

## FICCI Higher Education Excellence Awards 2025

Excellence in Creating Employment & Entrepreneurship

Category	Category Definition
Excellence in Creating Employment & Entrepreneurship	<i>This award category recognizes institutions that have demonstrated exceptional success in preparing students for meaningful careers and entrepreneurial ventures. These institutions implement forward-looking strategies that align academic learning with industry demands while fostering innovation and self-employment. By cultivating strong industry and EdTech partnerships, delivering hands-on learning, offering structured internships, supporting startup incubation, and ensuring robust placement outcomes, they play a critical role in shaping a workforce that is both job-ready and future-ready.</i>

Section 1 – Basic Information*				
Institution name				
Institution address		City:	State:	Zone: Choose an item.
Date of incorporation	Click here to enter a date.			
Type of institution	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Institution		<input type="checkbox"/> Private Institution	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Central Government Institution	<input type="checkbox"/> Institution of Eminence	<input type="checkbox"/> State Private University	<input type="checkbox"/> Others: (Please specify) _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> State Government Institution	<input type="checkbox"/> Institution of National Importance	<input type="checkbox"/> Deemed to be University	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Deemed to be University	<input type="checkbox"/> Others: (Please specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Autonomous Institution	
Level of education provided	<input type="checkbox"/> Under-Graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Post-Graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Ph.D./Doctorate <input type="checkbox"/> Diploma/Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Others (please specify) .....			
Website				

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Have you won an award for this category in any previous three editions of FICCI Higher Education Excellence Awards? If yes, then please provide details	<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> No  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes         </div> <div>           If yes , please specify .....         </div> </div>
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### Section 2 – Contact Details \*

Name of Vice Chancellor or Director or Registrar or another equivalent person	
Designation	
E-mail ID	
Contact Number	
Name of the SPOC for the Awards (Same as above)	
Designation	
E-mail ID	

### Section 3 – Operational Matrix\*

Parameters	April 2023 – March 2024	April 2024 – March 2025
% of funds allocated from the overall budget to pursue industry engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Up to 10%</li> <li>○ 10% to 15%</li> <li>○ More than 15% to 20%</li> <li>○ More than 20% to 25%</li> <li>○ More than 25%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Up to 10%</li> <li>○ 10% to 15%</li> <li>○ More than 15% to 20%</li> <li>○ More than 20% to 25%</li> <li>○ More than 25%</li> </ul>
% of total enrolment of students out of the total capacity of the institution		
Ratio of number of students enrolled to the number of full-time faculty in the institution		
% of students passed out of the institution out of the total students enrolled in the academic batch (including all departments/streams)		
% of students placed out of total number of students passing out		
% of students taking at least one internship as against the total number of students		

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Number of full-time employees in placement cell	<input type="checkbox"/> Up to 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11 to 25 <input type="checkbox"/> 26 to 50 <input type="checkbox"/> 51 to 75 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 75	<input type="checkbox"/> Up to 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11 to 25 <input type="checkbox"/> 26 to 50 <input type="checkbox"/> 51 to 75 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 75	
Number of industrial visits organized	<input type="checkbox"/> Up to 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11 to 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 21 to 30 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 30	<input type="checkbox"/> Up to 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11 to 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 21 to 30 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 30	
Average duration of the courses provided by the institution	<input type="checkbox"/> < 6 months <input type="checkbox"/> 6 to 12 months <input type="checkbox"/> 12 to 18 months <input type="checkbox"/> 2 years <input type="checkbox"/> 3 years and above		
Average annual tuition fees across the courses provided by the institution:	<input type="checkbox"/> < 5 lakhs <input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 10 lakhs <input type="checkbox"/> 10 to 50 lakhs <input type="checkbox"/> 50 Lakhs and above	<input type="checkbox"/> < 5 lakhs <input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 10 lakhs <input type="checkbox"/> 10 to 50 lakhs <input type="checkbox"/> 50 Lakhs and above	
Average annual salary package students get during placement	<input type="checkbox"/> < 10 lakhs <input type="checkbox"/> 10 to 25 lakhs <input type="checkbox"/> 25 to 50 lakhs <input type="checkbox"/> 51 to 1 Crore <input type="checkbox"/> > 1 Crore	<input type="checkbox"/> < 10 lakhs <input type="checkbox"/> 10 to 25 lakhs <input type="checkbox"/> 25 to 50 lakhs <input type="checkbox"/> 51 to 1 Crore <input type="checkbox"/> > 1 Crore	
Number of student-led startups incubated by the institution	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1–3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4–6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7–10 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 10	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1–3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4–6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7–10 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 10	
Total funding raised by student/faculty startups (INR)	<input type="checkbox"/> <10 lakhs <input type="checkbox"/> 10–50 lakhs <input type="checkbox"/> 50 lakhs–1 crore <input type="checkbox"/> >1 crore	<input type="checkbox"/> <10 lakhs <input type="checkbox"/> 10–50 lakhs <input type="checkbox"/> 50 lakhs–1 crore <input type="checkbox"/> >1 crore	
Number of entrepreneurship workshops, bootcamps, or hackathons conducted	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1–3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4–6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7–10 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 10	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1–3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4–6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7–10 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 10	

