



Academic Collaborations

1. Introduction

Sikkim Skill University (SSU), established under the *Sikkim Skill University Act, 2021* (Government of Sikkim), is committed to transforming higher education through **academic innovation, skill-based learning, and global partnerships**. Recognizing the importance of collaboration in advancing knowledge, SSU has developed strong academic linkages with **universities, industries, research organizations, and skill councils** at the national and international levels.

These collaborations aim to promote **academic excellence, research innovation, skill integration, and employability** for learners, thereby strengthening the University's role as a catalyst for socio-economic growth in the region.

2. Objectives of Academic Collaborations

The academic collaborations at SSU are designed to:

- Facilitate **student and faculty exchange programs** for exposure to best practices.
- Jointly develop **curricula and skill-oriented courses** aligned with industry needs.
- Promote **research collaborations**, publications, and innovation projects.
- Enable **credit transfer, dual certification, and joint degree programs**.
- Organize **workshops, conferences, and faculty development programs (FDPs)**.
- Leverage **technology-based learning platforms** and digital resources.
- Provide **industry-integrated internships, apprenticeships, and placements**.
- Build **global partnerships** for advancing entrepreneurship and sustainability goals.

3. Types of Collaborations

Sikkim Skill University engages in multiple forms of partnerships:

A. Academic Collaborations

- Curriculum design and review in line with **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**.
- Joint research and publication programs with partner universities.
- Faculty development and knowledge exchange initiatives.
- Establishment of **Centers of Excellence (CoEs)** in key disciplines.

B. Industry Collaborations

- Partnerships with industries for **skill training, internships, and apprenticeships**.
- Industry-sponsored labs, live projects, and employability programs.
- Joint certification programs and **Work-Integrated Learning Models (WILM)**.

C. Institutional Collaborations

- Collaboration with **Sector Skill Councils (SSCs)**, NSDC, MSDE, and Skill India Mission.
- Linkages with **research institutes, NGOs, and CSR foundations**.





- Partnerships with **international universities** for academic mobility and global exposure.

4. Key Collaborating Partners (Indicative)

National Collaborations

- National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)
- Sector Skill Councils (SSC) – Tourism, Healthcare, IT/ITeS, Agriculture, etc.
- AICTE – IDEA Lab & Innovation Cell
- FICCI, CII, and NASSCOM for Industry Connect Programs
- Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati
- Various State Skill Development Missions and Training Providers

International Collaborations (Under Process / MoUs)

- Collaboration with **Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand** for skill-led technology programs.
- **University of Bolton, UK** for joint academic and research exchange.
- **Tsinghua University, China** for digital education and innovation.
- **Australian Skill Development Institutes** for TVET and vocational training frameworks.
- **European Universities Network (EUN)** for student exchange and mobility programs.

5. Collaborative Initiatives

Through these collaborations, SSU has initiated and planned:

- **Joint Certificate Programs** with industry and global partners.
- **Skill Academies** in areas like Tourism, Renewable Energy, Digital Technologies, and Agriculture.
- **Incubation and Entrepreneurship Programs** under Startup India and MSME frameworks.
- **Virtual Learning Exchange** through LMS and digital collaboration tools.
- **Joint Research Projects** addressing sustainable development and rural transformation.

6. Benefits to Students and Faculty

For Students:

- Access to dual certification and joint degree opportunities.
- Participation in global internships and exchange programs.
- Exposure to international pedagogy and research methodologies.
- Enhanced employability and skill recognition across industries.

For Faculty:

- Opportunities for research collaboration and funded projects.
- Faculty exchange and global networking.
- Joint supervision of doctoral research and publications.
- Professional development through FDPs and training programs.

7. Governance and Policy Framework





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The Directorate of Academic Collaborations and International Affairs (DACIA) at SSU oversees all partnership activities.

Chairperson: Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor

Coordinator: Registrar (I/c)

Members: Deans of Schools, Industry Representatives, and Research Coordinators

All collaborations are governed by **UGC and AICTE guidelines**, ensuring transparency, mutual benefit, and compliance with academic standards.

8. Future Roadmap (2025–2035)

Sikkim Skill University aims to:

- Establish **50+ active MoUs** with universities, industries, and government bodies.
- Launch **joint degree and international exchange programs** in collaboration with global universities.
- Develop **Centers of Excellence (CoEs)** in emerging domains such as AI, Renewable Energy, Healthcare, and Tourism.
- Create a **Global Skill Alliance (GSA)** to promote cross-border collaboration in skill education.
- Partner with **UNESCO, UNDP, and World Bank** for research and development projects.

9. Conclusion

Through its robust network of academic collaborations, **Sikkim Skill University** envisions creating a **globally competent learning ecosystem** that blends **education, skills, research, and innovation**. These partnerships reinforce SSU's mission of empowering learners with future-ready competencies and contributing to the **Atmanirbhar Bharat** and **Skill India** initiatives.

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