



Far Western University
Agriculture Science Faculty Dean Office
Tikapur, Sarlahi, Nepal



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Application for Entrepreneurship Support Program (ESP)

We are delighted to announce the commencement of the Entrepreneurship Support Program (ESP) at FOA Tikapur, a significant initiative under the Nurturing Excellence under Higher Education Program (NEHEP), facilitated by the bilateral agreement between FOA Tikapur and the University Grants Commission (UGC) Nepal. This program aims to empower students and young faculties by providing them with essential resources for initiating entrepreneurial ventures in the agricultural sector.

Program Details:

- The FOA Tikapur is nominating students, young faculties, alumni and their groups meeting the eligibility criteria for ESP.
- Interested candidates are encouraged to apply for entrepreneurship support, training, and start-up assistance.
- A total of 30 applicants will be selected for training, focusing on essential knowledge, skills, and practices related to agricultural-based enterprises.
- The top five enterprises emerging from the program will be eligible for additional support.
- Through a national competition in UGC, a total of five proposals will be selected, with the winning enterprise receiving a maximum of NPR 40,00,000.00 as seed funding.

Eligibility Criteria for Application

- Applicants should be Nepali citizens.
- Bonafide students of FOA and their groups, FOA Alumni within five years of graduation, along with their groups, are invited to submit applications.
- Young faculty members under 40 years, and their respective groups, are encouraged to apply for the ESP.
- Include a Project Concept Note (PCN) with the application.



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Application Process:

- Eligible candidates can submit their applications by 1st March 2024 (30 days from the 1st notice)
- Applications should be sent to: dean.agriculture@fwu.edu.np
- Submit a bank voucher of NPR 500 along with the application.

Bank details:

Nepal Bank Limited, Tikapur Branch.

Bank Account of Faculty of Agriculture (Dean Office) and number: 1070 0106 5539 2500 0001

Project Concept Note (PCN) should contain the following things:

Background introduction, Statement of the problem, Justification, Objectives, Expected outputs, Beneficiaries, Limitations and their management, Timeline and budget etc).

Note: Submit the budget in a 60:40 ratio, where 60% is supported by FOA as seed money, and 40% is the applicant's contribution as a matching fund. Thanks.

Contact Information:

Reach out to the Dean of FOA, ESP Coordinator, and Head of the Department of the School of Agriculture for further information.

Queries:

Direct queries to dean.agriculture@fwu.edu.np.

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