



**UNITED  
INTERNATIONAL  
UNIVERSITY**

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# Sustainability Report 2023

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UIU is convinced that inclusive Economic Development is key to provide sustainable jobs and promote equality. Our employment policy ensures equitable opportunities and benefits for the employees that contribute to addressing poverty. Our scholarship policy ensures financial support for all students, regardless of gender or financial background, providing scope for higher education.

Our interdisciplinary research activities contribute in augmenting knowledge about approaches to poverty alleviation, which makes impacts on policy processes of poverty reduction. In the year of 2023, out of 7,224 registered students, 3,511 students from the low-income families received financial aids.





## Accessibility and Financial Support

United International University is the highest tuition fees waiver provider among all universities in Bangladesh. Every trimester, 15% of the top students in each class are automatically counted for 100% scholarships that help them get a free education without paying any tuition fees. This year 2022, a nominated student from an NGO called “Happy Home” got a 50% waiver on tuition fees to continue her educational journey with United International University.

## Scholarships and Waivers

Scholarships and financial aid are received by over **75% of students** annually. Categories include:

- Extra Meritorious Scholarship
- Freedom Fighter Scholarship

Additional **assistantship opportunities** are provided by UIU. These programs allow students to earn and support their academic expenses.

Categories include:

- Teaching Assistantships (TA)
- Undergraduate Assistantships (UGA)
- Graduate Assistantships (GA)

## International Student Support

- **25% Direct Admission Scholarship** for all international students through the Center for International Affairs and Cooperation (CIAC).
- **100% Scholarships** available for students recommended by embassies from countries such as India, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Palestine, and Turkey.
- The international student community includes students from Somalia, Kenya, Djibouti, Palestine, Nigeria, and Bhutan.



## Affordable Services

### Subsidized Transportation

The university offers a free shuttle service with five buses operating on the route, completing 112 round trips daily to the nearest transportation hub. Each bus can accommodate up to 40 students per trip. If students were to use local transportation for the same purpose, they would incur a cost of at least 60 Tk for a round trip each day. This results in a total daily subsidy of approximately 134,400 Tk provided by the university through the shuttle service.

**Highly subsidized** transportation services are provided to low-income students.

### Long Route Transportation Service

Approximately 12% of the total students annually use UIU's long-route transportation service, paying only 1,000 Tk per month. This amount covers just 25% of the monthly cost compared to public transportation. Thus, United International University provides a 75% subsidy on transportation, ensuring students can continue their studies without financial strain.

## Affordable Meals

The university canteen offers meals at discounted rates, e.g., a chicken meal costs only **BDT 60**, nearly half the price of similar meals at outside restaurants.

### Hostel Facilities

A standard home nearby the campus area costs around 7,000 TK for a student to stay for a month, while the dormitory facility provided by the United International University is almost 25% less than that. This gap is filled by the university authority as a subsidy to promote educational equality regardless of income group.

UIU offers separate, well-managed male and female hostels with fees that are **affordable and competitive** relative to the services provided.



## Research and Innovation Initiatives

### Institute of Research, Innovation, Incubation, and Commercialization (IRIIC)

Established on February 28, 2023, **IRIIC** fosters research collaboration, supports startups, and connects academia with industry and government.

## Skill Development Centers



Institute of Business and Economic Research (IBER)



Center for Development of IT Professionals (CDIP)



Center for Emerging Networks and Technologies Research (CENTeR)



VTA: VLSI Training Academy



## Research Funds

United International University (UIU) actively promotes social development through innovation and knowledge creation by offering research grants twice a year.

In 2023, UIU allocated approximately Tk. 118,157,000 to support research across multidisciplinary fields, including Social Science, Business, Economics, Science, and Engineering.



## Community and Global Impact

### Health and Living Standards Programs

Continuous programs to address, **Health**: Nutrition, child mortality awareness and **Living Standards**: Cooking fuel, sanitation, drinking water, electricity, housing, and asset management.

### Policy Advocacy

Active participation in policy making at **local, regional, national, and global** levels to implement programs and policies aimed at eradicating poverty in all its dimensions.

### Entrepreneurship Support

**UIU Entrepreneur Forum** organizes regular workshops and programs to encourage and guide students in establishing startups.



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