



Gandaki University  
गण्डकी विश्वविद्यालय



Research Center, Invention and Innovation Center

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**Call for Applications: Entrepreneurship Support Program (ESP)**

We are pleased to announce the initiation of the Entrepreneurship Support Program (ESP), under the Nurturing Excellence in Higher Education Program (NEHEP), provided as a competitive research grant for a collaborative effort between the Research Center, Invention and Innovation Center (RC-II) at Gandaki University, and the University Grants Commission (UGC), Nepal.

**Program Overview:** The ESP is designed to foster innovation and entrepreneurial spirit among the students and young faculties of Gandaki University. We invite applications from eligible individuals or groups who wish to embark on a transformative journey of entrepreneurship, to the said activities.

**Key Program Details:**

- *Application process:* Interested candidates are encouraged to apply for the ESP, utilizing the attached application format.
- *Selection process:* Successful applicants will undergo a rigorous selection process, with a focus on identifying the most promising ventures.
- *Training and support:* The selected 30 participants will receive comprehensive training and assistance in developing crucial entrepreneurial skills, knowledge, and technology-related aspects.
- *Extended support:* The top five enterprises emerging from the platform will receive additional support. The enterprises will be chosen through a national competition organized by UGC, Nepal.
- *Seed fund:* The selected enterprises will have the opportunity to secure a maximum seed fund of Rs. 40,00,000 (Forty lakh rupees) from UGC, Nepal, as of additional support.

**Eligibility criteria:**

To be eligible for the ESP, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Undergraduate students or student groups of Gandaki University.
2. Young faculty members of Gandaki University with an age not exceeding 40 years.

**How to apply:**

Interested individuals/ groups can apply for the ESP by completing the attached application form and submitting it within March 1, 2024. This initiative aims to empower the youth by providing necessary resources to turn innovative ideas into successful entrepreneurial ventures. We encourage eligible individuals/groups to seize this opportunity and apply for the ESP, contributing to the growth of innovation and enterprise development.

Please contact RC-II, Gandaki University office for further information. Queries can be sent to [rcii@gandakiuniversity.edu.np](mailto:rcii@gandakiuniversity.edu.np).

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**Application form for participation in the Entrepreneurship Support Program (ESP)**

<b>Title</b>		
<b>Participant</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliated Program</b>
	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Mobile:</b>
<b>Idea Summary</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Overview including Title, Purpose, Contents and Solution</li> </ul>		
<b>Keywords</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max. 10 words</li> </ul>		
<b>1. Problem</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Focus on the issues of Nepal related to Energy, Agriculture, Health, Education, Environment, Poverty, Technology, Community Development.</li> <li>▪ Issues that you like to solve based on Green Technologies.</li> </ul>		
<b>2. Solution</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Explain the concept you would like to develop as solution based on Green Technologies.</li> </ul>		
<b>3. Final Product and Services</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Describe clearly the products and services your business will provide.</li> <li>▪ Explain what products and services you will provide, how you will provide those items, what you need to have in order to provide those items.</li> </ul>		