

## **Policy for Supporting Quality Education for All**

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Galgotias University recognizes the vital role that quality education plays in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This policy outlines the university's commitment to supporting sustainable development initiatives and creating resources that contribute to the global effort to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education for all. It reflects our ongoing efforts and is effective from 14th September 2022.

### **Objectives**

Galgotias University is committed to promoting the value of education as a key driver of personal and societal progress through research, dialogue, and community engagement. This aligns with the following

**Raising Awareness:** Promote quality education as a fundamental human right and key driver of sustainable development.

**Fostering Dialogue:** Facilitate discussions, research, and innovation to explore education's role in achieving sustainable development goals.

**Building Engagement:** Create platforms for students, faculty, staff, and the wider community to contribute to and be inspired by sustainable development-related initiatives.

**Lifelong Learning:** Support initiatives and partnerships that promote vocational, technical skills development, and lifelong learning.

**Creating Resources:** Develop and disseminate educational resources that address contemporary challenges and opportunities in education.

**Incorporating ESD:** Integrate Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) into academic programs to raise awareness of sustainability and global citizenship.

**Equitable Education:** Ensure high-quality, accessible, and inclusive education for all students, regardless of their background or circumstances.

### **Accessible and Inclusive Quality Education**

Galgotias University provides accessible, inclusive, and quality education for all. To achieve this, we will:

**Support First-Generation and Underprivileged Students:** Provide equal access to education for students from underprivileged and first-generation backgrounds.

**Create Inclusive Learning Environments:** Ensure that learning environments are accessible and equipped with digital and online resources for all students.

**Promote Diversity and Inclusion:** Foster a culturally rich and inclusive campus, celebrating diversity in all its forms.

Creation of Freely Accessible Educational Resources

Galgotias University is committed to creating and disseminating educational resources for the public. To achieve this, we will:

**Foster a Culture of Innovation:** Encourage faculty, students, and alumni to develop resources that address challenges in education quality and access.

**Collaborate with Stakeholders:** Partner with educational institutions, governmental agencies, and non-profits to create and share resources.

**Open-Access Repository:** Maintain a digital repository of lecture notes, videos, and other resources that are freely accessible to the public.

**Regular Updates:** Continuously expand and update the repository to cover a broad range of academic disciplines.

**Collaborations:** Work with libraries, schools, and institutions to ensure the use of these resources in underserved communities.

#### Education and Vocational Training Outreach Activities Beyond Campus

Galgotias University will facilitate access to educational and vocational training for individuals from diverse backgrounds, with a focus on outreach activities beyond our campus. We will:

**Target Underrepresented Groups:** Partner with organizations and communities to identify the specific needs and challenges of underrepresented groups and address them.

**Develop Outreach Programs:** Implement programs to increase access to educational and vocational opportunities for underrepresented populations.

**Financial Support:** Provide scholarships, fee waivers, and financial assistance to individuals from underserved communities to participate in outreach activities.

**Ensure Accessibility:** Ensure all outreach activities accommodate the needs of individuals with disabilities by providing accessible facilities and materials.

**Assess Impact:** Regularly assess the effectiveness of outreach programs to ensure continuous improvement.

#### Hosting Educational and Vocational Training Events and Activities Open to the Public

Galgotias University will host educational and vocational training events that are open to the public. We will:

**Departmental Initiatives:** Encourage each department to organize workshops, seminars, conferences, and vocational training programs to disseminate knowledge and foster skill development.

**Engage with the Local Community:** Build strong connections with local schools, non-profits, and NGOs to ensure events meet the actual needs and interests of the community.

**Facilitate Engagement:** Encourage students, faculty, and staff to engage with local schools and communities to better utilize university resources for their benefit.

**Report Impact:** Schools and departments will report on the outcomes of events, including the number of participants, key takeaways, and observed positive changes.

**Collect Feedback:** Gather feedback from participants to continually improve future events and programs.

### **Monitoring and Reporting**

Galgotias University will monitor the progress and impact of its initiatives related to quality education. The university will regularly report on its contributions in the annual reports and on the official website.

### **Compliance and Accountability**

All members of the Galgotias University community, including faculty, staff, and students, are expected to uphold and support the principles outlined in this policy. Any violations should be reported to the appropriate authorities for resolution.

### **Review and Revision**

This policy will be reviewed and updated regularly to ensure it remains relevant, effective, and aligned with the goals of quality education for all.

### **Conclusion**

Galgotias University is dedicated to contributing to the global effort to achieve sustainable development by providing quality education, creating educational resources, and promoting lifelong learning opportunities. These efforts will foster a more sustainable and equitable future for society and the world.