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FICCI Higher Education Excellence Awards 2018

Definitions

Awards	FICCI Higher Education Excellence Awards 2018
Awards Management	Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (FICCI)
Jury	A group of persons appointed by the Awards Management to determine the finalists and winners
Participant	Any eligible institution that participates by submitting an application form for the Awards
Finalists	An institution short-listed by the jury for the jury awards
Terms and conditions ("T&C" or "Terms")	These terms governing the Awards, as may be amended from time to time
Website	www.ficcihighereducationawards.com

- These Terms & Conditions are applicable to and govern the "FICCI Higher Education Excellence Awards 2018" organized and conducted by FICCI.
- By participating in the Awards, Participant agrees to abide by and be bound by these terms. These terms may be modified without any prior notification. Participant is advised to regularly review these terms. If there is any disagreement with any of the terms and any amendments thereto, participant must not participate and/or withdraw application from the awards.

Awards Objective

- To celebrate and honor various stakeholders for their initiatives that have changed the course of Indian higher education industry in India

Award categories

- Award categories as defined by the terms are as follows:

Sr.	Category name	Description
Nomination based		
1	Excellence in faculty	Institutions which have created a conducive environment and provided incentives to attract and retain high quality faculty
2	Excellence in internationalization of education	Institutions which have aligned and developed different aspects of education (curriculum, faculty, collaborative partnerships, etc.) to international standards and have set new benchmarks
3	Excellence in enabling research environment	Institutions that have created conducive environment to encourage culture of research & innovation and supporting students and faculty with adequate research infrastructure, resources and collaborative partnerships
4	Excellence in employability through industry engagement	Institutions which have worked towards students employability and entrepreneurship skills to ensure a highly employable talent pool
5	Excellence in institutional social responsibility (ISR)	Institutions that have created sustainable ecosystems through various ISR initiatives
6	University of the year	

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Sr.	Category name	Description
	A. In existence for less than 10 years (Incorporation date on or after April 1, 2008)	Universities which have demonstrated overall excellence and shown a significant contribution in the past academic year in the areas of pedagogy, curriculum development, faculty, infrastructure, research, technology, employability and governance, etc.
	B. In existence for 10 – 30 years (incorporation date between April 1, 1978 and March 31, 2008)	
	C. In existence for more the 30 years (incorporation date on or before March 31, 1978)	
Special Jury award		
7	Lifetime achievement award	Recognizing leaders who have changed the course of the Indian education with their passion and vision. Individual should have been in the higher education sector for more than three decades.
8	Personality of the year	Recognizing individuals who have taken initiatives and created a positive impact in higher education sector and should have been with the sector for more than a decade and half.

- The award categories may be changed / modified / split / merged / increased or cancelled by the jury based on the number and quality of entries received in each category
- In the event that no participant in a category is found to be worthy of inclusion by the jury, the award category may be cancelled by the jury. The jury may decide to add applicants in the category to maintain high standards of participation. The decision of the Jury in this regard will be final and non-contestable. The awards management will not entertain any queries in this regard

Eligibility Criteria for participation in the awards

- Only Indian institutions that have a registered office in India can participate for the awards
- Initiative/ project/ service should have been completed and executed in the Indian operations of the participating institution
- Institution must have at-least 5 years of operations in India as on March 31, 2018
- Institution must have one graduated or post graduated class in India as on March 31, 2018
- Initiative/ project/ service should have been fully implemented during the period April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2018
- Initiative/ project/ service should have demonstrated a measurable impact in the higher education sector during the period April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018
- Organizations offering learning and training solutions are not eligible to participate
- Participant can send multiple application forms for same category or separate categories provided it is for a different initiative/ project/ service. If multiple entry forms are received for same initiative then only one form will be considered and others will be disqualified. In such cases, jury will take the decision
- The final eligibility of the participant will be subject to the discretion and approval of the Jury
- The initiative/ project/ service entered for the awards must be already implemented and should not be in a planning or conceptualizing stage
- Participating institutions must be engaged primarily in providing higher education services in India

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- The participant should not be a winner of the award in any of the previous years for the same initiative/ project/ service
- Employees and immediate family members of the award management, sponsors and partners of the awards are not allowed to participate in the Awards
- An institution cannot participate on behalf of its sister units, parent institution or other institutions under the parent institution
- The final eligibility of the participant will be subject to the discretion and approval of the Jury
- Participation in the awards is subject to defined terms and conditions available on the website www.ficcihighereducationawards.com

NOTE –

- The jury may modify the eligibility criteria from time to time with retrospective effect
- The jury holds the right to disqualify any application which does not meet the eligibility criteria without assigning any reason whatsoever

Timelines

- Efforts will be made to adhere to the defined timelines. However, the defined timelines are subject to change based on the circumstances.
- Awards management and its sub-contractors shall not be held accountable / liable for any disruptions / stoppages / interruptions or cancellation of the awards or its ceremony or any part of its processes or public voting on account of any factors beyond its control.

