GUJARAT TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

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14th February 2014: 3rd Sankuls Day

Calling for Nominations from

Deans, Directors/ Principals, Sankul Co-Chairs (Academic), Sankul Co-Chairs (Industry), HODs, Champions and Sectoral Panel Co-Chairs of Skills Councils, Directors of Sankuls, Faculty Members, Udisha Innovation Club Coordinators, TPOs, Industry Leaders associated with GTU, Trustees, Journalists/innovation promoters and other stakeholders, associated with the GTU eco-system:

Pedagogic Innovation Awards

BACKGROUND:
GTU Innovation Council is the 1st large scale innovation ecosystem which has tried to bring the culture of innovation all across the university and its associated ecosystem during the past 3 years. An innovation system at such a scale and depth has never been attempted any where else in the world. Deans, Directors, Principals, Sankul Co-Chairs (Academic) and Sankul Co-Chairs (Industry), HODs, faculties, Sankul directors, Udisha Innovation Club Coordinators, TPOs, Industry Leaders associated with GTU, Trustees and other stakeholders have put in considerable amount of efforts in making it happen under the leadership of Dr. Akshai Aggarwal, Honourable VC, GTU.

The Pedagogic Innovation Awards are for recognizing the work at an individual and at an institutional level. We are trying to include all notable efforts, which have helped GTU Innovation Council in setting a new benchmark in the innovation ecosystems itself. We believe that by acknowledging such innovations adopted by you, these may be codified and documented. This will help scaling up such initiatives all across GTU and beyond. Learning from the innovative steps, adopted by you, will not only inspire more than 17,000 faculties within GTU but thousands of them from all other universities across the nation.

The awards will recognize unique efforts in setting up innovation culture, ecosystem, administration, innovation process, innovation dissemination, innovative measures in IPR and associated efforts, industry-academic cooperation, entrepreneurship and other similar efforts. One person may be nominated in one category or he/she may be nominated for more than one categories, out of those mentioned below:

CATEGORIES OF AWARDS:
1. Innovations/Improvements in pedagogy for better student comprehension and student engagement:
   a. Student engagement would include:
      - Better student attendance in class/college/campus
      - Better social outcomes through student initiatives/projects

b. Better student comprehension: Better student results or improvement in project qualities

c. New procedures/methods that increase the linkages of students with industry and external academia

d. New Processes for improving the research/innovation output of the Institution through students and faculties

e. Initiatives to improve comprehension about IPR issues/entrepreneurship and similar efforts among students and faculties

f. Preparation of outstanding courseware and making it available to students

g. Participation in ALVCOM video telecast program of GTU

h. Encouraging students to participate in GTU Design Your Courseware program

2. Innovations/Improvements in administrative features, which
   a. improve coordination between students and faculties
   b. improve faculty-faculty collaboration/coordination
   c. improve interdepartmental collaboration/coordination
   d. improve the linkages between the college and local innovation stakeholders such as Sankul members including academic colleagues and industry members
   e. improve working of the GTU Innovation Sankul's programs
   f. improve collaboration/coordination with other local academic institutes

3. Creating or setting up New ICT or online processes for improving any aspect of administration of institute

4. Visualizing and/ or Organizing new type of programs initiated to improve the realization of Sankul goals; Excellent work for Open Source Technology Clubs, Mobile and Wireless technology Clubs, S4 Extension Centers etc

5. Improving media outreach and creating awareness on Innovation at the GTU system through
   a. Improved dissemination of Innovation/Knowledge to external stakeholders such as Media, Industry
   b. Improved relationships with local media

6. New processes and systems developed to measure innovation/ academic performance improvement and hence improving innovation culture in your
   class/ laboratory/ workshop/ department/ college/ campus.

7. New products/Services/policy innovations being worked upon or completed under your leadership or coordination.

8. College, which has contributed max no of IDPs/UDPs/SIPs which have benefited users like MSMEs or others (A validated proof of the claims will be required.).

9. Creating innovative Incentive schemes to encourage innovations:
> a. Awarding failures such as those who have initiated significant efforts but couldn't succeed but invested significant amount of efforts
> b. Financial and other incentives to protect IPR, commercialise new ideas
> c. Non-Monetary schemes to motivate students

10. Innovative steps taken for promoting extracurricular activities. e.g Sports, cultural activities and other efforts.

11. Innovative steps for skill development, entrepreneurship development, capacity building of faculties/students and providing exposure.

