

ABOUT US

Academia Industry Cooperation, Kathmandu University (AICKU) is a dedicated unit established under the Office of the Vice-Chancellor to bridge the gap between academia and industry. AICKU fosters innovation, skill development, and knowledge transfer by creating meaningful collaborations with industries, academic institutions, and government bodies.

Grant

Government, Private Sector, CSR, Foundations, Donors

Research

Bridge pilot scale, prototype and product development

Partner with industries, expertise and startups

Industry

Partner with industries for Campus-to-Community and transfer the technology

Dissemination

AICKU Operational Model: GRID Model

Vision

To bridge academia and industry for driving innovation, addressing real-world challenges, and fostering sustainable development.

Mission

To foster impactful partnerships among academia, industry, government and development partners; facilitate knowledge and technology transfer; create employment and entrepreneurship opportunities; and support innovative solutions to real-world challenges.

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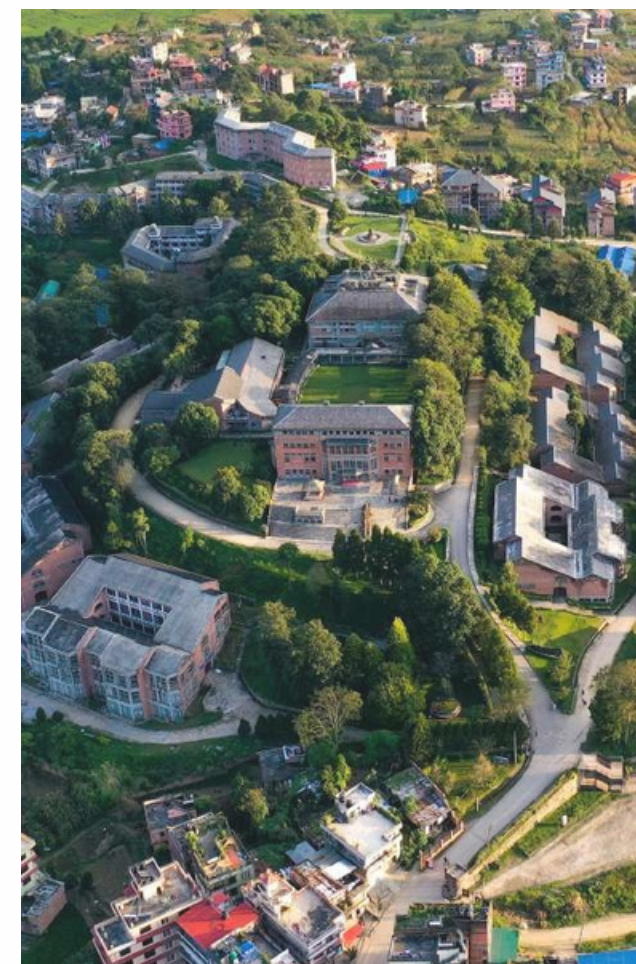


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Message from Prof. Bivek Baral, PhD

Vice Chancellor, KU



At Kathmandu University, we firmly believe that the purpose of higher education extends beyond the classroom. Academia Industry Cooperation (AICKU) embodies this vision by connecting academic knowledge with practical applications, bridging the gap between academia, industry, and society. Through AICKU, we prepare our graduates to excel professionally while fostering collaborations with industries and government institutions to address societal challenges. Our "Campus to Community" motto demonstrates how academic excellence drives transformative change, empowering communities and contributing to sustainable development.

Message from Er. Lakshman Lama

Coordinator, AICKU



As Coordinator of AICKU, I am honored to lead this initiative that bridges academia, industry, and government. Founded on the motto "From Campus to Community" campaign, AICKU provides students with job and internship opportunities through strategic partnerships while fostering research that delivers real-world solutions. By integrating theoretical knowledge with practical experiences through internships and collaborative projects, we empower students with industry exposure and offer industries fresh academic perspectives. Our mission is to foster innovation, advance research, and nurture future leaders through strong academia-industry partnerships.

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KU Job and Internship Fair

AICKU organized the Kathmandu University Job and Internship Fair (KUJIF 2025) on 26 November 2025 at the Nepal Technology Innovation Center (NTIC), connecting KU students and graduates with leading employers and organizations.

Key Highlights

- 250+ students and graduates participated
- 90+ companies and organizations participated
- 150+ job and internship opportunities secured

KUJIF 2025 strengthened academia-industry linkages by creating direct pathways to employment, internships, networking and career opportunities.

Campus to Community

KU extends academic expertise to address real-world challenges under the "Campus to Community" program.

- Collaboration with different rural municipalities
- Provides technical support resource utilization
- Assisting in the improvement of the quality of education.

Project Facilitation

Thrangu Rinpoche Academia Industry Block

A state-of-the-art facility to foster academia-industry collaboration and innovation, and to promote Buddhist studies.



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KUBIC : Startup & Innovation Support

Kathmandu University Business Incubation Center (KUBIC), supported by UGC and managed under the EnergizeNepal Program, provides incubation, mentoring, networking, infrastructure and funding support to startups.

- 27+ startups supported
- NPR 11.7 million startup funding facilitated
- Sectors include:
 - Technology | Green Business | Healthcare | Agribusiness | Manufacturing

Research & Green Hydrogen Initiatives

AICKU has supported technical and financial research studies with KU faculty and researchers in emerging areas including green hydrogen and sustainable transportation.

Key Studies include :

- Technical and Economic Analysis of 1 MW and 500 kW Hydrogen Production Systems.
- Feasibility Study of Hydrogen-Based City Bus Operations
- Financial Modeling and Cost Analysis of Hydrogen Production and Utilization Systems

Upcoming Projects

Bachelor in Buddhist Studies

Launching in August 2026 in collaboration with the Nepal Buddhist Federation. The program will accommodate 40 students, with full funding secured.

BYD Fast Charging Station

A fast-charging station developed at KU to promote electric mobility, clean energy and green technology on campus.

Scholarship Facilitation

NMB BANK

- 7 full undergraduate scholarships at KUSOM; 5 scholarships provided to date.

Shree Mangal Dvip Boarding School:

- Tuition support for 15 students annually pursuing Bachelor's degrees at KU for 10 years.

Rotary International District 3292:

- Rotary WISE Endowment Fund targeting NPR 10 million for full STEM scholarships for women from 2026.

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