Call for Entries & Participation

- The call for entries for the awards will be announced on one or more media platforms and/or by direct communication with potential participants, and that shall be construed to be adequate notice for call for entries.
- A participant can provide more than one entry in an award category if the entries are for different initiatives. A separate application form must be used for each initiative.
- If, multiple partners apply for the same initiative/product/service, then they should agree amongst themselves who would be the rightful owner of the initiative/product/service. The awards management or any of its partners will not be involved in deciding the same.
- Entries will be accepted in English language only.
- In case if participant fails to submit the proof of registration in the country, they may be disqualified from participation.
- The jury has the right to reclassify application forms from one category to another or reject and application form, at its discretion. This is not contestable in any manner.

Receipt of Entries

- A participant can apply for the awards by logging on to the website www.ficcihighereducationawards.com and submitting the completed application form along with the supporting documents directly on the website
- Last date for receiving completed application forms through online portal is 31/08/2018 by 18:00 hrs.
- Receipt of application forms after last date of receipt specified may be permitted only at the discretion of the awards management.

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- Awards management will not be responsible for application forms that are damaged / lost due to lack of or lapse in any communication on account of internet failure.
- Participation in the awards in any manner will be construed as an acceptance to the terms and conditions stated herein.

Completeness of Entries/ Disqualification

- All sections of the application form are mandatory. Participant would not be able to submit the form unless all sections are filled, all the fields of the application form needs to be complete in all aspect; else it may be disqualified from participation.
- Institutions can provide up to 3 supporting material to assist the jury in evaluating their application such as photos, articles, awards and accolades and other material can be submitted for each entry on a non-returnable basis in the “Attachments” section (Maximum size that can be uploaded is 2 MB).
- Disqualification of entries is at the sole discretion of the Jury, on a case by case basis.

Additional Information

- Participants may be contacted for any additional information or/and a field visit maybe conducted to verify the information provided. Such information sourced from the participants will become part of the original application.
- Awards Management has the right to ask for documentary proof of information. If such a request is made and the participant does not comply within 5 working days from the date the request is made, the Participant may be disqualified from participation in the awards.
- Information provided by the participant will be confidential and will be used only for the limited purpose of evaluating the participant’s entry to these awards.
- Awards Management or team appointed by Awards Management will try to contact the participant on best effort basis by any means deemed appropriate.
- In the event it is not possible to contact any participant to obtain information on them, interview them, etc. such participant may be disqualified from further participation.
- The participant hereby irrevocably authorizes the Awards Management to use the data gathered during and/or the Awards in respect of the participants. This shall be the property of the Awards Management and they shall be entitled to use the same in its communications including marketing promotions and advertisements along with/without the Awards Management’s brand. Awards Management shall not be liable in any manner for any mishap, accident, injury or damages etc. of whatsoever nature, caused to the participants during the awards. Further, awards management shall not be liable in any manner for any loss, damage, theft, or any other mishap caused during the awards.

Validity and Correctness of Information

- If at any time, including after the conclusion of any of the award ceremonies, any information provided by any participant(s), is found to be incorrect in any manner, then the participant will be liable to be disqualified and / or return the award and the monetary emoluments provided to the participant under this award, if any. Awards Management may also take penal action against the participant for providing false information to participate in the awards.
- Determination of whether information provided as fair and accurate rests with the jury and Awards Management.

Short-listing of finalists for each award category from applications received

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- Application forms received would be collated under each award category for evaluation by Awards Management.
- Determination of the award category to which an application belongs is at the discretion of the jury.
- Awards Management reserves the right to make the final judgment in case of any ambiguity in rules and regulations / disputes over suitability.
- The interim jury will select finalists for each category based on pre-defined evaluation parameters who will qualify for the final round.
- Short-listed applicants will be contacted by the Awards Management to be informed about their shortlisting. Post shortlisting, the shortlisted applicants will be provided with the date, venue and presentation format in which they would be required to present their application and case study to the final jury.
- The decision of the above short-listing is binding and final on all participants.

Selection of the Winners

- The final jury will score / rank / vote for the finalists on predefined evaluation parameters, based on the application form / presentation submitted to them and a presentation made by the finalists in person.
- Only senior level management leading the initiatives of short-listed applicants would be required to make the presentation in front of final jury comprising eminent persons from education and related fields, for determination of winners. The cost of travel incurred would be borne by the participant.
- There could be one or more winners in each award category, at the discretion of the jury.
- The determination of who should receive an award for any award category rests with the jury.
- The Jury's decision is final and binding on all applicants.