12. Glorious failure Innovation award: If anyone has made concrete and dedicated efforts for bringing in innovation either in product/process or policy at his/her place but not succeeded significantly and feels that the effort is worth learning for others. We wish to appreciate all innovation leaders who have adopted such heroic steps but not succeeded significantly.

13. Individual efforts for making radical impact in changing the existing inert ecosystem and bringing impact through innovative ways.

14. Bringing new policy/strategies at your local environment and hence influencing the policies at larger level by virtue of the impact at your local exercise. This also includes introducing out-of-the-box strategies and making impact at local and other stages.

15. Bringing significant contributions either by individual/institutional/team to central efforts of GTU Innovation Council through ITIA, I-TAP , Skills Councils, DSTU, Youth Festival, Sports Festival, Blood Donation Camps, NSS, NCC, Administration, examination, curriculum development etc.

THE PROCESS OF AWARDS:

The best nominations in respective category will be awarded. One can apply in one category or multiple categories (if your efforts are related to more than one categories).

One can self-nominate and simultaneously nominate others keeping him/her informed.

Note: If last year, you have won an Award in a particular category, you will not be eligible for an Award **in the same category, this year.**

Last date of nomination entry online: 11ᵗʰ Feb 2014.

NOMINATION/ APPLICATION FOR THE AWARDS:

One key person of the initiative can register in the given link (http://awards.gtu.ac.in/nomination_PIA.aspx) and submit the profile of his/ her/ their initiative. In every nomination, please authenticate your claim with data, wherever possible, or otherwise. The profile will be given to the jury. During the evaluation process the key person of the particular initiative will be considered as the point of contact.

Nominations for pedagogic innovation awards may include:

    i.   A brief explanation of the various innovation activities that you have promoted/ contributed in the past 2-3 years at your department/college/campus /Sankul etc.

    ii.   A brief explanation about innovations you have introduced as the leader in your field for setting innovation culture

    iii.   A description, in brief, about your contributions/impacts in your respective category of award nomination.

    iv.   A statement of the challenges, you faced while implementing your efforts in your respective award category and how you could manage to overcome them.

Nominations may respond to the following questions:

1. Have you tried to share your methods, learning and support system to help other colleagues /ecosystem at different place/sectors? If so, then please specify in details such efforts. Please describe the impact if others adopted your efforts at their ecosystem.
2. Please mention 5 action plans which you have conceived to further accelerate your efforts in your respective category and share a brief note on that.
3. What motivates you to make such efforts for setting innovation mind-set? Which policy support, that can easily be done, can scale your efforts at your and other's place?
4. Why do you think the innovation award in your sector should be given to you? Describe in brief.

In your nomination, please try to address as many of the above issues as possible.

A Jury will be constituted for deciding the final list of those individuals or teams who will be awarded on 14th February 2014. The jury members or a representative from the University may also have a telephonic talk with the applicant or the team or any other references, that you may have provided in your application.

The decision of the Jury will be final.

Quick Links:

Home Page: http://awards.gtu.ac.in/

Nomination form for PIA 2014: http://awards.gtu.ac.in/nomination_PIA.aspx

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FAQs:
1. Who can apply/nominate?
    i. Dean
    ii. Principal/Director
    iii. Sankul Co-Chair(industry)
    iv. Sankul Co-Chair (academic)
    v. For Skills Councils:
        a. Champion
        b. Co-Chair (academic or business) of Sectoral Panels
    vi. HOD
    vii. a Director of a Sankul
    viii. Any faculty member
    ix. TPO
    x. Udsiha/Innovation Club Coordinator
    xi. Industry leader, associated with the GTU Innovation Sankuls
    xii. Trustee
    xiii. Journalists/innovation promoters
    xiv. Any other stakeholders associated with the GTU ecosystem.
2. The nominations are accepted online only.
3. **Last date of nomination entry online: 11th Feb 2014.**
4. The last year's announcement can be seen at
   http://gtu.ac.in/circulars/13Jan/Pedagogic_Innovation_Award_Version3.pdf.