GLOBAL FACULTY PROGRAMME









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MESSAGE FROM OUR **FOUNDER-CUM-PRESIDENT**

I am thrilled to announce an exciting new initiative that will further enhance our commitment to academic excellence and global collaboration. The Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) have jointly launched the Global Faculty Program. Distinguished faculty, professionals, doctoral and postdoctoral scholars and senior leadership from universities, think-tanks, and international nonprofit organizations, are invited to visit our campus, engage with faculty and students, and contribute to our vibrant academic environment.

The primary objective of the Global Faculty Program is to foster a diverse and inclusive academic community by bringing together scholars from various cultural and academic backgrounds. This program aims to achieve the following goals, which are, enhance learning experiences; promote cross-cultural exchange; strengthen research collaboration, expand academic networks, and foster lifelong relationships.

The exchange of faculty and students is a cornerstone of our academic mission, aligning with India's National Education Policy 2020's vision to promote internationalization and enrich our educational landscape through diverse and inclusive global engagement. The Global Faculty Program will significantly enrich our academic environment and provide our students with unparalleled learning opportunities. We look forward to welcoming our esteemed international colleagues and are excited about the new perspectives and knowledge they will bring to our community.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to making KIIT and KISS a leader in global education

Warm regards,

Dr Achyuta Samanta
Founder-cum-President, KIIT & KISS



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ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

GLOBAL FACULTY PROGRAMME

1-2 WEEK ENGAGEMENT (OR LONGER)

VENUE: KIIT UNIVERSITY & KISS FOUNDATION

FUNDING: FULLY SPONSORED BY KIIT & KISS

The **Global Faculty Programme** at KIIT University & KISS Foundation is designed to bring together distinguished faculties, policymakers, UN officials, practitioners and PhD scholars from around the world to engage in a transformative experience that fosters academic excellence, policy innovation and impactful practice. Visiting faculty may choose to come for short-term (1-2 weeks) academic engagements or discuss the possibility of medium/long-term engagements. Participants are invited to teach, deliver lectures, conduct training sessions, conduct research, and engage in various academic and community activities.



PROGRAMME **INFO**

Programme Goals

> **Promote Academic Exchange**
Facilitate collaboration and knowledge exchange among top academics and practitioners from around the globe.

> **Enhance Policy Development**
Provide a platform for policymakers and UN officials to share insights and develop innovative solutions to global challenges.

> **Support Research and Practice:**
Enable PhD scholars and practitioners to advance their research and practice through access to cutting-edge resources and mentorship.

Scope of Engagement

- Interaction with faculty, project staff & students
- Delivering seminars, workshops or public lectures
- Teaching courses
- Conducting Collaborative research and publications
- Developing academic curricula and materials
- Facilitating linkages between KIIT and the scholar's home institution

PROGRAMME DURATION

1-2 WEEKS

Short-term visit sample engagements

keynote lectures
panel discussions
workshops





WHAT KIIT & KISS **WILL PROVIDE**

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



Nobel Laureate Prof. Erwin Neher at KIIT University



UNIQUE ASPECTS OF KIIT & KISS

KIIT & KISS are renowned for their commitment to academic excellence, social impact, and global engagement. Our state-of-the-art facilities, diverse student body, and innovative programs have positioned us as leaders in education and research. KIIT and KISS stand out as beacons of educational excellence and social impact, attracting global talent through their remarkable achievements and unique offerings.



KIIT University, founded by Dr. Achyuta Samanta in 1992 with a modest investment, has grown into a leading educational hub in India, and is ranked among the top six most impactful universities globally by the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2024. It is known for its comprehensive professional courses and humanitarian values. The university spans a lush 36-square-kilometer campus recognised as India's greenest and offers a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate programs to nearly 40,000 students, including 2,000 international students from over 65 countries. KIIT's accolades include Special Consultative Status by the UN ECOSOC, A++ Grade accreditation by NAAC, and top rankings by ARIIA, NIRF, and Times Higher Education. It also holds the distinction of being ranked first in India for the SDG of reduced inequalities (SDG 10). Notably, KIIT is one of the first institutions in Odisha to attract foreign students, solidifying its reputation as a quality institution that transcends borders.

KISS Foundation has made a significant global impact by winning the prestigious UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize in 2022 for its outstanding literacy program. The Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), with its vision of a world free of hunger, poverty, and illiteracy, is home to 80,000 Indigenous students, including 30,000 at our main campus in Bhubaneswar, 10,000 at satellite centers in different districts of Odisha, and over 40,000 alumni. KISS Foundation upholds affordable and accessible quality education as the key to mitigating the transmission of cycles of poverty that place India's Indigenous communities at a disadvantage. It is powered by a belief that a better world – free from hunger, poverty, and illiteracy – is possible.

These accolades reflect both institutions' collective dedication to academic excellence and social equity, making KIIT & KISS an ideal destination for distinguished faculties, policymakers, UN officials, and scholars from around the world seeking to engage in transformative academic and community activities.



