

UGC

The University Grants Commission of India (UGC India) is a statutory body set up by the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India in accordance to the UGC Act 1956 and is charged with coordination, determination and maintenance of standards of higher education. It provides recognition to universities in India, and disbursements of funds to such recognized universities and colleges. The headquarters are in New Delhi, and it has six regional centres in Pune, Bhopal, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Guwahati and Bangalore. A proposal to replace it with another new regulatory body called HECI is under consideration by the Government of India. The UGC provides doctoral scholarships to all those who clear JRF in the National Eligibility Test. On an average, each year ₹725 crore (US\$100 million) is spent on doctoral and post-doctoral fellowships by the commission.

Major UGC Activities and Functions of University Grants Commission

1. Promote and coordinate university education.
2. Frame rules on minimum standards of education.
3. Setting standards for examination like ICAR NET, UGC NET & CSIR UGC NET.
4. Scrutinize growth in the field of college and university education.
5. Allow grants to the universities and colleges.
6. Maintain the connection between the Union and State Governments and institutions of higher education.

Suggest mandatory procedures to Central and State governments to make positive changes in University Education

1. It fosters and coordinates university education across the country
2. It makes and strengthens rules on minimum standards of education.
3. It maintains standards for examinations such as ICAR NET, UGC NET & CSIR UGC NET
4. It evaluates growth in the areas of college and university education.
- 5 It enables grants to universities and colleges.
6. It remains in the connection between the Union and State Governments and institutions of higher education.
7. It recommends necessary methods to Central and State governments to make positive changes in university Education.