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Education in a Global Context: Institutional Perspectives on Research Training, Mobility and Scholarly Impact

About This Issue

The third Issue of Ignited Minds Today turns to a question that touches millions of students, hundreds of universities and the nation's talent strategy:

How Is Foreign Education Being Redefined, and What Does It Mean for Students, Institutions and the Future of the Nation?

This issue brings together perspectives at the intersection of:

- Foreign Education, Study Destinations & Global Mobility
- Transnational Education, Foreign Campuses & Global Partnerships
- Doctoral Education, Research Collaboration & Faculty Exchange
- Policy, Visas, Economy & Global Competition

We invite contributions that go beyond theory and present **insightful, bold, and future-oriented perspectives**.

Who Should Contribute?

We welcome submissions from:

- Vice-Chancellors, Directors, Deans and Academic Leaders
- Heads of International Offices and Admissions
- Directors of Doctoral Studies, PhD Programme Coordinators and Research Supervisors
- Researchers, Faculty Members, PhD Scholars and Alumni
- Policymakers, Government Officials and Regulators
- Global Mobility, Immigration and Industry Experts
- Education Economists and Strategic Thinkers

Thematic Sections & Suggested Article Topics

Issue 3 retains the ten thematic sections of the magazine, each reframed around foreign education. Contributors may submit to any section; the editorial team may suggest a better-fitting section after review.

1. Cover Story

Focus: *Foreign Education & the Future of Global Mobility*

Theme- Borderless Learning: Why Foreign Education Is Being Redefined for the Next Generation

We're looking for:

- Is the Foreign Degree Losing Its Shine? Value, Visas & the Skills-First Future
- From Study Abroad to Study Global: Hybrid, Twinning & Offshore Campus Models
- Internationalisation at Home: Can India Deliver a Global Education Locally?
- Educated Abroad, Rooted in India: Mobility as National Strategy
- Education in the Age of AI: Does Where You Study Still Matter?

Article Type	Cover Story / Feature Article
Word Count	1,800–2,000 words
Ideal Contributors	Senior policymakers, international education leaders, education economists, global mobility experts

2. Policy & Governance

Focus: *Regulating Cross-Border Education*

Theme- Visa Rules, Foreign Campuses & Regulation: How Policy Is Reshaping Cross-Border Education

We're looking for:

- Foreign University Campuses in India: Promise, Regulation & Reality
- Tightening Student Visas: Caps, Work Rights & the Impact on Indian Students
- Recognition & Equivalence of Foreign Degrees: AIU, UGC & the Road Ahead
- Governing Transnational Education: Twinning, Joint & Dual Degrees
- Protecting Students: Regulating Overseas Education Consultants & Agents

Article Type	Analytical Essay / Policy Analysis
Word Count	1,500–1,700 words
Ideal Contributors	UGC/AIU officials, university administrators, immigration and higher education legal experts

3. Quality, Accreditation & Rankings

Focus: *Credibility Across Borders*

Theme- Does a Foreign Degree Still Guarantee Quality? Recognition, Accreditation & Global Rankings

We're looking for:

- Rankings vs Reality: Do Global Rankings Predict Student Outcomes Abroad?
- Verifying Foreign Institutions: Accreditation, Fake Universities & Due Diligence
- Quality Assurance in Transnational Education: Who Is Accountable?
- Global Rankings vs Local Relevance: What Should Matter More?
- Measuring the Outcomes of Foreign Degrees: Employability, Earnings & Return

Article Type	Critical Analysis / Opinion Piece
Word Count	1,000–1,500 words
Ideal Contributors	NAAC/NBA officials, institutional research directors, quality assurance and international accreditation experts

4. Global Perspectives

Focus: *The Shifting Map of International Education*

Theme- The Study Destination Shift: How Nations Compete for Global Students & Talent

We're looking for:

- UK, USA, Canada & Australia: Policy Tightening and the Search for Alternatives
- Emerging Destinations: Germany, France, Ireland, UAE, Singapore, South Korea, Japan & Central Asia
- Global Talent Wars: Brain Drain, Brain Gain, Skilled Mobility & Diaspora Networks
- Education as Soft Power: How Nations Attract International Students
- Comparative Lessons from the Global South, Asia & OECD Systems
- Doctoral Destinations: Why Researchers Choose Particular Countries and Universities

Article Type	Short Analytical Piece
Word Count	1,200–1,500 words
Ideal Contributors	International education leaders, scholars at foreign universities, global policy experts

5. Leadership & Institutional Transformation

Focus: *Going Global from Home*

Theme- Going Global at Home: How Universities Build Partnerships, Twinning & Dual Degrees

We're looking for:

- Building Global MoUs That Actually Work
- From Domestic to Global: Institutional Strategies for Internationalisation
- Hosting International Students: Campus Readiness, Support & Culture
- Case Studies: Universities with Successful Foreign Collaborations
- The New Academic Leader as Global Diplomat

