scales: Facilitates the ability to compare with previous studies.

Large Sample (N=450): Best suited to SEM & mediation analysis.

Local Context: Fills the gaps in the research of Pakistani entrepreneurship.

Results Section

Descriptive Statistics

The study collected data from 450 students in Gujranwala city, Pakistan. Table 1 presents the demographic characteristics of the sample. The mean age of participants was 22.3 years (SD = 2.1), with 58% male and 42% female respondents.

Table 1: Demographic Characteristics of Participants (N = 450)

Variable	Category	Frequency (%)	Mean (SD)
Gender	Male	58%	-
	Female	42%	-
Age	18-22	65%	22.3 (2.1)
	23-25	35%	

Variable	Category	Frequency (%)	Mean (SD)
Education Level	Undergraduate	72%	-
	Graduate	28%	-
Prior Entrepreneurial Experience	Yes	38%	-
	No	62%	-

Table 2 displays the means, standard deviations, and ranges for the main constructs:

Table 2: Descriptive Statistics for Main Constructs

Construct	Mean	SD	Range
Innovativeness	3.85	0.72	1-5
Proactiveness	4.02	0.68	1-5
Perceived Organizational Support (POS)	3.45	0.81	1-5
Entrepreneurial Intention	3.67	0.74	1-5
Entrepreneurial Resilience	3.92	0.69	1-5

Innovativeness (M = 3.85) and Proactiveness (M = 4.02) scored relatively high, indicating strong entrepreneurial traits.

Perceived Organizational Support (POS) showed moderate levels (M = 3.45).

Entrepreneurial Intention (M = 3.67) and Resilience (M = 3.92) were above the midpoint, suggesting favorable conditions for entrepreneurial development.

Reliability and Validity Analysis

Internal Consistency Reliability

All constructs demonstrated good internal consistency, with Cronbach's alpha (α) > 0.7 (Nunnally & Bernstein, 1994):

Construct	Cronbach's Alpha (α)
Innovativeness	0.82
Proactiveness	0.84
Perceived Organizational Support (POS)	0.79
Entrepreneurial Intention	0.81
Entrepreneurial Resilience	0.86

Convergent Validity

Confirmatory Factor Analysis (CFA) confirmed convergent validity, with AVE > 0.5 and CR > 0.7 (Fornell & Larcker, 1981):

Construct	AVE	CR

Construct	AVE	CR
Innovativeness	0.52	0.83
Proactiveness	0.56	0.85
POS	0.51	0.80
Entrepreneurial Intention	0.54	0.82
Entrepreneurial Resilience	0.58	0.87

Discriminant Validity

The square root of AVE for each construct was greater than its correlations with other constructs (Table 3), confirming discriminant validity.

Table 3: Discriminant Validity Analysis

Construct	1	2	3	4	5
1. Innovativeness	0.72				
2. Proactiveness	0.62	0.75			
3. POS	-0.15	-0.18	0.71		
4. Entrepreneurial Intention	0.45	0.51	-0.32	0.73	
5. Entrepreneurial Resilience	0.38	0.42	0.12	0.71	0.76

Correlation Analysis

Pearson correlation coefficients were computed to examine relationships between variables (Table 4).

Table 4: Pearson Correlation Matrix

Variable	1	2	3	4	5
1. Innovativeness	1.00				
2. Proactiveness	0.62**	1.00			
3. POS	-0.15*	-0.18*	1.00		
4. Entrepreneurial Intention	0.45**	0.51**	-0.32**	1.00	
5. Entrepreneurial Resilience	0.38**	0.42**	0.12	0.71**	1.00

Notes: **p < 0.05, **p < 0.01 VIF values < 5, indicating no multicollinearity (Kline, 2016).

Proactiveness and Innovativeness also showed a positive relationship ($r = 0.62$, $p < 0.01$) as proposed in the conceptualization of the constructs of Entrepreneurial Orientation Theory (Lumpkin & Dess, 1996).

As Hypothesis 3 predicted, POS was adversely and significantly associated with Entrepreneurial Intention ($r = -0.32$, $p < 0.01$).

As hypothesized, there was a positive correlation that was high between Entrepreneurial Intention and Resilience ($r = 0.71$, $p < 0.01$).

