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यस कृषि तथा वन विज्ञान विश्वविद्यालय अनुसन्धान तथा प्रसार निर्देशनालय अन्तर्गत विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोगको आर्थिक सहयोगमा संचालित AFU Business Incubation Center (AFUBIC) Business Incubation Support Program (Second Announcement) अन्तर्गत व्यवसायिक अवधारणा (Business Ideation) पेश गर्नका लागि ईच्छुक विद्यार्थीहरूको समुहद्वारा मिति २०८२/०६/०५ गते भित्र पेश गर्ने भनि सूचना प्रकाशन गरिएकोमा विषेश कारणवश मिति २०८२/०६/२८ गते सम्मका लागि समय अवधि थप गरिएको साथै Business Incubation Support Program सम्बन्धमा सम्पूर्ण विद्यार्थीहरू बीच सूचना प्रवाह र प्रश्नोत्तरको अवसरका लागि मिति २०८२/०६/२३ गते अनलाईन अभिमूखिकरण कार्यक्रम संचालन गर्ने जानकारी गराउँदछु।

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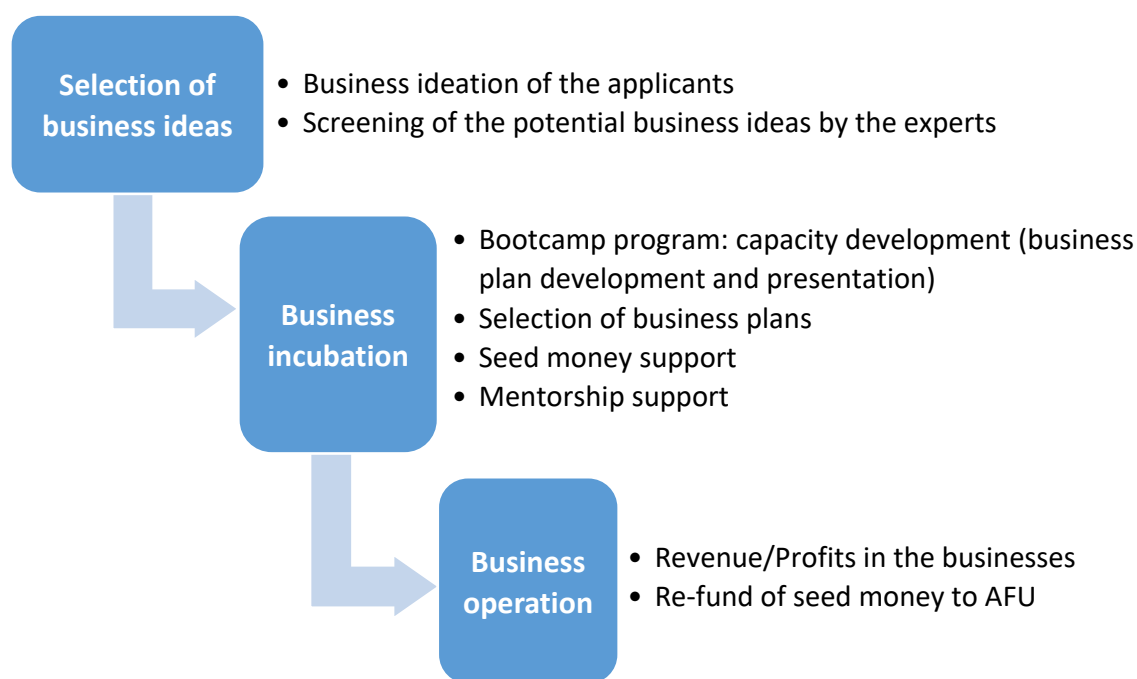
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Announcement for AFU Business Incubation Support, August 2025

Background

Agriculture and Forestry University (AFU), with the financial support from the University Grants Commission (UGC), has established a Business Incubation Center (BIC) under its Directorate of Research and Extension (DoREX). The AFU-BIC provides a platform for undergraduate and postgraduate students to develop entrepreneurial skills while translating academic research into practical innovations that address challenges in food systems and natural resources management. This support will cultivate innovation and entrepreneurship by providing business incubation services, facilitating knowledge creation, and translating business ideation into real businesses. This announcement is open for the innovators (AFU students) with potential business ideas to participate in a four-day **Bootcamp program**. The AFU Business Incubation Support offers a platform for undergraduate and postgraduate students of all AFU colleges, including constituent colleges, to start their entrepreneurial journey by fostering innovation through capacity development, startup support (refundable seed money), and mentorship.

Business Incubation Support Procedure



The AFU Business Incubation support process includes:

- a. Application of the student teams for the Bootcamp program along with the concept of the innovative business ideas and motivation to participate in the business incubation program. The applications will be evaluated and selected based on their motivation and the business concepts, and the shortlisted teams will participate in the Bootcamp program.
- b. The Bootcamp will be conducted for four days to develop the business development capacity of the aspiring student groups. The Bootcamp program includes different sessions contributing to developing entrepreneurship skills of participants and enabling

them to develop and pitch their business plans.

- c. The trainees (student groups) will develop the business plans (draft) of the respective enterprises during the Bootcamp program. Upon the feedback provided by the experts in the training and post-training period, the entrepreneurs will submit the final business plans in the prescribed format/outlines to AFUBIC for further consideration.
- d. The selected teams will receive the refundable seed money (maximum of NPR 500,000); the amount will depend on the enterprise development cycle and the duration needed to reach market readiness, as determined by the expert reviewers and the demand for funds by the selected incubatees.
- e. The selected teams will get mentorship support throughout the incubation period.

Who can apply?

The applicants should be:

- A team of three to five interested students with one of them identified as team leader (at least one female student in the group).
- The team members should be students currently pursuing bachelor/master degree at AFU's colleges.
- The teams are encouraged to have members from different disciplines and different semesters.
- Students who are not in any startup group already supported by the AFUBIC.

How to apply?

- Interested teams are requested to submit the application in response to this announcement, with innovative business ideas, to email (**bic.dorex@afu.edu.np**).
- Send the application document, considering the outlines mentioned below, by the deadline (extended) of **October 14, 2025 (Ashwin 28, 2082 B.S.)**.
- Applications must be prepared and presented in English.

The application document (a single pdf file) should include:

- a. A cover letter, including motivation to start up the business.
- b. Business concept identified by the team that needs incubation support (≤300 words)
- c. Commercialization of the concept
 - Objective and scope of the proposed innovative business (≤200 words)
 - Description of the business operation (≤200 words)
 - Technology/Innovation source details (≤100 words)
 - Product development cycle for readiness to market (≤200 words)
- d. Market commercialization potential and target customer (≤200 words)
- e. Team profile and designated roles (≤200 words): team composition and specific roles of the team members.

There will be an interaction and Q&A session (virtual) to highlight the support details and help students frame their business ideas on October 09, 2025 (Ashwin 23, 2025)