ABOUT KIIT UNIVERSITY

25 Years Silver Jubilee 1997-2022
SOIL TO SILVER

81st rank
IN QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY 2024

90th rank
IN QS ASIAN UNIVERSITY RANKINGS, SOUTHERN ASIA 2024

KIIT UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN PLACED AMONG THE **TOP 6 MOST IMPACTFUL UNIVERSITIES GLOBALLY** AND **RANKED 1ST IN INDIA IN TERMS OF THE SDG OF REDUCED INEQUALITIES** (SDG 10) IN THE TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT RANKINGS 2024.

Founded in 1992 by Dr. Samanta with a modest investment of Rs. 5000, KIIT has grown remarkably into a **leading educational hub** in India, known for its comprehensive professional courses, extensive community outreach and commitment to humanitarian values. From its inception as an Industrial Training institute, KIIT has evolved to offer a **wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate programs** across diverse fields, now educating nearly 40,000 students, including 2000 from abroad. In fact, KIIT is one of the first institutions in the State of Odisha to attract foreign students into its various academic programmes. KIIT has **students from over 65 countries**, including most of the South Asian Nations, proving its reputation as a quality institution of professional education that transcends borders. Its expansive **36-square-kilometer campus**, recognised as India's greenest, houses over **3000 faculty** and myriad facilities, including a super specialty hospital and sports complexes.

KIIT has been awarded the prestigious **Special Consultative Status by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC)**. It holds **A++ Grade accreditation by NAAC and is ranked No. 1 by ARIIA**, and 16 by NIRF among all Public and Private Universities in India. THE World University Rankings also ranked KIIT between 601-800 in Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2024 and 168 (10th best among Indian Universities) in Times Higher Education Young University Rankings. Further it holds QS 5 Stars - India's first QS 5 stars rated University 2021.



ABOUT KISS FOUNDATION

Over 30,000 students at our main campus in Bhubaneswar, 40,000 alumni and 10,000 students at various satellite centres across the State

RANKED #189 AMONG THE **TOP 500** NGO'S OF THE WORLD

RANKED AMONG **TOP 10** NGO'S OF INDIA BY NGO ADVISOR, GENEVA

CONFERRED WITH **LEADERSHIP AWARD** BY NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES IN 2019

IN 2018, KISS WON THE PRESTIGIOUS **18TH ENERGY GLOBE AWARD** AT TEHRAN, FOR SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

Inspired by Community

Founded to ameliorate difficulties faced by Indigenous communities, KISS was started in the 90's by philanthropist & educator, Dr. Achyuta Samanta, who himself suffered a childhood marred by poverty & deprivation.

Innovative at its Core

We offer a fully free residential model of quality holistic education from Std. 1 to PhD, to over 30,000 students - central to this model is the Indigenous control of education, where importance is given to safeguarding culture, heritage and traditions of Indigenous communities.

Impact Driven for Sustainability

Lauded for its unique vision and approach to Indigenous education, KISS has inaugurated campuses in Balangir, Baripada, Balasore & Kalahandi with additional branches being constructed in several districts of Odisha, KISS has directly & indirectly impacted over 150,000 Indigenous people.



KISS WINS PRESTIGIOUS UNESCO INTL. LITERACY PRIZE 2022

KISS won the prestigious UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize 2022, sponsored by the Government of the Republic of Korea, for its outstanding literacy programme based on the recommendations of an international jury.



KISS HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Dr. Samanta confers the 2024 KISS Humanitarian Award on Bill Gates

Every year, the **KISS Humanitarian Award** is conferred upon distinguished luminaries to recognize and felicitate their exemplary and distinguished service to humanity across the globe. It is a symbol of hope, compassion, and altruism, and its recognition of deeds of kindness is a mechanism that inspires others to follow the same path.

DR ACHYUTA SAMANTA

Hon'ble Founder, KIIT & KISS



Prof. Achyuta Samanta is an educationist, humanitarian and a statesman. He grew up in Kalarabanka, Odisha amidst severe poverty with seven siblings and a widow mother. He managed to complete his Masters, struggling and braving the hardships from the age of four when he lost his father in a train accident.

Dr. Samanta's institutions, KIIT & KISS, are more than just buildings and classrooms; they are testaments to his vision and unwavering commitment to empowering underprivileged and marginalised communities. He has been hailed "Janjati Ra Jananayak", a true champion of the tribal populace.

Dr. Samanta's story serves as a reminder that one's upbringing does not determine one's potential. Instead, his life shows that with hard work and perseverance, one can attain greatness. Dr Samanta's legacy has touched thousands of lives and helped to improve the socio-economic conditions of the region.

LEARN MORE

"Poverty creates illiteracy
Literacy eradicates poverty"

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APPLICATION PROCESS:

Interested individuals can apply or express their interest by contacting our office of international affairs. We encourage early applications to facilitate timely arrangements.

For more information and to discuss this opportunity further, please contact:

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