

University Grants Commission (UGC)
Nurturing Excellence in Higher Education Program (NEHEP)

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

Date of Publication: 16 August 2022

NEPAL

Nurturing Excellence in Higher Education Program (NEHEP)

Loan No. /Credit No. /Grant No: **IDA6884-NP**

Assignment Title: Consultancy service for Beneficiary Satisfaction Survey (Baseline)

Reference No. NEHEP/UGC/CS/CQS-05/077/78

The University Grants Commission (UGC) Nepal has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the *Nurturing Excellence in Higher Education Program (NEHEP)* and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include survey and measure of baseline satisfaction level of the stakeholders (students, teachers/staff and employers). This survey will assess how the direct beneficiaries value the interventions under the program, especially NEHEP and also needs and areas for improving overall satisfaction and retention. The established benchmarks (baseline) will be compared to results at the end of the project. The start date of assignment is expected from October 2022 which should be completed in four months ensuring full consistency with Terms of Reference (TOR). The details of TOR for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.ugcnepal.edu.np or can be obtained at the address given below.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants should provide information with legal documents demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. The shortlisting criteria are: **general qualifications and experience of the firm (30%), relevant experience 50%, technical and managerial capability of the firm 20%**. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" fourth edition November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant's Qualifications based Selection (CQS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations of World Bank. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours **10:00 to 17:00hrs.**

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person or by mail or by email by **30 August 2022, 16:00hrs** Nepal standard time.



University Grants Commission (UGC)

Attn: Prof. Shankar Prasad Bhandari, Secretary

Satnothimi, Bhaktapur- Nepal, Tel: 01-6638548, 6638549

E-mail: procurement@ugcnepal.edu.np