# Galgotias University's Policy for Supporting SDG4

## 1. Introduction

Galgotias University recognizes the critical role of education in achieving Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG4) - Quality Education. This policy outlines the university's commitment to supporting SDG4-related activities and creating resources to contribute to the global effort to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education for all.

## 2. Objectives

Our commitment topromoting the value of education as a driver of personal and societal progress through research, discussions, and community engagement aligns with the following objectives:

1. To raise awareness about the importance of quality education as a fundamental human right and key driver of sustainable development.
2. To foster dialogue, research, and innovation related to education and its role in achieving the SDGs.
3. To create a platform for students, faculty, staff, and the wider community to engage with, contribute to, and be inspired by SDG4-related initiatives.
4. To support initiatives and partnerships that promote lifelong learning opportunities, including vocational and technical skills development.
5. To create and disseminate educational resources that address the challenges and opportunities presented by SDG4.
6. Incorporate education for sustainable development (ESD) in our academic programs to raise awareness about sustainability and global citizenship.
7. To provide high-quality education that is accessible, inclusive, and equitable for all students, regardless of their background or circumstance.

## 3. Accessible and Inclusive Quality Education

Galgotias University is dedicated to providing accessible, inclusive, and quality education for all. To achieve this, we will:
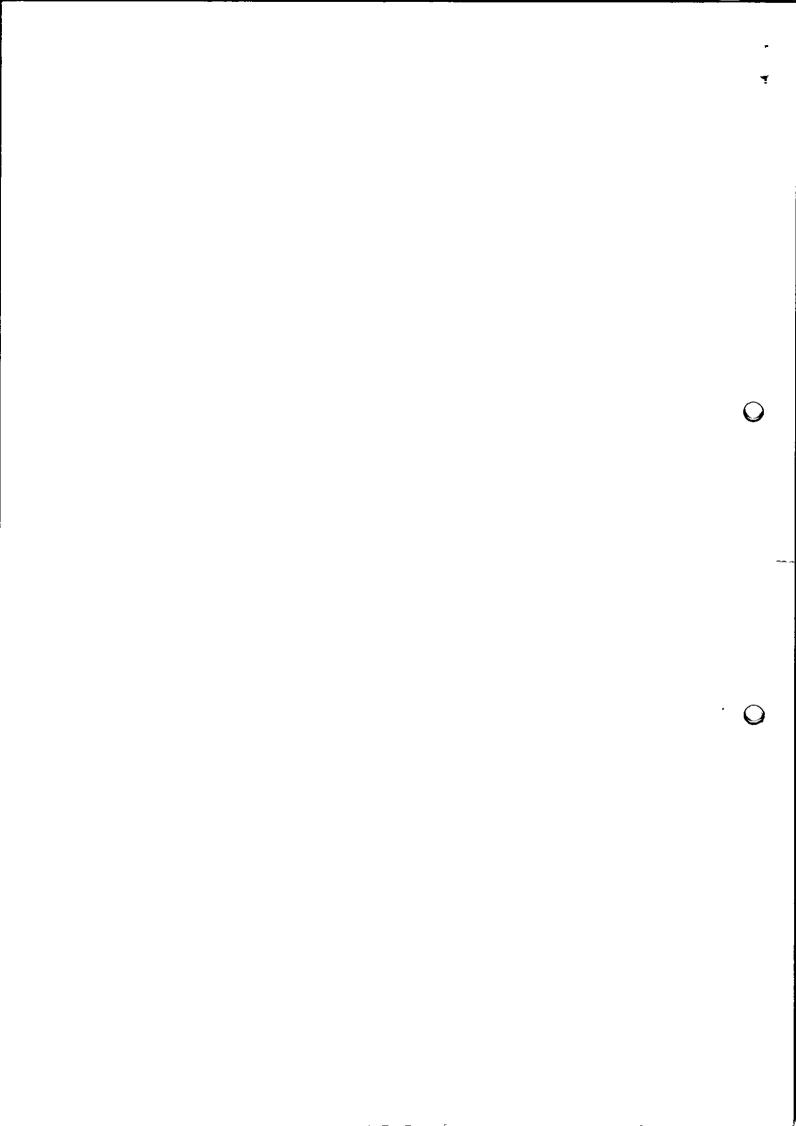
1. Support first generation students and students from underprivileged backgrounds, ensuring that they have equal access to education.
2. Create accessible learning environments and digitaland onlineeducational resources.
3. Promote diversity and inclusion in all aspects of university life, encouraging a culturally rich and inclusive campus community.

## 4. Creation of Freely Accessible Educational Resources

Galgotias University is committed to create educational resources that address SDG4. To achieve this, we will:

- Foster a culture of research and innovation among faculty, students, and alumni to create resources that address specific challenges related to education quality and access.
- Collaborate with other educational institutions, governmental agencies, and non-profit organisations to create and share resources that support SDG4.
- Maintain an open-access digital repository of educational materials, including lecture notes, videos, and other relevant resources including for early years and lifelong education.
- Ensure that these resources are easily accessible to the public.
- Provide user-friendly interfaces.
- Regularly update and expand the repository to cover a broad spectrum of academic disciplines.
- Collaborate with libraries, schools, and other institutions to promote the use of these resources in underserved communities.

