Ashoka University
MSCA Fellowships

26 June 2024
A transformational initiative

- **Not-for-profit** university built on the principles of collective public philanthropy, ensuring an ethical and independent governance model
- **India’s first liberal arts and sciences university**, in a higher education system dominated by technical and vocational education
- Financial aid is offered to around half the student population, making it **India’s largest scholarship programme**
- Emphasis on **research and knowledge creation**
- **A new pedagogy for Indian higher education** – curriculum that is multi-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary; a pedagogy that fosters critical thinking and the development of 21st century skills
- Commitment to enhancing **inclusion, diversity and social impact**
Ashoka University through the years

- Founders came together: 2007
- Commenced graduate programme (Young India Fellowship), certificates co-signed with University of Pennsylvania: 2011
- Commenced construction: 2012
- University of Pennsylvania, University of Michigan, Carleton College and Sciences Po signed as partner universities: 2013
- Graduation of Ashoka’s 1st undergraduate class: 2017
- Launched natural sciences. Started Master’s and PhD Programmes: 2019
- Admitted 9th graduate class and 6th undergraduate class; 2,000 students and 170 faculty: 2022
- Acquired land in the Rajiv Gandhi Education City, Sonepat: 2010
- Commenced the undergraduate programme with 130 students; King’s College and University of California, Berkeley signed as partner universities: 2014

Achieving financial break-even: 2022

2,500 students; 500 full-time faculty and administrative staff: 2022
Equal emphasis on research and teaching

Undergraduate programmes
- 4-year BA and BSc Degrees
- 21 Majors and 18 Minors to choose from

Summer programmes for high school students
- Young Scholars Programme
- Lodha Genius Programme

Visiting student programmes for college students from India and across the world

Graduate programmes
- 2-year Masters programmes in Biology, Economics and English
- One-year programmes like the Young India Fellowship, Masters in Liberal Studies and the Ashoka Scholars programme

Doctoral programmes in 9 subjects

Ashoka X and Horizons
Online offerings for high school students, professionals and lifelong learners

Centres of Excellence
14 inter disciplinary Centres

Around 2600 students: 1859 undergraduates, 587 post-graduates, and 160 PhDs

160 permanent faculty, and around 60-70 visiting faculty
Sciences at Ashoka

- Unique liberal arts pedagogy
- Interdisciplinary courses
- Globally acclaimed research & teaching faculty
- Industry-oriented teaching and curriculum
- Cutting edge research
- Focus on societal issues and real-life problems

Pure Science Majors
- Biology
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Mathematics
- Computer Science

Interdisciplinary Science Majors
- Computer Science & Entrepreneurship
- Computer Science & Mathematics
- Computer Science & Philosophy
State of the art labs
Interdisciplinary research at Ashoka

Why is the participation of Indian women in paid work declining?

How to measure time in a different way

Cultivating Connections: The Indian Plant Humanities Project
Marquee initiatives to scale sciences

With specific focus on Biosciences, CS+X and Data Sciences, marquee schools and Centres planned in our second campus* to facilitate teaching and research under one roof to build a culture of research and innovation across all science disciplines.

These include a pioneering Schools Of BioSciences, School of Advanced Computing and Ashoka Innovation Centre in the 8 acre sciences park, currently under construction.

Trivedi School of Biosciences
A 120,000 sqft building that will house Biosciences and Chemistry

Ashoka Innovation Centre
40,000 sqft building that will house innovation programmes, offer interaction with industry

School of Advanced Computing
To anchor the CS department and initially house three new interdisciplinary centres in health analytics and data sciences
Ashoka’s Global Footprint

50+ Partner Universities

Member of Global Humanities Initiative (GHI)

Global liberal arts pedagogy

25+ North American Partners

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Ashoka values diversity and inclusion

**Generous scholarships**
In the last 10 years, Ashoka has provided need-based scholarships worth USD 43.3 mn (INR 325 cr) to ~4,500 students.

**Financial aid**
In the academic year 2021-22, Ashoka has awarded USD 10 mn (INR 75 cr) in financial aid. 50% students receive financial aid.

**Geographic diversity**
- 27 States
- 122 towns and cities
- ~43% non-metro cities

**Gender inclusivity**
- 45% women in staff
- 55% women students
- 75% women-led societies
- 30% women in leadership positions

**Alumni**
3,000 alumni contributing to leading corporates, social enterprises, academia, and ventured out as entrepreneurs

**Special needs met**
Successfully integrated students with visual impairment, hearing challenges and learning disabilities
Research infrastructure

PhD and Research at Ashoka University
Thank you, any questions?