

FICCI Higher Education Excellence Awards **2026**

Excellence in Institutional Social Responsibility

Category	Category Definition
Excellence in Institutional Social Responsibility	This award category acknowledges institutions that have demonstrated outstanding commitment to driving positive change and social impact. These institutions integrate social responsibility into their core values, actively engaging in initiatives that uplift communities, promote sustainable practices, and address pressing societal issues. Through their dedicated efforts, these institutions play a pivotal role in fostering inclusivity, catalysing community development, and inspiring a broader culture of responsible citizenship.

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	
Level of education provided	<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate	<input type="checkbox"/> Postgraduate		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ph.D./Doctorate	<input type="checkbox"/> Diploma/Certificate		
Website				
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	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes , please specify			

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	

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Section 3 – Operational Matrix*		
Parameters	FY 2024-2025	FY 2025-2026
% of institutional budget allocated to ISR initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/> <2% <input type="checkbox"/> 2–5% <input type="checkbox"/> 6–10% <input type="checkbox"/> 11–15% <input type="checkbox"/> >15%	<input type="checkbox"/> <2% <input type="checkbox"/> 2–5% <input type="checkbox"/> 6–10% <input type="checkbox"/> 11–15% <input type="checkbox"/> >15%
% of students participating in ISR initiatives	<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 faculty participating in ISR initiatives	<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 number of individuals directly impacted	<input type="checkbox"/> <500 <input type="checkbox"/> 500–2,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 2,001–5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 5,001–10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> >10,000	<input type="checkbox"/> <500 <input type="checkbox"/> 500–2,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 2,001–5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 5,001–10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> >10,000
Total verified volunteer hours (students + faculty)	<input type="checkbox"/> <1,000 hours <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000–5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 5,001–15,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 15,001–25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> >25,000	<input type="checkbox"/> <1,000 hours <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000–5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 5,001–15,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 15,001–25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> >25,000
% of ISR initiatives with sustained engagement (≥6 months)	<input type="checkbox"/> <10% <input type="checkbox"/> 10–25% <input type="checkbox"/> 26–50% <input type="checkbox"/> 51–75% <input type="checkbox"/> >75%	<input type="checkbox"/> <10% <input type="checkbox"/> 10–25% <input type="checkbox"/> 26–50% <input type="checkbox"/> 51–75% <input type="checkbox"/> >75%
(Please note that the numbers provided here will be validated at a later stage hence they should be backed up with sufficient and relevant supporting documents)		

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**

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- 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.

<p>Initiative Start Date: (DD/MM/YYYY)</p> <p>Initiative End Date: (DD/MM/YYYY) / Ongoing</p> <p>Name of Initiative/ Project</p>	<p>Click here to enter a date / Ongoing</p>
<p>1. Describe the key ISR initiative undertaken by your institution, including the problem it aims to address, its objective, target beneficiaries, key stakeholders, and implementation approach.</p> <p>(Max 200 words, preferably in bullets)</p>	<p>Your response should clearly cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core problem or need being addressed • Defined beneficiary group and scale of outreach • Type and structure of intervention implemented • Key stakeholders and their roles in execution • Delivery mechanism and implementation model • Frequency and duration of engagement • How the initiative creates measurable social value • Any distinctive or innovative aspects in design
<p>2. What measurable outcomes has the initiative achieved? Include specific quantitative metrics and relevant qualitative outcomes</p> <p>(Max 200 words, preferably in bullets)</p>	<p>Your response should clearly cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature of outcomes achieved at the beneficiary/community level • Type of change created (behavioural, economic, social, or environmental) • Evidence of improvement over the implementation period • Sustainability and continuity of outcomes • Scale of impact beyond immediate beneficiaries (if applicable) • Specific outcome instances demonstrating effectiveness
<p>3. Why should your institution be recognized for Excellence in Institutional Social Responsibility? Highlight what makes your initiative distinctive in terms of community impact, inclusivity, sustainability, innovation, and long-term social value creation.</p> <p>(Max 200 words, preferably in bullets)</p>	<p>Your response should clearly cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distinctiveness of the institutional approach • Depth and consistency of engagement with communities • Strength of sustainability mechanisms • Degree of inclusivity in design and outreach • Potential for replication and scalability

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term value created for both community and institution
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Section 5 – Supporting Documents	
Certificate of Incorporation/Registration certificate *	<u>Attach file</u>
Audited financial statements*	<u>Attach file</u>
Participation records, program reports *	<u>Attach file</u>
Impact verification records/ Beneficiary validation*	<u>Attach file</u>
HR / Faculty & Staff Participation Records*	<u>Attach file</u>
Attendance logs, activity reports*	<u>Attach file</u>
Program timelines*	<u>Attach file</u>
AI Report covering: * <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AI tool used % of content generated or paraphrased % Plagiarism (Max 20% AI-generated content allowed)	<u>Attach file</u>
Why should your institution win this award? (Max 2 pages) Please note: This document must be completed or reviewed by a senior member of the academic or leadership team.	<u>Attach file</u>
Any other collaterals (awards/ articles/certificates, etc.)	<u>Attach file</u>

Section 6 – Declaration*
<p>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 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.</p> <p>I/we declare that below is true:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>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.</p>

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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: _____

