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Himalayan University Consortium

*Building Academic Leadership for
Mountains and People*

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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 member
19 associate
members



Strategic Goals and Enabling Actions

STRATEGIC
GOALS

1

Sustainable Mountain
Development Research

2

Sustainable Mountain
Development Education
and Training

3

Knowledge, Dissemination,
Policies, and Practices

ENABLING
ACTIONS

Community Building
and Governance

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





- **Mountain focus;**
- **Inter- and Trans-disciplinarity;**
- **Field Research;**
- **Leadership.**

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.



Thank You!