

# FICCI Higher Education Excellence Awards 2025

University of the Year

Category	Category Definition
University of the Year	<p><i>This award category celebrates universities that have erected enduring ecosystems and showcased unyielding dedication to excellence throughout every facet of university administration. Demonstrating a holistic approach, these universities have embraced a comprehensive range of endeavors, from enriching faculty development and pioneering curriculum design to fostering global engagement, conducting impactful research, spearheading student employability initiatives, forging robust industry partnerships, and pioneering social responsibility initiatives. Their consistent and outstanding performance has led to remarkable outcomes, leaving an indelible mark on the landscape of Indian higher education.</i></p> <p><i>The award has two subcategories based on the number of years of establishment for both public and private institutions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Emerging (5- 15 Years)</b> - In existence for more than or equal to 5 years and less than or equal to 15 years as on March 31, 2025.</li> <li>• <b>Established (More than 15 Years)</b> - In existence for more than 15 years as on March 31, 2025</li> </ul>

Section 1 – Basic information*				
Institution name				
Institution address		City:	State:	Zone: Choose an item.
Date of incorporation	<a href="#">Click here to enter a date.</a>			
Type of institution	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Institution		<input type="checkbox"/> Private Institution	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Central Government Institution	<input type="checkbox"/> State Private University	<input type="checkbox"/> State Private University	<input type="checkbox"/> Others: (please specify) _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> State Government Institution	<input type="checkbox"/> Deemed to be University	<input type="checkbox"/> Deemed to be University	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Deemed to be University	<input type="checkbox"/> Autonomous Institution	<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	

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Others (please specify).....
Website	
Select your relevant sub-category	<input type="checkbox"/> Emerging University – (5 – 15 Years of establishment) <input type="checkbox"/> Established University – (More than 15 Years of establishment)  <b>Note - University must be in existence for a minimum 5 years as of May 31, 2025</b>
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	

Section 3 – Operational Matrix*		
Parameters	April 2023 – March 2024	April 2024 – March 2025
NAAC Accreditation Grade & CGPA	<input type="checkbox"/> A++ <input type="checkbox"/> A+ <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B++ or below <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> A++ <input type="checkbox"/> A+ <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B++ or below <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Total Research Grants Secured (In INR)	<input type="checkbox"/> < ₹25L <input type="checkbox"/> ₹25–50L <input type="checkbox"/> ₹51L–1Cr <input type="checkbox"/> ₹1–5Cr <input type="checkbox"/> > ₹5Cr	<input type="checkbox"/> < ₹25L <input type="checkbox"/> ₹25–50L <input type="checkbox"/> ₹51L–1Cr <input type="checkbox"/> ₹1–5Cr <input type="checkbox"/> > ₹5Cr
Number of Patents Filed / Granted	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1–5

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Student–Faculty Ratio		
% of Faculty with PhDs		
Campus Placement Rate		
Average CTC of Placed Students		
Number of Active Industry Collaborations (MOUs)	<input type="checkbox"/> Up to 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11–30 <input type="checkbox"/> 31–50 <input type="checkbox"/> 51–100 <input type="checkbox"/> >100	<input type="checkbox"/> Up to 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11–30 <input type="checkbox"/> 31–50 <input type="checkbox"/> 51–100 <input type="checkbox"/> >100
Number of Industry-Academia Collaborative Activities (includes joint projects, courses, mentoring, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1–5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6–15 <input type="checkbox"/> 16–30 <input type="checkbox"/> >30	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1–5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6–15 <input type="checkbox"/> 16–30 <input type="checkbox"/> >30
Number of Students Undertaking Industry Internships	<input type="checkbox"/> Up to 100 <input type="checkbox"/> 101–300 <input type="checkbox"/> 301–500 <input type="checkbox"/> 501–1000 <input type="checkbox"/> >1000	<input type="checkbox"/> Up to 100 <input type="checkbox"/> 101–300 <input type="checkbox"/> 301–500 <input type="checkbox"/> 501–1000 <input type="checkbox"/> >1000
Number of International MOUs/Collaborations	<input type="checkbox"/> Up to 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6–20 <input type="checkbox"/> 21–50 <input type="checkbox"/> 51–100 <input type="checkbox"/> >100	<input type="checkbox"/> Up to 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6–20 <input type="checkbox"/> 21–50 <input type="checkbox"/> 51–100 <input type="checkbox"/> >100
Number of Students in International Exchange Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1–50 <input type="checkbox"/> 51–150 <input type="checkbox"/> 151–300 <input type="checkbox"/> >300	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1–50 <input type="checkbox"/> 51–150 <input type="checkbox"/> 151–300 <input type="checkbox"/> >300
Number of Foreign Students Enrolled (Study in India or similar programs)	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1–25 <input type="checkbox"/> 26–75 <input type="checkbox"/> 76–150 <input type="checkbox"/> >150	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1–25 <input type="checkbox"/> 26–75 <input type="checkbox"/> 76–150 <input type="checkbox"/> >150
Number of Startups Supported by the Institution	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1–5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6–15 <input type="checkbox"/> 16–30 <input type="checkbox"/> >30	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1–5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6–15 <input type="checkbox"/> 16–30 <input type="checkbox"/> >30
Number of Community Outreach / CSR Initiatives	<input type="checkbox"/> Up to 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6–15 <input type="checkbox"/> 16–30 <input type="checkbox"/> 31–50 <input type="checkbox"/> >50	<input type="checkbox"/> Up to 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6–15 <input type="checkbox"/> 16–30 <input type="checkbox"/> 31–50 <input type="checkbox"/> >50
Number of Interdisciplinary Programs / Centers of Excellence	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1–2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3–5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6–10 <input type="checkbox"/> >10	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1–2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3–5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6–10 <input type="checkbox"/> >10

