

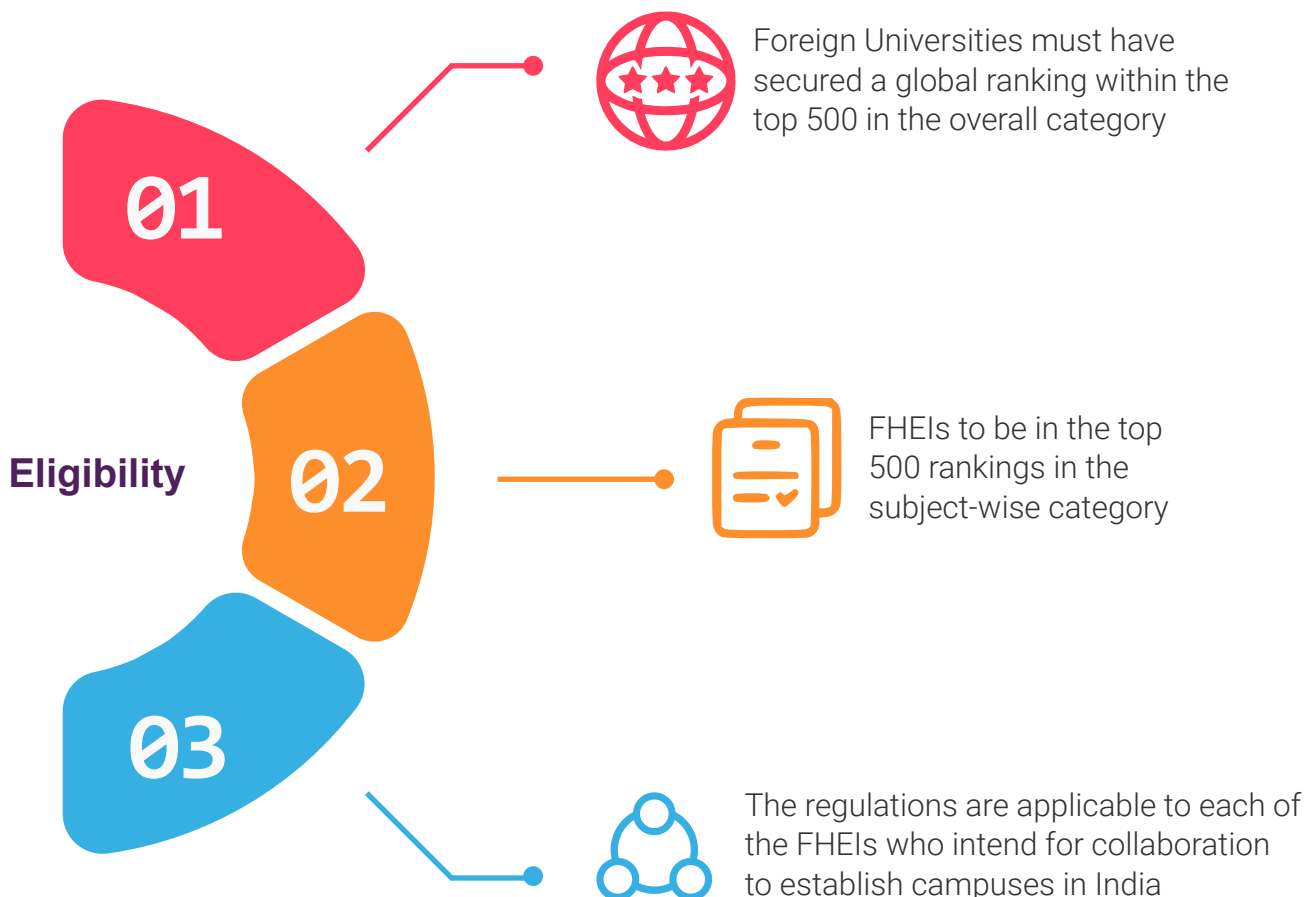


Centre for Educational and Social Studies

Highlights of UGC (Setting up and Operation of Campuses of Foreign Higher Educational Institutions in India) Regulations 2023

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has released the "University Grants Commission (Setting up and Operation of Campuses of Foreign Higher Educational Institutions in India) Regulations, 2023." The regulations are aligned with the vision of National Education Policy 2020 and aim to establish a robust regulatory framework for the entry and operation of FHEIs in India.

Key Highlights of the Regulations



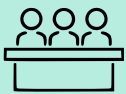


Apply online to the commission along with non-refundable fee



Upload documents

- Permission by the governing body or board or by whatever name called
- Information on proposed location, infrastructure facilities, fee structure and financial resources
- Details of academic courses, courses, faculty and curricula
- Undertaking that the quality of education imparted is similar to that of the main campus
- Recognition and status to the degree awarded in India will be in par with the degree awarded in their home town
- Accreditation or quality assurance report from a recognized body



Constitution of a standing committee to examine the matters



Assessment of each application based on the merit including their potential to strengthen educational opportunities in India



Strengths, contributions, research capacities, professional recognition etc., will be considered to assess an already outstanding institution



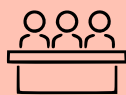
Recommendations to be placed before the commission within 60 of receiving the application



Commission to grant in-principle approval and issue a letter of intent within 60 days of receiving the recommendations



