

ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Association of Indian Universities, an apex level representative organization of universities and other Higher Education Institutions, invites Expressions of Interest (EoI) from its member universities for hosting a series of Zonal Conferences on the theme: ***“Strategic Integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Higher Education: Opportunities, Challenges and Implications.”***

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming the landscape of higher education, influencing teaching-learning processes, research, innovation, and institutional governance. In alignment with the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, there is an increasing need for a structured, collaborative, and ethical approach towards integrating AI across higher education institutions in India.

To address these emerging opportunities and challenges, AIU proposes to organise a series of conferences across various Zones such as **North, South, East, West Zones** of the country and the final one at National level. These conferences aim to provide a platform for academic leaders, faculty members, policymakers, industry experts, and researchers to engage in meaningful dialogue, share best practices, and develop actionable strategies.

Key Themes of the Conference

- AI-enabled teaching and learning
- Curriculum transformation and future skills
- AI in research and innovation
- Institutional governance and data-driven decision-making
- Ethical, social, and equity dimensions of AI

Role of Host Institutions

Selected universities will host the zonal conferences in coordination with AIU and will be responsible for:

- Organising the conference and managing logistics
- Facilitating participation from relevant stakeholders
- Preparing and submitting a detailed report of the proceedings

Financial Support

AIU will provide financial assistance of:

- ₹2,00,000 to each host university for zonal conferences
- ₹3,00,000 for the National Level Conference (where applicable)

Submission Details

Interested universities may submit their Expression of Interest, indicating:

- Preferred zone
- Proposed two set of dates
- Institutional preparedness and relevant experience
- Details of Nodal/ Coordinating Officer

The EoI should be submitted within **May 20, 2026** via email to:

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Host institutions will be selected based on Institutional capacity, Regional representation and Alignment with the objectives of the initiative. The allocation of the event to the university will be based on terms and conditions as laid down by AIU.