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GLOBAL FACULTY PROGRAMME



EXPLORE **INDIA**

EXPERIENCE **TRANSFORMATION**

EXPAND **PERSPECTIVE**

An immersive educational journey specially curated to offer deep insight
into the **richness, challenges and possibilities of India**

GLOBAL FACULTY PROGRAMME

Where **Global Expertise** Meets **Transformative Education**

The **Global Faculty Programme (GFP)** invites international educators, researchers, policy professionals and institutional leaders into India's complex educational and social landscapes. Participants engage in immersive site visits, critical discussions and reflective writing to understand how education functions in real, evolving contexts.

PROGRAMME COMPONENTS

- Interaction with faculty, project staff and students of KIIT & KISS
- Delivering seminars, workshops, panel discussions or keynote lectures
- Teaching courses to students of KIIT & KISS
- Conducting collaborative research and publications
- Developing academic curricula and materials
- Facilitating linkages with KIIT

KEY OBJECTIVES

- **Promote Academic Exchange** among top academics and practitioners from across the globe
- **Enhance Policy Development** by providing a platform for policymakers and UN officials to share insights and develop innovative solutions to global challenges
- **Support Research and Practice** by enabling PhD scholars and practitioners to advance their research and practice through access to cutting edge resources and mentorship

PROGRAMME PROVISIONS

- Roundtrip international airfare
- Individual accommodation for the duration of the program
- All meals on campus
- Airport shuttle service
- Access to private or shared workspace, depending on availability
- Access to office space, library & other university facilities



ELIGIBILITY

- **International faculty, especially those new to India and of non-Indian heritage.**
- Professors or Associate Professors with proven academic track record of 8–10 years of teaching or research experience, strong research abilities & publications of high quality from disciplines that align with KIIT/KISS's academic areas.
- Experienced development practitioners & policymakers with 8–10 years of professional experience may also be considered.

DURATION

- Typically, 1–2 weeks/ 10–15 days short term engagements (Possibility of medium/long-term engagements)
- Typical structure is divided into 02 legs:

1st Leg in Delhi: 2–3 days

2nd Leg in Bhubaneswar, Odisha: 10–12 days

EDUCATIONAL DAYS

Education is the beating heart of this programme. Each day is carefully designed to take delegates beyond sightseeing and into India's living classrooms - from the nation's corridors of power in Delhi to the grassroots innovation hub of Bhubaneswar. By engaging with leaders, youth and communities across two very different but interconnected settings, participants gain a dual perspective on India's story of change.

Delhi: Corridors of Power

The programme begins in New Delhi, India's vibrant capital and seat of government. Here, participants are introduced to the national pulse of development and reform:

- **Engage with changemakers** - Cabinet ministers, policymakers, entrepreneurs, lawyers, transformation.
- **Explore India's living history** through guided visits to landmarks such as India Gate, Qutub Minar, Rashtrapati Bhavan and the bustling Dilli Haat.

This phase offers a high-level view of India's innovation ecosystem, political discourse and cultural vibrancy - a deep dive into how the country is shaping its future while carrying forward a rich historical legacy.



Bhubaneswar: Ground of Grassroots Innovation

From Delhi's national lens, the programme journeys east to Bhubaneswar, a Tier-2 city that bridges India's emerging urban growth story. This second phase is anchored at KIIT and KISS - two globally recognised institutions redefining education and social impact. Here, delegates:



- **Step into the classrooms of KIIT**, one of India's most respected private universities, and engage with students and faculty across cutting-edge disciplines, from technology and business to law and public health.
- **Immerse in the world of KISS**, the world's largest fully residential tribal university, where 80,000 Indigenous children and youth receive free education, nutrition and healthcare. Delegates interact with students, hear their stories and witness first-hand how grassroots models of inclusion are reshaping global conversations on equity.
- **Connect with Odisha's change-makers**, exploring the region's unique development challenges and opportunities while experiencing its cultural richness through visits to sites such as the Sun Temple at Konark (UNESCO World Heritage Site), local markets and craft villages.

This phase shifts the perspective from national frameworks to community-led solutions, giving participants a rare chance to see how large-scale policy ambitions translate into lived realities on the ground.

A DUAL CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

Together, Delhi and Bhubaneswar frame India's complexity:

One, a Tier-1 metropolis where decisions reverberate globally; the other, a Tier-2 hub where innovation meets inclusion. For delegates, this blend of top-down and bottom-up perspectives becomes more than an itinerary – it is an education in contrasts, connections and the power of collaboration.



Peer-to-Peer Exchanges: Global Classrooms, Shared Futures

At the heart of the programme are connections between visiting delegates and the 80,000+ students of KIIT and KISS. Through classroom dialogues, cultural evenings, collaborative workshops and informal networking, students build bonds that transcend geography, fostering empathy, mutual learning and friendships that often extend into long-term collaborations



Youth Empowerment: Engaging with India's Young Change-Makers

From tribal students at KISS redefining access to education, to KIIT students advancing in robotics, law, medicine and business, the programme offers a unique lens into India's youthful dynamism. Delegates are participants – joining dialogues, student-led initiatives and service-learning projects that amplify young voices shaping the future.



Political & Policy Encounters: High-Level Engagements: Conversations that Shape the Future

Delegates travelling in groups may, on occasion, engage in exclusive meetings with senior policymakers, members of parliament, union ministers, justices of the Supreme Court, industry leaders and representatives from global institutions such as the UN and the World Bank (subject to availability). These rare opportunities provide insight into India's policy priorities, governance models and global role, sparking curiosity, respect and a renewed sense of shared responsibility.



THE EXPERIENCE DESIGN PHILOSOPHY

The **Global Faculty Programme** is grounded in the pedagogy of critical immersion. This means we don't just move through places – we sit, reflect and engage with them. The programme is designed to stretch thinking, challenge assumptions and foster authentic connection with communities and people. The goal of the programme is to provide enhanced learning experiences, promote cross-cultural exchange, strengthen research collaboration, expand academic networks and foster lifelong relationships.

WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT

- Learning through place: experience India's complex systems in motion
- Interdisciplinary Insight: Education, development, culture, policy, identity – all in one frame
- Support from Start to Finish: Visas, logistics, local experts, cultural guidance

PARTICIPANT TAKEAWAYS

- Deeper understanding of Indian society and education systems, values and philosophies.
- Engage in high-level dialogues with policymakers
- Visit grassroots institutions, and interact closely with tribal students and change-makers, gaining first-hand exposure to inclusive education models and community-driven innovation

500+ GLOBAL DELEGATES

(STUDENTS, FACULTY, YOUNG LEADERS & MID-CAREER PROFESSIONALS) HOSTED UNDER

INDIA TREK & GLOBAL FACULTY Programme

AND OTHER EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES at KIIT & KISS UNIVERSITIES



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