FHEIs to establish campuses in India within two years from the date of approval



Commission may reserve the right to provide extension, if required



Standing committee to examine the readiness of the campus to commence academic programmes and shall give its recommendations



Commission to give approval within sixty days to commence the operation of the campus after considering the recommendations



Admission and Fee Structure

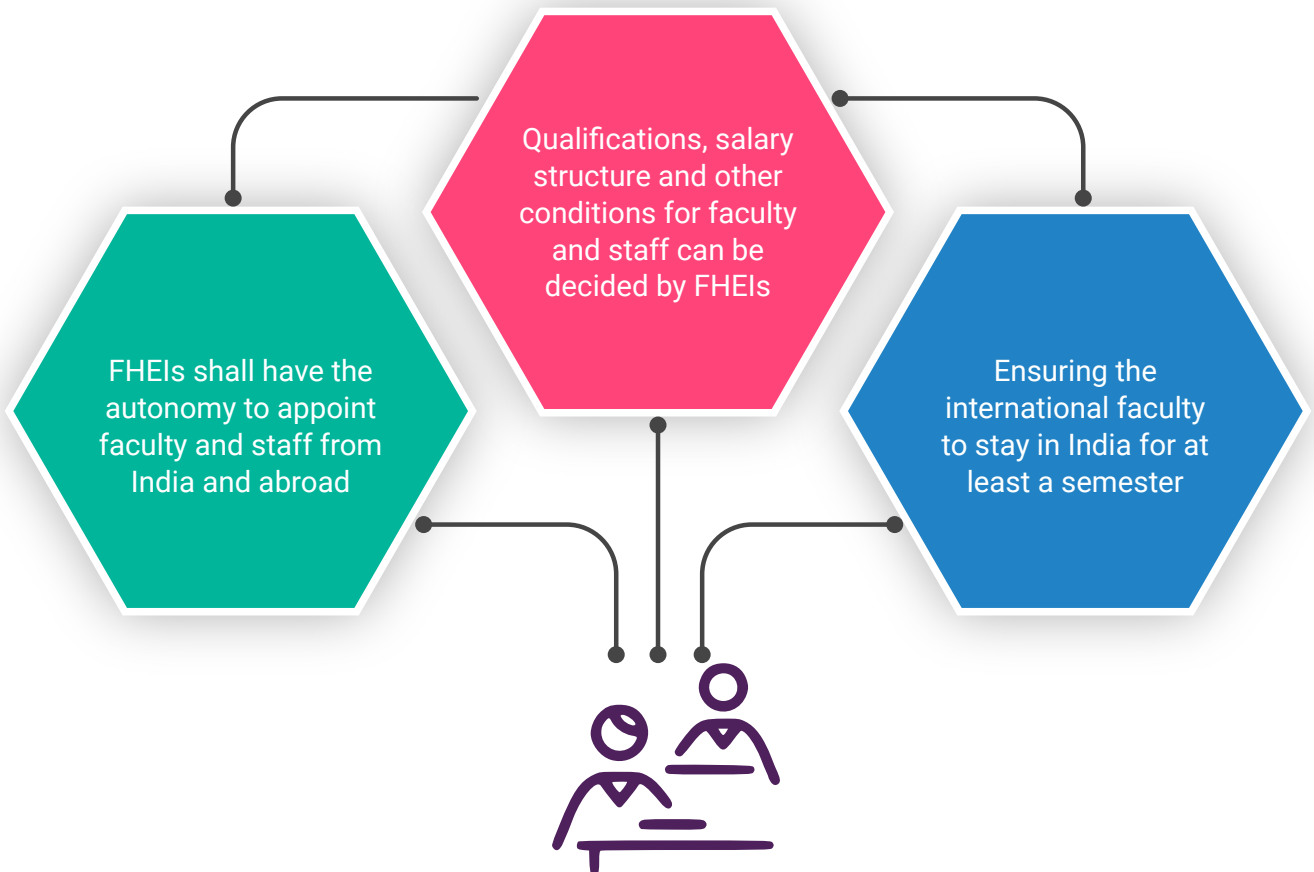
Domestic and international students can be admitted

Fee structure should be transparent and reasonable and can be decided by FHEI

Prospectus to be available in the website at least 60 days prior to the commencement of admissions

Full or partial merit-based or need-based scholarships to be provided from funds

Tuition fee concessions can be provided for students who are Indian citizens



Appointment of Faculty and Staff and other related provisions

General Conditions

01

No admission and fee collection prior to the approval

02

Education imparted in Indian campus to be in par with that of the main campus

03

Programmes to not be offered in online or in open and distant learning mode

04

Lectures in online mode should not exceed 10% of the programme requirement

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Programme of study offered should not be in contrary with the standards of higher education in India

06

Operation of FHEI should not be contrary to the sovereignty and integrity of India

07

Financial transaction shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999)

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FHEI shall not be a representative office for the parent entity

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FHEI shall not promote any programme of their home jurisdiction

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The FHEI may enter into a joint venture with Indian HEIs or Indian company

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Quality assurance audit to be done and report shall be submitted to the commission

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Annual report to be submitted to the commission and should be made available on website

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Course or programme shall not be discontinued abruptly without approval from the commission

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Parent entity shall be responsible to provide alternative to the students in case of discontinuation

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Mechanism to address students grievances should be set up

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Commission has the right cancel or suspend or withdraw the approval issued, in case of any discrepancies

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