## 5. Education and Vocational Training Outreach Activities Beyond Campus

Galgotias University will actively promote and facilitate access to educational and vocational training outreach activities beyond our campus for individuals from diverse backgrounds. We will:

- Collaborate with organisations and communities to identify and address the specific needs and challenges of underrepresented groups.
- Develop outreach programs that target underrepresented populations to increase their access to educational and vocational opportunities.
- Provide financial support, scholarships, or fee waivers to eligible individuals from underrepresented communities to participate in these outreach activities.
- Ensure that outreach activities are conducted in a manner that accommodates the needs of individuals with disabilities, including providing accessible facilities and materials.
- Regularly assess the impact and effectiveness of our outreach programs to make necessary improvements.

## 6. Hosting Educational and Vocational Training Events and Activities at the University Open to the General Public

Galgotias University is dedicated to hosting educational and vocational training events and activities that are open to the general public. To ensure this, we will:

- Each school/department within the university is encouraged to take the initiative in organising events and activities that leverage their unique areas of expertise.These events may range from workshops, seminars, and conferences to vocational training programs, all aimed at disseminating knowledge, fostering skill development, and addressing pertinent issues in the respective fields.
- Foster strong connections with the local community, non-profit organisations, non-governmental organisations, and relevant stakeholders to ensure that the events and activities are designed to meet the actual needs and interests of the public.
- Encourage faculty, students, and staff to actively engage with local schools, community centres, and underprivileged populations to assess how the university's resources can be best utilized to benefit them.
- Schools/ and departments are encouraged to report on the outcomes and impact of their events, including the number of participants, the key takeaways, and any positive changes observed in the community.
- Collect feedback from participants to continuously improve these events.

## 7. Monitoring and Reporting

Galgotias University will regularly monitor the progress and impact of its SDG4 initiatives and activities. The university will report on its contributions to SDG4 in its annual reports and on its official website.
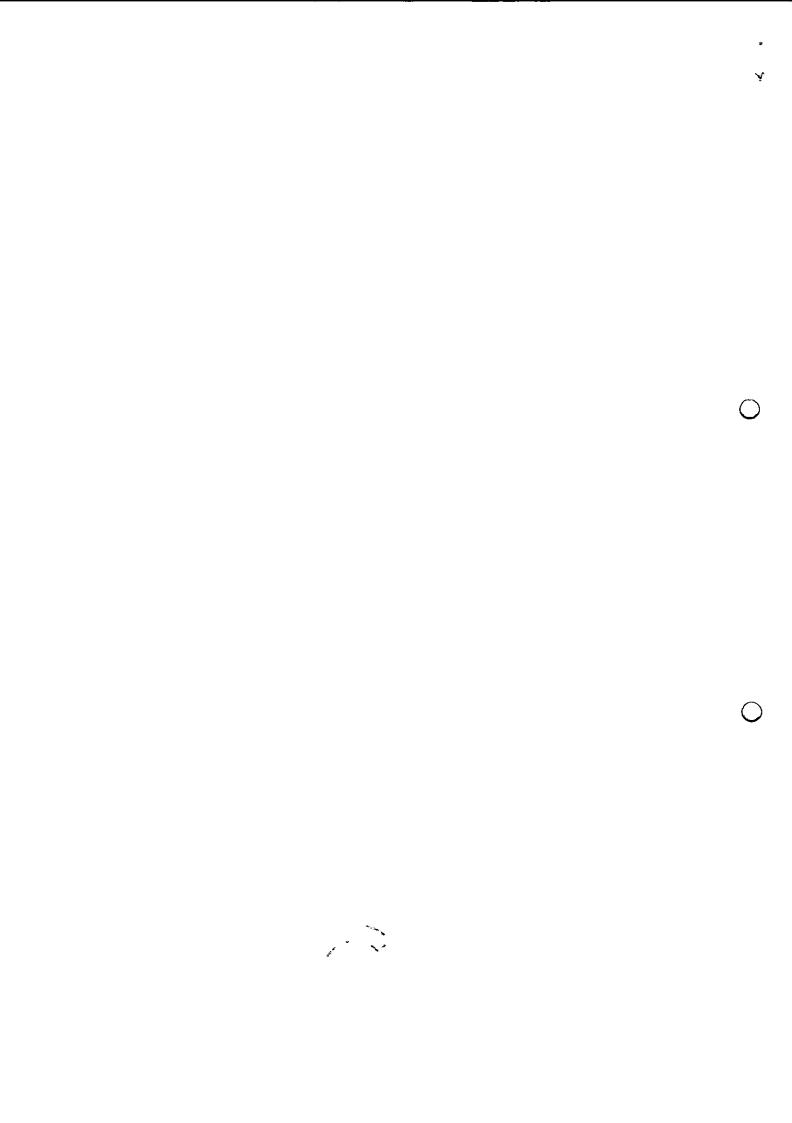
## 8. Compliance and Accountability

All members of the Galgotias University community, including faculty, staff, and students, are expected to support and uphold the principles and initiatives outlined in this SDG4 Policy. Any violations or issues should be reported to the appropriate authorities for prompt resolution.

## 9. Review and Revision

This policy will be reviewed and updated regularly to ensure that it remains relevant and effective in supporting SDG4 and the goals of quality education for all.

## 10. Conclusion

Galgotias University is dedicated to contributing to the global effort to achieve SDG4 by providing quality education, creating resources, and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all individuals, thereby fostering a more sustainable and equitable future for our society and the world.