Article Type	Case Study / Narrative Feature
Word Count	1,000–1,500 words
Ideal Contributors	Vice-Chancellors, Directors, Deans and heads of international offices with documented collaboration experience

6. Industry, Innovation & Employability

Focus: *Global Degrees, Global Careers*

Theme- Is a Foreign Degree Worth It? Work Rights, Global Careers & the ROI Question

We're looking for:

- Brand-Name Degrees vs Demonstrable Skills: What Global Employers Want
- Post-Study Work Rights & Career Outcomes by Destination
- Returnee Employability: How Indian Industry Values Foreign Degrees
- Foreign-Educated Founders: Global Startups & Entrepreneurship
- Employer–University Partnerships Across Borders

Article Type	Case Study-Driven Feature
Word Count	800–1,000 words
Ideal Contributors	Partnership directors, career services heads, corporate HR leaders, global mobility experts

7. Research & Faculty Excellence

Focus: *Doctoral Education & Global Research Collaboration*

Theme- Doctoral Pathways Abroad: Research Training, Collaboration & the Shift from Brain Drain to Brain Circulation

We're looking for:

- Internationalising Doctoral Education: Programmes, Supervision & Funding Models
- Joint and Dual PhDs: Making Cross-Border Doctorates Work
- Global Fellowships, Research Visas & Postdoctoral Pathways
- Faculty Exchange & Diaspora Engagement
- From PhD to Impact: Careers in Academia, Industry & Innovation
- Institutional Perspectives: Research Strengths of Universities Offering Doctoral Programmes

Article Type	Feature Article / Institutional Case Study
Word Count	1,000–1,200 words
Ideal Contributors	Research deans, directors of doctoral studies, PhD programme coordinators, supervisors, PhD scholars and alumni

8. Students, Learning Outcomes & Academic Excellence

Focus: *The Student Experience Abroad*

Theme- Beyond the Classroom: Wellbeing, Safety, Cost of Living & Cultural Adaptation

We're looking for:

- Mental Health & Wellbeing of International Students
- Safety, Housing & Cost of Living: The Reality Behind the Brochure
- Cultural Adaptation & Academic Culture Shock
- PhD Scholar Voices: Stipends, Workload, Supervision & Life on Campus
- Support Systems for First-Time Travellers: Orientation, Alumni & Peer Networks

Article Type	Evidence-Based Analysis / Programme Feature
Word Count	500–800 words
Ideal Contributors	Student affairs professionals, international student advisors, counsellors, PhD scholars and alumni

9. Education, Economy & Global Impact

Focus: *The Economics of Mobility*

Theme- The Economics of Study Abroad: Education Loans, Forex Outflow & Soft Power

We're looking for:

- Cost vs Return: The Economics of Studying Abroad
- Education Loans & Student Debt: Risks and Reforms
- Forex Outflow vs Remittance Inflow: The Net Impact on the Economy
- Scholarships & Funding Pathways for Indian Students
- Retaining Talent: Can India Turn Brain Drain into Brain Circulation?

Article Type	Macro-Level Analysis
Word Count	1,000–1,500 words
Ideal Contributors	Education economists, policy analysts, banking and finance experts, development experts

10. Insights, Reviews & Briefs

Focus: *Timely Updates, Country Guides & Quick Takes*

Theme- Quick Reads: Country Guides, Scholarship Roundups, Reports & Expert Voices

We're looking for:

- Country Snapshots: Visas, Costs & Opportunities on One Page
- Fully Funded PhD Openings, Fellowships & Scholarship Roundups
- Book & Report Reviews on International Education
- Expert Interviews with Global Education Leaders
- Quick Insights: Policy Changes & Global Shifts

Article Type	Brief / Commentary / Review
Word Count	500–800 words
Ideal Contributors	Subject matter experts, policy analysts, researchers, education consultants and commentators

How to Submit Your Article

Word Count Guidelines

Article Type	Word Count	Notes
Feature Articles	800–1,000 words	Data-driven, well-argued
Opinion / Analytical Pieces	1,000–1,200 words	Bold, evidence-based
Case Studies / Interviews	2,000–2,500 words	Concrete outcomes & lessons
Insights, Reviews & Briefs	500–800 words	Timely, concise commentary

What to Include

- Complete manuscript in Word (.docx) or PDF format
- Abstract (200–250 words)
- Author bio (100–150 words) with current position and affiliation
- Professional headshot (minimum 300 DPI)
- 5–7 keywords for indexing
- Supporting visuals (graphs, charts, photos — optional but encouraged)

Editorial Standards

Citations: APA 7th Edition style

Tone: Academic yet accessible — write for educated non-specialists

Evidence: All factual claims must be supported by credible sources

Originality: Original work not previously published or under consideration elsewhere

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Initial Review: Within 7 business days

Peer Review: 2–3 weeks for selected articles

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- Full Contributor Guidelines: Available for download at www.ignitedmindstoday.com
- Sample Articles: Contact us for exemplars from each category
- APA Citation Guide: Available at apastyle.apa.org

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