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Institution Name	National Taiwan University (NTU)
Submission title or project name	Illuminating, Navigating and Transforming: NTU's INT system for fostering self-directed learning
Nominee / key personnel	Academic Advising Office, Centre for Teaching and Learning Development, Centre for General Education and Office of Academic Affairs
URL	https://aaoffice.ntu.edu.tw/En/Home https://www.dlc.ntu.edu.tw/en/home-en-2/ https://ntuibpu.ntu.edu.tw/en/Default.html
Submission	National Taiwan University's (NTU) Illuminating, Navigating and Transforming (INT) system integrates academic advising, modular curricula and student-designed degree programmes to address the pressing needs of students in exploring their academic and career goals in a VUCA world. • Illuminating: NTU's Academic Advising Office helps students pursue personal aspirations with a Four-quadrant Academic Advising Strategy (FAST) Model and a comprehensive network that engages industrial experts, faculties and peers. • Navigating: NTU's Specialisation Programme helps students explore academic interests within and beyond their majors through 267 theme-based modules, each encompassing the fundamental, theoretical and methodological courses, and a capstone project. • Transforming: NTU offers two student-designed interdisciplinary bachelor's programmes at college- and university-level to encourage students to transcend disciplinary boundaries and design their own degrees by leveraging course resources across NTU. NTU's INT system has proved effective in helping students explore and achieve personal aspirations. It contributes to a national reform agenda and local and global partnerships.



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Institution Name	James Cook University, Singapore
Submission title or project name	Taking Transnational Education a Step Further with Virtual Internships That Provide Equal Opportunities for Our International Students
Nominee / key personnel	Tjie Lim, Director Student Affairs; Michelle Thrash, Senior Manager Student Careers; Jonathan Ramsay, Associate Dean Student Engagement and Associate Professor Psychology
URL	https://www.jcu.edu.sg/current-students/student-support-services/careers-services
Submission	James Cook University in Singapore has introduced virtual internships to offer equal opportunities for international students while navigating the limitations of student pass regulations. The virtual internships are conducted online with companies in locations including Africa, Australia, Europe and North America. Our international students are provided with a comprehensive feedback loop that includes academic feedback on the student's performance, evaluation of the student's satisfaction and experience, and employer feedback on the student's contribution during their internship. Thus far, the initiative has received strong student interest. Virtual internships present an innovative transnational solution to traditional work experience challenges, providing more opportunities for international students to gain work experience prior to their graduation, expanded exposure to remote and hybrid work models and different international styles of working. Going forward, this can potentially serve as a model for the entire private education sector in Singapore in providing equal opportunities to international students.



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Institution Name	EMU University
Submission title or project name	Grant Support Programme at EMU University
Nominee / key personnel	
URL	https://emuni.uz/en/grants/
Submission	EMU University offers a grant programme funded by its founders to support students with outstanding academic performance and active participation in university life. These grants provide financial assistance for one semester of tuition, covering up to 100% of the cost. The programme promotes diversity by awarding grants to students from various backgrounds, ensuring access to education for talented individuals regardless of their financial situation. It also encourages academic excellence, research and innovation by rewarding students for achievements in conferences, Olympiads and start-up development. Over the past three years, 434 grants have been distributed, demonstrating the impact of this initiative. The programme fosters inclusivity, reduces educational inequality, and motivates students to excel in their studies, contributing to EMU's reputation as a leading educational institution in Uzbekistan.



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Institution Name	Davao del Norte State College
Submission title or project name	The Sapnay Programme: Caring for Distressed and Underprivileged Students through Charity and Volunteerism
Nominee / key personnel	Joy M. Sorrosa, College President; Josiedel C. Santamaria, Director for Student Development and Services; Sadie D. Law-ay, Gender and Development Coordinator; Maricielo Paula E. Funa, Head of Guidance, Counselling and Testing Services; Gemma G. Cervantes, Head of Medical and Dental Services; Czarina Nicole Lara M. Lanes, Head of Public Information Unit
URL	https://dnsc.edu.ph/sapnay/
Submission	Sapnay is a Binisaya term meaning “to cradle” or “to hold gently and protectively”. It captures the ethos of the programme which is to create a safe, caring and humane environment for distressed and underprivileged students through volunteerism and charity. The Sapnay Programme has four components: • Project GASA (Generous Assistance, Sharing Abundantly) for students who cannot afford meals during major examinations • Project AMUMA (Advocacy for Mental Health Upliftment and Medical Assistance) for mental health and medical-related assistance • Project BUHI (Basic Utilities and Help Initiative) for basic subsistence aid • Project DASIG (Direct Assistance for Students in Grave Situations) for response during calamities and disasters The Sapnay Programme has distributed over 10,000 free meals, financial assistance for mental health and other medical cases, more than 50 packs of basic necessities, and hundreds of relief goods to students affected by flooding. The programme believes that every peso counts, and every person matters.



