

MISSION

Mission of this private university is to follow and implement the educational philosophies through integrating research, education and professional service in areas related to technology, engineering, health sciences with special emphasis on innovation and technology. Our goal is also to provide the profession and academia with outstanding graduates who will advance their practice and fundamental knowledge in the areas of teaching, arts and sciences and in legal studies.

Our goal is to provide educational and research program that serves the needs of India and profession; recruit and retain a diverse student population that is representative of the state; engage in outreach activities and engage in state of the art research in collaboration with at least ten famous international universities in the United States, Europe and Asia.

Our goal is to build an unique teaching and research institution where innovations and inventions will take place for the betterment of human beings all over the world.

DEGREES TO BE OFFERED BY THIS UNIVERSITY

Associates Degree (Two year Program), Bachelor of Arts (honors) , Bachelor of Science(honors), Bachelor of Technology, Bachelor of Business Management, Masters of Arts, Masters of Science, Masters of Technology, Doctor of Philosophy

SUBJECT	DEGREES			
	Associates	Bachelors	Masters	Doctorate

FUNDING

Funding will be provided from private sources to build the infrastructure and operation of the institute. Our budget is projected at Rs. 150 crores over the next five years. Funding will be provided by Dr. Pradip Kumar Ghosh and his corporate entities.

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

We expect to establish academic and research links with Johns Hopkins University, Harvard University, Cornell University, University of Maryland, Michigan State University and other universities in Europe and Asia.

Facilities will be built to house international and local researchers on the university's campus. Active research collaboration will take place with funding from 200 corporations and institutions in India and abroad.

ENROLLMENT

After opening of the institute, we expect the enrollment to be about 6000 students in full capacity at the end of the fifth year.

ACADEMIC AND NON-ACADEMIC STAFF

We expect to employ almost 400 staff members over the first five years.

TEACHING, RESEARCH AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF (MONTHLY SALARY)

We expect to recruit top notch scientists, professors and administrators for the institutes. **MONTHLY salary** will be very competitive and will follow the norms and scales of AICTE, University Grants Commission and other regulatory agencies. In addition, on and off-campus subsidized housing will be provided to essential staff members of the university.

TUITION AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS

Students will receive financial aid (in the form of tuition waiver and boarding/lodging) ranging from 20% to 100% based on their financial need and academic excellence.

STATEMENT OF FOUNDING PRECEPTS FOR VIVEKANANDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

With respect to the Pradip K. Ghosh and Kumkum Ghosh foundation's reasons for establishing the university, let it be said that the Foundation does not seek to establish a generic undergraduate engineering college or university - one that will simply offer programs similar to many others around the country. Vivekananda International university is intended to be different - not for the mere sake of being different - but to be an important and constant contributor to the advancement of engineering, technology, management and public health education in India and throughout the world and, through its graduates, to do good for humankind.

Commitment to Academic Quality and Diversity

Students shall be recruited on the basis of their academic merit, as determined by their scholastic records and appropriate test results, and other relevant achievements. However, from among the students who qualify on this basis, the VIU shall endeavor to develop as diverse a student community as is possible. Diversity of many kinds is desirable. Race, gender, creed, religion, ethnicity, economic background, home location, particular skills, talents and experiences, are but a few that are important for achieving a diverse and vital student community. Quality and diversity also shall be sought with respect to the VIU's faculty and administrative employees. Because current pedagogy makes a low student/faculty ratio an important contributing factor for achieving academic quality, the VIU will maintain a low student/faculty ratio of about ten to one unless changes in pedagogy through technological developments or other improvements in education are developed which justify departing from this standard.

A Culture of Innovation and Constant Improvement

The National Science Foundation (USA) and other credible voices from engineering schools and industry have advocated changes in how engineers are educated. Some of the major themes of the changes advocated include interdisciplinary and integrated teaching, hands-on learning and research opportunities for students, improved communication skills, students working as members of teams (the way that engineers in industry work), exposure to other cultures or an [international experience](#), and a better understanding of business and management practices. But for many reasons, including the very simple reason that many, but not all, faculty are resistant to change, progress has been slow and disappointing. The Foundation's decision to establish the university was based in large part on a determination that the need to reform engineering education could be accomplished more easily at a new institution that is not burdened with people and existing programs resistant to change. However, even a new institution can, with the passage of time,

become resistant to change. If this were to happen at the VIU it would be a tragic loss of opportunity for engineering education, generally, and a terrible disappointment to the Foundation. The need for VIU to be continually open to change and to encourage and support a culture of innovation is paramount. Risk taking with respect to new programs or the manner in which engineers are taught should be routine. The University acknowledges that a culture of innovation is a fundamental precept of the planning for Vivekananda International university. The University commits itself to the need to be open to change and to support a culture of innovation and constant improvement in every aspect of its operations and programs.

A Student Centered and Philanthropic Institution

The Foundation believes that the university must care about its students - not only as scholars and engineers but also as people. Students must be encouraged and given the opportunity to grow both intellectually and socially. Student life policies must assure that no student is forgotten or ignored. A commitment to support the education of students with programs in the arts, humanities and social sciences is vital to the fulfillment and potential of their lives. The University also should nurture a student's appreciation of the role of philanthropy in India. Students should be encouraged to contribute their time and wealth to support philanthropic endeavors of their choice. The University, itself, the product of philanthropy, should find ways to contribute to its community, and beyond, with services natural for it as an educational institution. Policies must be maintained that support these outcomes.

Collaboration With Public / Private Sectors

The conceptual planning for the University is made to collaborate with

Faculty Tenure

Knowledge of science and technology is not static but is continually evolving. The ability of the University to offer its students a faculty that is competent in the latest advances in knowledge and in newly emerging fields of science and technology is absolutely essential to the University's goal of offering academic programs with the highest possible quality. The University will, therefore, strive to strike an appropriate balance between the legitimate concerns of faculty for employment security and the University's need to achieve and maintain the quality it seeks. It will do this without offering traditional tenure.

The College to Remain Independent

The University shall remain a privately supported institution committed to supporting itself from private, rather than government or public resources. However, government grants from programs subject to peer review and open to other institutions on a competitive basis may be sought.

Economic and Governmental Ideals

The College's policies and operations shall be consistent with and supportive of economy within a democratic nation.