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Number of startups mentored or supported through institutional incubation support	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1–5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6–10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11–20 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 20	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1–5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6–10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11–20 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 20	
Does the institution have a dedicated Entrepreneurship Cell or Incubation Centre?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Number of MoU's with startup ecosystems (incubators, accelerators, angel networks)	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1–3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4–6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7–10 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 10	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1–3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4–6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7–10 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 10	
Number of industry-led or entrepreneurship-focused guest lectures/seminars conducted	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1–5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6–10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11–20 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 20	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1–5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6–10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11–20 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 20	
Does your institution have an industry advisory board?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes , please specify how many corporate representatives are currently part of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes , please specify how many corporate representatives are currently part of it	
Mechanisms used to track and improve employability	<input type="checkbox"/> Skills assessment tests <input type="checkbox"/> Alumni career tracking <input type="checkbox"/> Employer feedback loops <input type="checkbox"/> Upskilling/bridging programs <input type="checkbox"/> Others: _____		
Has your institution partnered with any EdTech company/platform to enhance student employability or promote entrepreneurship? If yes, briefly describe the nature of the collaboration and its impact. (Max 50 Words)			
(Please note that the numbers provided here will be validated at later stage hence it should be backed up with sufficient and relevant supporting documents)			

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### Section 4 – Case Study\*

**Note:**

- The below case study must pertain to **ONLY one initiative/project implemented in relevance to this category. Please fill a different application form if you wish to apply with another initiative/s**
- This section should reflect the strategic vision and institutional priorities of the institution. It must be completed or reviewed by a member of the academic or leadership team (e.g., Director, Vice Chancellor, Dean, or Registrar). Inputs collected or compiled by administrative staff must be validated before final submission.

1. What is your institution's overall vision and mission, and how are these reflected in its approach to enhancing employability and fostering entrepreneurship? How does your institution build a culture that promotes career readiness, innovation, and entrepreneurial thinking among students?  
(Max 150 words, preferably in bullets)

Initiative Start Date: (DD/MM/YYYY)

Initiative End Date: (DD/MM/YYYY) / Ongoing

Name of Initiative/ Project

Select the sector(s) where your institution has demonstrated expertise in job creation:

☐ Technology

☐ Healthcare

☐ Finance

☐ Manufacturing

☐ Others (please specify):

Click here to enter a date / Ongoing

**Commented [MM1]:** Multiple selections to be allowed

2. Describe a major initiative undertaken by your institution to enhance employability and/or promote student entrepreneurship. Outline its objectives, target beneficiaries, collaborators (if any), and the approach or strategies used for implementation.  
(Max 150 words, preferably in bullets)

**Note: You may describe either a single flagship initiative or a cluster of interrelated projects, provided they collectively reflect a cohesive institutional strategy and measurable impact**

3. Elaborate on the measurable impact of the initiative described above. Highlight outcomes such as job placements, internship conversions, startup launches, funding raised, incubation success, or any demonstrated improvement in student employability or

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entrepreneurial activity.  (Max 150 words, preferably in bullets)		
4.What role have industry partners played in strengthening your institution's efforts in creating employment and/or promoting entrepreneurship? Describe contributions in areas such as curriculum development, mentoring, internships, funding, placements, or startup support.  (Max 150 words, preferably in bullets)		
5. Outline your plan to sustain and scale the initiative over the next two years. Where does the initiative stand today, and what strategies (e.g. partnerships, policy support, funding, curriculum integration, or incubation infrastructure) will support its long-term growth?  (Max 150 words, preferably in bullets)		
6. Why should your institution be recognized for Excellence in Creating Employment & Entrepreneurship? Highlight what sets your initiative apart in terms of innovation, impact, inclusivity, industry engagement, and long-term value creation.  (Max 300 words, preferably in bullets)		

Section 5 – Supporting Documents		
Certificate of Incorporation/Registration certificate *	<u><a href="#">Attach file</a></u>	
Reports, research, or any other documentation validating the impact of the initiative*	<u><a href="#">Attach file</a></u>	
AI Report covering: * <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AI tool used</li> <li>% of content generated or paraphrased</li> <li>% Plagiarism</li> </ul> (Max 20% AI-generated content allowed)	<u><a href="#">Attach file</a></u>	
Why should your institution win this award? (Max 2 pages) Please note : This document must be completed or	<u><a href="#">Attach file</a></u>	

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reviewed by a senior member of the academic or leadership team.	
Any other collaterals (awards/ articles/certificates, etc.)	<u>Attach file</u>

### Section 6 – Declaration\*

As a matter of record, I/we hereby declare that the information provided in the application form and the supporting documents submitted for the FICCI Higher Education Excellence Awards 2025 is, to the best of my/our knowledge and belief, true, correct, and complete. I/we understand that in the event any information is found to be false, untrue, misleading, or misrepresented, I/we shall be held liable and responsible for the same.

I/we declare that below is true:

- Initiative/ project is completely executed and fully implemented in the period April 01, 2023, to March 31, 2025
- The impact demonstrated and results showcased by initiative/ project is in the period April 01, 2024, to March 31, 2025

I/we, on behalf of my/our organization, <name of organization>, authorise FICCI to use the content submitted as part of my/our nomination, in whole or in part and use and display such entry, which shall include trade publications, press releases, electronic posting to the awards website, electronic hyperlinks to the website of the participant, and any display format selected by FICCI during the awards ceremony or at a later point in time, for a period of five years.

I/we further agree that the information provided has been approved by the Registrar or equivalent personnel of my/ our institution.

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

INSTITUTION  
/ COMPANY  
STAMP