

Entrepreneurship Development (EDC-FHSSLA) SMU

Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDC) in the Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences and Liberal Arts has been formed considering the importance of entrepreneurship. The main objective of the EDC is to encourage students to take up business projects and upgrade them to become successful entrepreneurs in future. EDC will also act as the pre-incubation centre for many budding entrepreneurs. The entrepreneurship cell started in 2017 to encourage B.com students to take up business projects as part of their curriculum and course but later got an official recognition on 19th December 2019 by the Certificate of Establishment and approval from Registrar office (No.118/SMU/REG/00/146/2019).

The main roles of EDC in SMU are as follows:

1. To encourage students to take up business projects and help them create viable business plans and reports.
2. To conduct lecture series through *Let's Talk* platform (an initiative of EDC). Various Local, regional and national entrepreneurs are invited for a talk and interaction with students.
3. To encourage students to take up research related to entrepreneurship.
4. To create industrial contacts to develop mentor and mentee relationships.
5. To conduct webinars, seminars and workshop.

Future roadmap

The EDC's main objective is to encourage and motivate students to take up business projects. In future, the main concepts are about creating a connection between local and regional investors and local entrepreneurs and help them scale their businesses at national and international levels. This will add value and volume to the local capital and also create an easy access to capital for local entrepreneurs.

Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDC) consists of members from faculties, students and experts from the regional ecosystem.

Following are the member representation in an EDC with division of work and responsibility as below.

1. **Coordinator (Dr. Aditya Rai), FHSSLA** – Perform the role as Coordinator of the Cell and implement the actions feasible for the development of aspiring students and entrepreneurs.
2. **Convenor (Mr. Sumeet Agarwal)**– Immediate point of contact and coordination with all other members.
3. **Member (Mr. Suditya Sapcotta)** – Responsible for organising and coordinating after innovation promotion activities and extend support to other activities.
4. **President (Student Entrepreneurship wing) – Mr. Siddarth Subba (pursuing B.com)**
5. **Start-up activity coordinator Student** - Primarily responsible for organising and coordinating after start-up promotion activities and extend support to other activities.
6. **Internship coordinator Student** - Primarily responsible for organising and coordinating after internship opportunity and engage student in start-ups, innovation labs and incubation centre etc. to promote innovation activities and extend support to other activities.
7. **IPR activity coordinator Student** - Primarily responsible for organising and coordinating after IPR mentoring, awareness opportunity to promote innovation activities and extend support to other activities.
8. **Social Media Coordinator Student** – Primarily responsible for organising and coordinating social media promotion and public relations and effectively communicating regarding various activities undertaken to promote innovation activities and extend support to other activities.
9. **External Members –**
 - a. **Prof.Tejbanta Singh Chingtam, CEO, AIC-SMUTBI**
 - b. **Dr.Bikash Sharma, SMIT**
 - c. **Mr. Ritesh Rai, Maya Home stay and Museum. (Entrepreneur)**
 - d. **Mr. Tanzay (Alumni, entrepreneur)**
 - e. **Mr. Karan Singh (Alumni, Entrepreneur)**
 - f. **Miss. Megha Pradhan (Alumni, Entrepreneur)**

10. Student Members – Entrepreneurship club is an initiative of EDC and all the members of Entrepreneurship club becomes a member of EDC by default.

Outcome of the system created by EDC.

- 1) Mr. Zigmee Bhutia who was pursuing B.com in 6th semester had participated in The XR Startup Program held in the Auditorium Hall organized by AIC-SMUTBI in collaboration with Entrepreneur Development Cell, Faculty of Humanities Social Sciences and Liberal Arts. Many students were encouraged to attend the above-mentioned startup program, Mr. Zigmee Bhutia's idea was also selected among the many candidates participating in the program. A grant of Rs 50000 was provided through AIC-SMUTBI.
- 2) Karan Singh was upgraded to AIC-SMUTBI and is a co-founder of a company named Heal Bridge. He has already received a grant of Rs 500000 from AIC-SMUTBI. He was pursuing B.com from FHSSLA. He is currently an incubate in AIC-SMUTBI.
- 3) Megha Pradhan, who completed B.com in 2019 from our department, is a co-founder of Alpenglow motion.
- 4) Aadarsh Chhetri, who completed B.A in 2018 from FHSSLA, is a co-founder of AS Presentation.
- 5) Tanjay Kumar Gupta. Who completed B. Com in 2017 from FHSSLA is a founder of a company called Grocer.
- 6) Chirag Rai and Khushboo Rai, currently pursuing B.Com from FHSSLA have recently been upgraded to Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), SMIT. Their idea has been selected from among many students who have submitted different business ideas. Their idea is related to online transportation business.
- 7) Many Alumni have started small-scale businesses and some are active in the capital market as traders and investors.

Some of Glimpses of activities so far



Presenting about entrepreneurship



Girl Students attending women entrepreneurship program



Students after receiving grants for their business ideas from AIC-SMUTBI



Students interacting with Local Entrepreneur and Vlogger



Students after receiving offer letter from IIC SMIT for pre incubation



Entrepreneurship workshop



First Batch of National Capital Market Certification course (NCCMP, an initiative of EDC) through National Stock Exchange Academy.