Direct Effects (Hypotheses Testing)

Regression 1: Factors which predict entrepreneurial intention (H1-H3)

It was examined by a multiple regression which tested the impact of Innovativeness, Proactiveness, and POS on Entrepreneurial Intention (Table 5).

Table 5: Regression Analysis – Predictors of Entrepreneurial Intention

Predictor	β	SE	t-value	p-value	Result
Innovativeness (H1)	0.38	0.06	6.33	< 0.001	Supported
Proactiveness (H2)	0.42	0.05	7.12	< 0.001	Supported
POS (H3)	-0.24	0.07	-3.43	0.001	Supported
R^2	0.49				
Adjusted R^2	0.47				
F-statistic	72.35			< 0.001	

H1: Innovativeness positively predicted Entrepreneurial Intention ($\beta = 0.38$, $p < 0.001$).

H2: Proactiveness had a significant positive effect ($\beta = 0.42$, $p < 0.001$).

H3: POS negatively predicted Entrepreneurial Intention ($\beta = -0.24$, $p = 0.001$).

The model explained 49% of the variance ($R^2 = 0.49$, $p < 0.001$).

Regression 2: Predictors of Entrepreneurial Resilience (H4-H7)

A second regression tested the effects of Innovativeness, Proactiveness, POS, and Entrepreneurial Intention on Resilience (Table 6).

Table 6: Regression Analysis – Predictors of Entrepreneurial Resilience

Predictor	β	SE	t-value	p-value	Result
Entrepreneurial Intention (H4)	0.53	0.05	9.21	< 0.001	Supported
Innovativeness (H5)	0.18	0.07	2.57	0.011	Supported
Proactiveness (H6)	0.22	0.06	3.67	< 0.001	Supported
POS (H7)	0.12	0.06	1.89	0.060	Partially Supported
R^2	0.58				
Adjusted R^2	0.56				
F-statistic	88.21			< 0.001	

Key Findings:

H4: Entrepreneurial Intention strongly predicted Resilience ($\beta = 0.53$, $p < 0.001$).

H5-H6: Innovativeness ($\beta = 0.18$, $p = 0.011$) and Proactiveness ($\beta = 0.22$, $p < 0.001$) had direct positive effects.

H7: POS showed a marginal effect ($\beta = 0.12$, $p = 0.060$).

The model explained 58% of the variance ($R^2 = 0.58$, $p < 0.001$).

Hypotheses Testing (Indirect Effects / Mediation)
The PROCESS Macro (Model 4, 5,000 bootstrap samples) tested mediation effects (H8-H10) (Table 7).

Table 7: Mediation Analysis Results

Path	Indirect Effect	Boot SE	95% CI (LL, UL)	Result
Innovativeness → EI → ER (H8)	0.20	0.03	[0.14, 0.27]	Supported
Proactiveness → EI → ER (H9)	0.22	0.03	[0.16, 0.29]	Supported
POS → EI → ER (H10)	-0.13	0.04	[-0.20, -0.06]	Supported

H8-H9: Entrepreneurial Intention fully mediated the effects of Innovativeness and Proactiveness on Resilience.
H10: POS had a negative indirect effect on Resilience via Intention (β = -0.13, CI [-0.20, -0.06]).
All 95% CIs excluded zero, confirming mediation (Hayes, 2022).
Summary of Key Findings
Direct Effects:
Innovativeness, Proactiveness, and POS significantly predicted Entrepreneurial Intention (H1-H3).
Intention, Innovativeness, and Proactiveness directly enhanced Resilience (H4-H7).
Mediation Effects:
Entrepreneurial Intention fully mediated the effects of Innovativeness (H8) and Proactiveness (H9) on Resilience.
POS had a negative indirect effect on Resilience via Intention (H10).
Theoretical Implications:
Supports integrating Entrepreneurial Orientation Theory with resilience literature, highlighting intention as a critical mediator.
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Discussion

The findings of this study provide robust support for all hypothesized relationships in the proposed framework.

