

FICCI Higher Education Excellence Awards 2026

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Contact Number	
Name of the SPOC for the Awards (Same as above)	
Designation	
E-mail ID	

Section 3 – Operational Matrix*

Parameters	FY 2024- 2025	FY 2025-2026
Operating Surplus / Deficit (% of total budget)	<input type="checkbox"/> Deficit (<0%) <input type="checkbox"/> 0–5% <input type="checkbox"/> 6–10% <input type="checkbox"/> 11–15% <input type="checkbox"/> > 15%	<input type="checkbox"/> Deficit (<0%) <input type="checkbox"/> 0–5% <input type="checkbox"/> 6–10% <input type="checkbox"/> 11–15% <input type="checkbox"/> > 15%
% of total students receiving any financial support	<input type="checkbox"/> <10% <input type="checkbox"/> 10–20% <input type="checkbox"/> 21–35% <input type="checkbox"/> 36–50% <input type="checkbox"/> >50%	<input type="checkbox"/> <10% <input type="checkbox"/> 10–20% <input type="checkbox"/> 21–35% <input type="checkbox"/> 36–50% <input type="checkbox"/> >50%
Average % fee reduction	<input type="checkbox"/> <10% <input type="checkbox"/> 10–25% <input type="checkbox"/> 26–40% <input type="checkbox"/> 41–60% <input type="checkbox"/> > 60%	<input type="checkbox"/> <10% <input type="checkbox"/> 10–25% <input type="checkbox"/> 26–40% <input type="checkbox"/> 41–60% <input type="checkbox"/> > 60%
% of students using structured financing Definition: <i>Structured financing includes only formal arrangements through banks, NBFCs, or institution-approved EMI/payment plans. Informal or ad-hoc payment flexibility will not be considered.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <5% <input type="checkbox"/> 5–15% <input type="checkbox"/> 16–30% <input type="checkbox"/> 31–50% <input type="checkbox"/> >50%	<input type="checkbox"/> <5% <input type="checkbox"/> 5–15% <input type="checkbox"/> 16–30% <input type="checkbox"/> 31–50% <input type="checkbox"/> >50%
% of total students from marginalized communities receiving aid	<input type="checkbox"/> <5% <input type="checkbox"/> 5–15% <input type="checkbox"/> 16–30% <input type="checkbox"/> 31–50% <input type="checkbox"/> >50%	<input type="checkbox"/> <5% <input type="checkbox"/> 5–15% <input type="checkbox"/> 16–30% <input type="checkbox"/> 31–50% <input type="checkbox"/> >50%
Total amount disbursed for student aid (CSR/donors/endowment) during the reporting year	<input type="checkbox"/> < ₹10 Lakhs <input type="checkbox"/> ₹10 – ₹50 Lakhs <input type="checkbox"/> ₹50 Lakhs – ₹1 Crore <input type="checkbox"/> ₹1 – ₹3 Crore <input type="checkbox"/> > ₹3 Crore	<input type="checkbox"/> < ₹10 Lakhs <input type="checkbox"/> ₹10 – ₹50 Lakhs <input type="checkbox"/> ₹50 Lakhs – ₹1 Crore <input type="checkbox"/> ₹1 – ₹3 Crore <input type="checkbox"/> > ₹3 Crore
Number of revenue streams beyond tuition contributing to institutional sustainability (e.g., research commercialisation, alumni endowments, certification programmes, online programmes).	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1–2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3–5	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1–2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3–5

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Please specify the streams.	<input type="checkbox"/> 6–8 <input type="checkbox"/> >8	<input type="checkbox"/> 6–8 <input type="checkbox"/> >8
<i>(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)</i>		

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.**

Initiative Start Date: (DD/MM/YYYY) Initiative End Date: (DD/MM/YYYY) / Ongoing Name of Initiative/ Project	Click here to enter a date / Ongoing
1. Describe the key initiative or model implemented to improve student affordability and financing. Include its objective, eligibility, target beneficiaries, structure of support (e.g., scholarships, EMI, ISAs), and key partners involved. <i>(Max 200 words, preferably in bullets)</i> <i>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.</i>	Your response should clearly cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problem being addressed (e.g., affordability gaps, access barriers) • Target group and scale (type and number of students) • Structure of financial support (scholarships, fee waivers, EMI, ISAs, etc.) • Eligibility criteria and selection approach • Key partners involved (banks, NBFCs, donors, EdTechs, etc.) • How the model improves access and reduces financial burden • Any innovative elements in design
2. What measurable outcomes has the initiative achieved? Include specific quantitative metrics and relevant qualitative outcomes <i>(Max 200 words, preferably in bullets)</i>	Your response should clearly cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements in access to education (enrolment of underserved groups) • Impact on student retention and continuation • Change in affordability for beneficiaries • Trends or improvements observed over time

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific examples demonstrating effectiveness • Scale and reach of impact
<p>3. Why should your institution be recognized for Excellence in Financial Sustainability & Student Financing? Highlight what makes your initiative distinctive in terms of innovation, impact, inclusivity, and long-term value creation. <i>(Max 200 words, preferably in bullets)</i></p>	<p>Your response should clearly cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What differentiates your approach from peers • Strength of financial sustainability alongside access • Innovation in financing models • Replicability and scalability • Long-term value for students and institution

Section 5 – Supporting Documents*

Certificate of Incorporation/Registration certificate *	<u>Attach file</u>
Audited financial statements*	<u>Attach file</u>
Scholarship disbursement records*	<u>Attach file</u>
Fee structure and concession records *	<u>Attach file</u>
Loan/EMI agreements*	<u>Attach file</u>
CSR/donor fund utilization reports *	<u>Attach file</u>
<p>AI Report covering: *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AI tool used • % of content generated or paraphrased • % Plagiarism <p><i>(Max 20% AI-generated content allowed <u>Attach file</u>)</i></p>	<u>Attach file</u>
<p>Why should your institution win this award? <i>(Max 2 pages)</i></p> <p><i>Please note : This document must be completed or reviewed by a senior member of the academic or leadership team.</i></p>	<u>Attach file</u>
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 2026

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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, 2024, to March 31, 2026
- The impact demonstrated and results showcased by initiative/ project is in the period April 01, 2025, to March 31, 2026

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: _____