General

- Participant agrees that the Participant is legally capable of entering and, if selected, participating in the Awards and agree to the Terms. Participant is competent (i.e. Participant are of legal age and mental capacity) and eligible to enter into this legally binding agreement on the Participant.
- Participant understands and agrees that merely participating in this Awards does not entitle the Participant to a prize or to any other form of consideration.
- Participant warrants and represents to the Awards Management that all information including any communications, software, photos, text, video, graphics, music, sounds, images and other material submitted or recorded in any manner by the Participant or the partners of Awards Management including Awards Management for consideration for the Awards are solely owned by the Awards Management and do not infringe upon any other individual or individual rights (including, without limitation, intellectual property rights). Participant shall be completely responsible for handling any infringement or alleged infringement and shall indemnify the Awards Management from any claims, costs or damages from infringement or alleged infringement of the logo or trademark or the defense of a claim or any costs payable thereof.
- Participant must enter the Awards at their own will and the Awards Management are not in any way obligated or liable for any loss or costs that the Participant may suffer or incur and nothing is payable to the Participants for participating in the Awards or any event prior to or following the Awards.
- Participants for the purpose of entering the Awards, automatically grants the Awards Management, a royalty-free, irrevocable, worldwide, non-transferable, non-exclusive right and license to use and display such entry, for participation in the Awards, and any intellectual property in relation to and arising out of such participation in the Awards and footage thereof, which shall include trade

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publications, press releases, electronic posting to the Website, the Awards Management website in any display format selected by the Awards Management during the Awards or use by the Awards Management as it deems fit.

- The Awards Management reserves the right to, at its discretion, withdraw or amend or add to the T&C of the Awards at any time, with prospective or retrospective effect, and does not take responsibility for any loss or damage that any individual or Institution may suffer as a result of participating or attempting to participate in the Awards, the Awards being withdrawn or its Terms amended.
- Should a Participant wish to withdraw from the Awards, kindly inform Awards Management in writing at any time up to one week prior to the final awards ceremony.
- All disputes relating to or arising out of the Awards shall be subject to the laws of India, and shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of competent jurisdiction at Mumbai, India.
- The Participants indemnify the Awards Management, its employees, officers, contractors, partner or other persons used by them in relation to this Awards and hold them harmless against any loss, claim, demands, costs, damages, judgments, expenses or liability (including legal costs) arising out of or in connection with any or all claims, that may be brought against the Awards Management by any third party in connection with the Participants participation in or winning the Awards, which is inconsistent with any of the warranties and representations made by the Participants, or due to breach of these Terms and shall reimburse the Awards Management for any loss, costs, expense, or damage to which said indemnity applies. The Awards Management shall give the Participant prompt written notice of any claim or actions covered by this indemnity, and the Participant shall have the right, at its own expense, to participate in any such action.
- Decision of Awards Management on all matters is final and binding on all Participants and no correspondence will be entertained on the same.
- In the event these terms do not cover any question or complaint in relation to the Awards, the same will be concluded on by the Awards Management (for all other issues) or an independent body or legal team as appointed by the Awards Management and deemed necessary.
- The Participant agrees to give full consent unconditionally for the Awards Management to share any information provided by the Participant with agencies working with them with regards to the program, its recording and broadcasting and related activities including agencies involved with the Awards Management.
- The decision of the Awards Management in relation to the interpretation of any of these Terms shall be final and binding on the participants.
- If Participants are unclear as to the Terms or any element of the Awards or have any queries/concerns pertaining to the Awards, they can write in with their questions, concerns or queries to the following address:

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The Awards Management shall endeavor to the best of its ability to respond thereto.

Website

- The website is only an informational website (www.ficcihighereducationawards.com) (the “Website”) for the Awards. The Awards Management or its subsidiaries or holding entities are not liable or responsible for any action or decision taken by Participant or anyone acting on Participant’s behalf or under Participant employment or under contract with Participant. The Awards Management shall not be under any obligation to Participant and Participant shall have no obligation or rights in relation to the Awards and shall have no claims whatsoever against the Awards Management relating to the selection process or the running of the Awards
- The Awards Management shall not be responsible for:
 - i. Any delivery, failures relating to the registration or submission of videos/presentations;
 - ii. Any SPAM generated messages as result of Participant accessing the Website;
 - iii. Awards Management not receiving or rejecting any data;
 - iv. Any lost, late or misdirected computer transmission or network, electronic failures of any kind or any failure to receive entries owing to transmission failures or due to any technical reasons
 - v. Other conditions/situations or failures beyond its control.

Disclaimers

Awards Management has no obligation to screen the entry material in advance, and is not responsible for monitoring entries for the purpose of preventing violation of intellectual property ownership rights, or violations of any law, rule or regulation. If Awards Management is notified of submissions or materials that may not conform to the Terms, it may investigate the allegation and determine in good faith and in its sole discretion whether to eliminate such an entry from consideration. The Awards Management has no liability or responsibility to Participants or other users of the Website for performance or non-performance of such activities.