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% of Students Receiving Financial Aid / Scholarships		
Number of Faculty Attending Faculty Development Programs/ Training	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1–25 <input type="checkbox"/> 26–50 <input type="checkbox"/> 51–100 <input type="checkbox"/> >100	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1–25 <input type="checkbox"/> 26–50 <input type="checkbox"/> 51–100 <input type="checkbox"/> >100
(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 :

- Describe initiatives/projects undertaken by your institution in the areas of curriculum/ pedagogy, faculty development, infrastructure, internationalization of education, research, governance, employability, technology, etc. The initiatives must pertain to the eligibility period of April 01, 2023 to March 31, 2025
- 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)

Please select areas under which your initiative falls:

- ☐ To improve curriculum/pedagogy
- ☐ To promote faculty development
- ☐ To improve infrastructure
- ☐ To promote globalisation
- ☐ To promote research, innovation, and entrepreneurship
- ☐ To promote governance at your institution
- ☐ To promote creation of employment
- ☐ To promote technology & collaboration at your institution

Click here to enter a date / Ongoing

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<p>1. Describe a flagship initiative(s) undertaken by your institution that reflects your commitment to excellence and institutional transformation. Explain the objective, implementation strategy, challenges faced, and key outcomes achieved based on the areas selected above.</p> <p><i>(Max 300 words , preferably in bullets)</i></p> <p><b>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.</b></p>	
<p>2. Elaborate on the initiative/s undertaken by the university and explain how your initiative goes beyond the recommendations of the National Education Policy (NEP), showcasing unique or pioneering approaches</p> <p><i>(Max 150 words , preferably in bullets)</i></p>	
<p>3. What has been the measurable impact of the initiative undertaken by your institution? Highlight key outcomes such as improvements in academic quality, research output, student success, employability, or industry/community engagement. Include quantitative results wherever possible (e.g., number of beneficiaries, partnerships, publications, placements, etc.)</p> <p><i>(Max 150 words – bullets preferred)</i></p>	

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<p>4. How does your institution foster and leverage industry-academia collaboration to enhance academic and employability outcomes? Highlight key initiatives such as co-designed curricula, internships, research partnerships, or placements. Explain the impact on student success, employability, and industry engagement.</p> <p>(Max 150 words, preferably in bullets)</p>	
<p>5. How does your institution contribute to positioning India as a preferred global education destination? Highlight initiatives such as participation in national campaigns, international student recruitment strategies, cross-border marketing, or globally tailored academic offerings.</p> <p>(Max 150 words, preferably in bullets)</p>	
<p>6. Explain your institution's roadmap for sustaining and scaling the initiative over the next 2 years. Where does the initiative stand today, what are the key milestones you aim to achieve, and how will you get there? Also, highlight which aspect of the initiative is most suitable for replication by other institutions and why it is adaptable in diverse contexts.</p> <p>(Max 150 words, preferably in bullets)</p>	
<p>7. Why should your institution be recognized as the University of the Year? Highlight what distinguishes your institution across multiple dimensions such as academic excellence, innovation, global engagement, student outcomes, societal impact, governance, and long-term institutional vision.</p> <p>(Max 300 words, preferably in bullets)</p>	

Section 5 – Supporting Documents	
Certificate of Incorporation/Registration certificate *	<u>Attach file</u>
Reports, research, or any other documentation validating the impact of the initiative*	<u>Attach file</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>	<u>Attach file</u>

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(Max 20% AI-generated content allowed)	
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

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

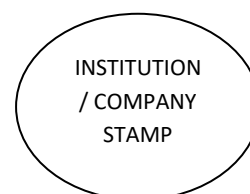
I/we, on behalf of my/our organization, <name of organization>, authorise FICCI to use the content submitted as part of my/our nomination, in whole or in part and use and display such entry, which shall include trade publications, press releases, electronic posting to the awards website, electronic hyperlinks 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: \_\_\_\_\_



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