

**‘SEEDS OF CHANGE’**  
**INTEGRATING SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

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**Turn ideas into institutional action**

SEEDS OF CHANGE supports faculty to move beyond learning about social entrepreneurship—to integrating it into teaching, curriculum and institutional initiatives that empower students to create innovative solutions to solve pressing social and environmental challenges. The programme equips universities to prepare ethical, innovative and socially responsible students, while strengthening their social mission, fostering transformational leadership, and aligning institutional teaching and research with The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - 2030.

In 2025-26, twenty-nine faculty members from fourteen institutions across four countries explored social entrepreneurship as a discipline, developed institutional action plans and built a regional network for continued collaboration. Participants have subsequently developed student certification programs and student-led entrepreneurial start-ups focused on community and environmental transformation.

SEEDS OF CHANGE 2026-27 is now inviting applications from faculty who wish to turn their ideas into action through curriculum development, teaching/learning practices and institutional frameworks that bring about positive social change.

**Objectives**

- Enhance knowledge on Social Entrepreneurship as an academic discipline.
- Develop social entrepreneurship courses/certifications/ degree programs.
- Facilitate exposure and field visits to innovative projects.
- Provide mentoring support and link appropriate resources with institutions to initiate Social Entrepreneurship projects.
- Facilitate a cross-regional network of educators to support Social Entrepreneurship initiatives.

## Program Structure

- **Pre-Residency (Online)**

Onboarding Session: Nov 5, 2026

Orientation and Preparatory Sessions: November 12, 19, 26, 2026 & December 3, 2026

*The orientation and preparatory sessions will introduce participants to the foundations of social entrepreneurship as a discipline, innovative teaching pedagogies, life stories and experiences of social entrepreneurs, capacity-building approaches, and the development of institutional action plans.*

- **Residency (in-person)**

Onsite Program: January 26 to 29, 2027 (Four days)

*The four-day residential program will include hands-on curriculum development, guest speaker sessions, field visits, case studies, individual and group reflections, cross-regional collaborations, interactive workshops, and group presentations. The program will provide opportunities for deeper engagement, practical learning, and the development of context-relevant social entrepreneurship initiatives.*

## Eligibility

Teams of two faculty members from the same institution, from any discipline, who are passionate about driving social change through innovation and education are eligible to apply.

## Application Process

- The online application is now open and closes on **Sept 30, 2026**.
- Selection results will be announced by **mid-October, 2026**.
- Participation in all aspects of the program, including both the online and onsite sessions, is expected of all selected participants.
- For selected participants, the United Board covers local program costs, including meals, training, and accommodation for 5 nights from **Jan 25 to Jan 29, 2027**.
- Travel costs (airfare, visa, insurance) must be arranged by institutions/participants.
- Limited travel subsidies are available. Contact: [sjoseph@unitedboard.org](mailto:sjoseph@unitedboard.org)

Be a part of a movement to inspire the next generation of changemakers in the world. This event empowers faculty members with knowledge, skills, and networks to integrate social entrepreneurship as a discipline or part of the curriculum. Through engaging sessions on innovation, startup development, and social impact, participants will be equipped to cultivate entrepreneurial mindsets and empower students to create meaningful, sustainable solutions for society.

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