Himalayan University Consortium

Building Academic Leadership for Mountains and People
Who we are

The Himalayan University Consortium (HUC) is a network of universities and research think tanks in the Hindu Kush Himalaya (HKH).

Our core values

- Mountain focus
- Transdisciplinarity
- Diversity
- Shared leadership
67 full members; 19 associate members
Strategic Goals and Enabling Actions

1. Sustainable Mountain Development Research
   - Community Building and Governance

2. Sustainable Mountain Development Education and Training
   - Member Engagement

   - Problem-based Interventions

Transboundary Collaboration Among HUC Members
What we do

- Support sustainable, fair, and inclusive mountain development in communities of the HKH and the adjoining lowlands
- Contribute to global knowledge through collaborative research, education, and training

How we do it

- Encourage and facilitate mountain-specific research, education, outreach, and practice
- Develop and share responsive and transdisciplinary knowledge on mountain research
- Promote collaboration in research and training among members, countries, and regions
- Build a new generation of transformational leaders committed to advancing HKH-specific research and innovative policy solutions
- Serve as an effective and holistic voice for mountain development and research
Thematic Working Groups

TWGs are self-organizing, member-led clusters of scholars sharing similar research and education interests, operating on resource-pooling basis.
HUC Thematic Working Groups

Currently Active
- Climate change
- Disaster risk reduction and resilience
- Mountain heritage and tourism
- Trans-Himalayan environmental humanities
- Water

Pipeline/Inactive
- Cryosphere and society
- Energy
- Mountain foods and nutritional security
- Air pollution and health
- Genetic biodiversity
- Forests, wildlife and rangelands
- Human mobility
- Livelihoods and poverty reduction
Sustainable Mountain Education
Task Force

Aims to promote mountain-focused, Hindu Kush Himalaya-specific research and higher education
HUC Academy

- Flagship annual intensive programme of the Consortium,
- Provides cross-disciplinary scholarship opportunities to young researchers.

Targeted Participants

- PhD/doctoral scholars and MSc/MA/MEng students and initial career faculty members from those HKH countries conducting research and training on the issues.
- Women and members of under-represented communities
- 22 participants selected from 8 HKH countries

Create a new generation of transformational leaders who are

- Committed to mountain research,
- Capable of producing consequential knowledge,
- Proficient in generating innovative policies, and
- Conscious of environmentally responsible business practices to address HKH mountain challenges with transboundary solutions.

- Mountain focus;
- Inter- and Trans-disciplinarity;
- Field Research;
- Leadership.
Thank You!