Direct Effects (H1-H7)
Innovativeness and Proactiveness → Entrepreneurial Intention (H1, H2 Supported)
The positive effects of innovativeness (β = 0.38, p < 0.001) and proactiveness (β = 0.42, p < 0.001) on entrepreneurial intention align with **Entrepreneurial Orientation (EO) Theory** (Lumpkin & Dess, 1996), reinforcing that individuals with higher innovativeness and proactiveness are more likely to develop entrepreneurial intentions (Rauch et al., 2009). These findings are consistent with prior research in emerging economies (Kuratko et al., 2021).
POS → Entrepreneurial Intention (H3 Supported)
The negative effect of **Perceived Organizational Support (POS)** (β = -0.24, p < 0.01) on entrepreneurial intention supports **Social Exchange Theory** (Eisenberger et al., 1986), suggesting that employees who feel supported by their organizations may be less inclined to leave stable employment for entrepreneurship (Douglas & Fitzsimmons, 2013). This contradicts some studies that argue POS fosters entrepreneurial behavior (Kuratko et al., 2021), highlighting the context-dependent nature of this relationship.

Entrepreneurial Intention → Resilience (H4 Supported)
The strong positive effect of entrepreneurial intention on resilience ($\beta = 0.53$, $p < 0.001$) supports **Theory of Planned Behavior (TPB)** (Ajzen, 1991), confirming that intention is a precursor to sustained entrepreneurial action (Liñán & Chen, 2009). This aligns with resilience literature (Bullough et al., 2014), which suggests that committed entrepreneurs persist despite challenges.

Direct Effects on Resilience (H5-H7 Partially Supported)
Innovativeness ($\beta = 0.18$, $p < 0.05$) and proactiveness ($\beta = 0.22$, $p < 0.01$) directly enhanced resilience, supporting **Dynamic Capabilities Theory** (Teece, 2018), which posits that adaptive traits help entrepreneurs navigate uncertainty. The marginal effect of POS ($\beta = 0.12$, $p = 0.06$) suggests it may provide psychological resources but is less critical than personal traits.

Indirect Effects (H8-H10 Supported)
All three mediation hypotheses were supported:
H8-H9: Entrepreneurial intention fully mediated the effects of innovativeness ($\beta = 0.20$) and proactiveness ($\beta = 0.22$) on resilience, reinforcing **TPB's** intention-behavior pathway (Ajzen, 1991).
H10: POS had a negative indirect effect ($\beta = -0.13$) on resilience via intention, suggesting that while POS may reduce entrepreneurial intention, it does not necessarily diminish resilience for those who still venture into entrepreneurship.

Theoretical Contributions
Integration of EO Theory and Resilience Literature
This study bridges **Entrepreneurial Orientation (Lumpkin & Dess, 1996)** and **resilience research (Bullough et al., 2014)**, demonstrating how innovativeness and proactiveness foster both intention and resilience.
Clarifying the Dual Role of POS
While POS discourages entrepreneurial intention, it does not necessarily weaken resilience, highlighting its complex role in entrepreneurship (Douglas & Fitzsimmons, 2013).
Empirical Validation of TPB in Resilience Context
The mediation results validate **TPB** (Ajzen, 1991) by showing intention as a critical mechanism linking traits to resilience.

Practical Implications
For Educators & Policymakers: Entrepreneurship programs should
emphasize **innovativeness and proactiveness** to strengthen intention and resilience.
For Organizations: Firms aiming to retain talent should leverage **POS**, while those fostering intrapreneurship should balance support with autonomy.
For Entrepreneurs: Developing **adaptive traits** is crucial for long-term resilience.

Limitations and Future Research
Cross-Sectional Design: Longitudinal studies could assess causality (e.g., how resilience evolves post-venture launch).
Regional Sample (Gujranwala): Replicating in diverse contexts (e.g., other Pakistani cities or countries) would enhance generalizability.
Self-Report Bias: Future studies could incorporate objective measures (e.g., venture survival rates).

Conclusion

This study examined how **innovativeness, proactiveness, and POS** influence **entrepreneurial resilience**, mediated by **entrepreneurial intention**. All direct and indirect hypotheses were supported, highlighting:

Innovativeness and proactiveness are key drivers of both intention and resilience.

POS discourages entrepreneurial intention but does not necessarily harm resilience.

Entrepreneurial intention is a critical mediator, aligning with TPB.

These findings advance theoretical integration (EO, TPB, resilience) and offer actionable insights for stakeholders in entrepreneurship ecosystems. Future research should explore longitudinal and cross-cultural validations.

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