

UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM PROGRAM (UCP)

A signature initiative of the Association of Indian Private Universities (AIPU)

Why This Program Exists

Universities today operate in an environment where visibility, credibility, and engagement matter as much as compliance. While regulatory frameworks define structure, there is limited space for institutions to participate in collective academic platforms that offer recognition, connection, and institutional presence without procedural complexity.

The University Consortium Program has been created to address this gap.

UCP enables universities to be part of a structured consortium that supports institutional visibility, faculty and student engagement, and participation in a wider academic network — without interfering with autonomy or regulatory processes.

What Participation Means for a University

Participation in UCP is institutional, not individual.

It is designed for universities that value:

- a recognised national platform
- structured institutional presence
- faculty and student engagement through credible frameworks
- visibility beyond their own website
- practical, low-effort participation

UCP is not positioned as accreditation, affiliation, or ranking.

It is a consortium-based participation framework.

Core Institutional Inclusions

Universities enrolling in UCP receive the following as part of institutional participation:

- A printed and framed UCP membership certificate issued once at enrolment
- Use of the UCP digital badge for official communication
- Inclusion in the UCP national directory
- A dedicated institutional profile page with enquiry routing to the university's official email
- Complimentary faculty memberships, student memberships, and faculty fellowships
- Eligibility for award nominations and optional collaborative activities
- Opportunity for selected institutional initiatives to be showcased on the UCP platform

Faculty & Student Engagement

As part of enrolment, universities are entitled to nominate:

- Faculty members for complimentary professional memberships
- Students for complimentary academic recognition memberships
- Faculty members for complimentary fellowship consideration

These components are designed to support academic participation at the faculty and student level while remaining institution-led and centrally managed.

Commercial Clarity

The one-time enrolment amount for UCP is ₹40,000.

This includes complimentary components with the following standard institutional values:

- Faculty memberships (15): ₹15,000
- Student memberships (30): ₹21,000
- Faculty fellowships (2): ₹10,000

Total direct academic value: ₹46,000

This calculation reflects only membership and fellowship components.

Institutional listing, profile visibility, enquiry routing, certificate issuance, and consortium participation are included additionally.

From the second year onwards, an annual continuation amount of ₹10,000 applies solely to maintain active listing, profile visibility, and enquiry routing. No benefits are repeated during continuation.

How Universities Engage

- Institutions submit an application for participation
- Applications are reviewed by AIPU
- Upon confirmation, enrolment is completed
- Institutional profile and directory listing are activated
- The printed and framed certificate is dispatched

The process is intentionally simple and institution-friendly.

Important Note

The University Consortium Program does not function as an accrediting body, affiliating authority, or regulatory agency. Participation is voluntary and intended exclusively for institutional visibility, academic engagement, and consortium participation.

About AIPU

The Association of Indian Private Universities (AIPU) works across institutional, faculty, and student-focused initiatives aimed at supporting academic participation, recognition, and professional engagement in India.