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Institution Name	Quezon City University
Submission title or project name	Education as a Pathway for Reintegration: No Woman Left Behind
Nominee / key personnel	Dr Theresita V. Atienza, Quezon City University; Janete Oviedo, QC Gender and Development Council; Gracia Josue, QCU Gender and Development Office
URL	https://www.facebook.com/QCGov/videos/3712932222121585/?mibextid=rS40aB7S9Ucbxw6v
Submission	The Quezon City Government, through Quezon City University (QCU) and the QC Gender and Development Council, in partnership with the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), launched the No Woman Left Behind programme, which provides women in the city jail with medical services, education, urban farming training and livelihood assistance. A key component is QCU's Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship programme, offered to women PDLs (persons deprived of liberty) at the Quezon City Jail Female Dormitory. This initiative equips PDLs with entrepreneurial skills, enabling them to pursue self-employment and reintegration into society. The programme uses a HyFlex learning model, blending in-person and online classes, with 88 enrolled and 19 graduates as of 2024. The programme also established an urban farm, offering PDLs practical skills for income generation. Graduates have benefited from start-up assistance through the city's livelihood programme, helping them reintegrate with dignity and independence.



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Institution Name	Beaconhouse National University
Submission title or project name	The Substance Use Control Programme
Nominee / key personnel	Centre for Counselling and Psychological Well-Being
URL	
Submission	The Substance Use Control Programme is a comprehensive initiative at Beaconhouse National University aimed at preventing, reducing and managing substance use by students on campus. The programme focuses on education, early intervention and support for those affected by drug or alcohol dependency. It typically involves multifaceted strategies such as awareness campaigns, university-based education and workshops on the risks of substance use, with an emphasis on fostering healthy coping mechanisms. Key components include counselling services, support groups and random drug screening. Collaboration with healthcare providers, mental health professionals and law enforcement agencies is essential for effective interventions to yield long-term results. Measures such as advocating for policy changes and community involvement in promoting a drug-free environment are also vital. By combining prevention, treatment and community support, a substance use control programme helps individuals to regain control over their lives and promotes healthier, safer communities, ultimately reducing the public health burden caused by substance use.



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Institution Name	IPB University
Submission title or project name	Nurturing Inno-preneurship through Startup School and Student Entrepreneurship Programme
Nominee / key personnel	
URL	https://entrehub.ipb.ac.id/ https://bogorupdate.com/home/ipb-luncurkan-program-mahasiswa-wirausaha-dan-startup-school/
Submission	IPB University aims to excel in agriculture, marine sciences and tropical biosciences by focusing on research, technology, innovation and entrepreneurship. The Techno Socio-Entrepreneurial Navigation Programme supports students in developing digital businesses stemming from IPB's innovations. It includes the Student Entrepreneurship Programme (SEP) and the Startup School (SS). SEP assists students in entrepreneurship fundamentals, while SS accelerates the growth of existing businesses through business incubation and innovation. In 2023, 229 students from 59 ventures received IDR 200 million (US\$12,400) funding. By 2024, 778 students from 199 ventures received IDR 450 million (US\$27,900). Students in these programmes have achieved significant turnover and obtained various business legalities and certifications. Programme initiatives include business challenges, mentorship, training and market validation. Resources like the Entrepreneur-Hub and Student Innopreneur Community offer support, training and networking opportunities for students at IPB.



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Institution Name	National University of Singapore
Submission title or project name	Augmenting AI with human editing to provide lecture transcription that enhances student learning
Nominee / key personnel	Agnes Yuen, Office of Student Affairs, Student Accessibility Unit
URL	
Submission	The Student Accessibility Unit (SAU) at the National University of Singapore (NUS) supports students with disabilities by providing individualised support services and collaborating with various university departments. The SAU, in partnership with the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Technology and the NUS Provost's Office, introduced live transcription for 15 academic courses using an AI-powered tool. This pilot project aims to enhance learning for all students by offering real-time and post-lecture transcriptions, improving comprehension and engagement. Building on a successful smaller pilot where 89% of students had expressed satisfaction with the practice, this initiative seeks to normalise live transcription as a best practice, benefiting all learners and aligning with universal design principles. Feedback from an end-of-course survey will guide future improvements of this initiative.