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FinTech Essentials



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About GIFT International FinTech Institute

GIFT IFI, India's first International FinTech Institute, is a pioneering initiative of Gujarat International Finance Tech City Company Limited (GIFTCL) established by Ahmedabad University, the Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar, and the University of California San Diego.

Advanced Training

Upskilling professionals and young graduates to meet the evolving needs of the fintech industry.

Applied Research

Addressing industry challenges through innovative research solutions.

Industry Partnerships

Collaborating with leading industry players to bridge the gap between academia and industry.

Global Collaboration

Fostering international partnerships to promote knowledge sharing and innovation.

Entrepreneurship Training

Capacity building for startups and incubation.

About the Partners

Ahmedabad University

Ahmedabad University is a private, non-profit research university that offers students a liberal education focused on interdisciplinary learning and research thinking. The University's unique liberal arts education moulds independent thinkers and compassionate leaders who go on to engage innovatively with the complex societal challenges. As a research university, Ahmedabad is committed to the discovery of new ideas, and to the belief that good theory results in good practice.



Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar

IIT Gandhinagar is one of India's leading engineering institutes. It is known for its innovative educational approach, strong interdisciplinary research culture, and deep commitment to societal impact. The institute quickly gained recognition for fostering cutting-edge research, encouraging an entrepreneurial spirit, and providing a unique academic environment that promotes holistic development.



University of California San Diego

University of California San Diego is one of the top 20 research universities in the world. UC San Diego's rich academic portfolio includes eleven academic, professional and graduate schools and eight undergraduate residential colleges. It is ranked seventh in the world for most highly cited researchers.



Why Fintech?

Today's global financial ecosystem - spanning capital markets, financial intermediaries, regulatory bodies, and financial inclusion initiatives are undergoing a significant technology driven transformation.

This transformation is creating high-impact career opportunities with a growing demand for skilled professionals who can lead this change. A career in fintech places you at the forefront of this revolution, empowering you to solve real-world challenges in high-growth areas like digital payments, blockchain, AI-driven lending, and financial services innovation.

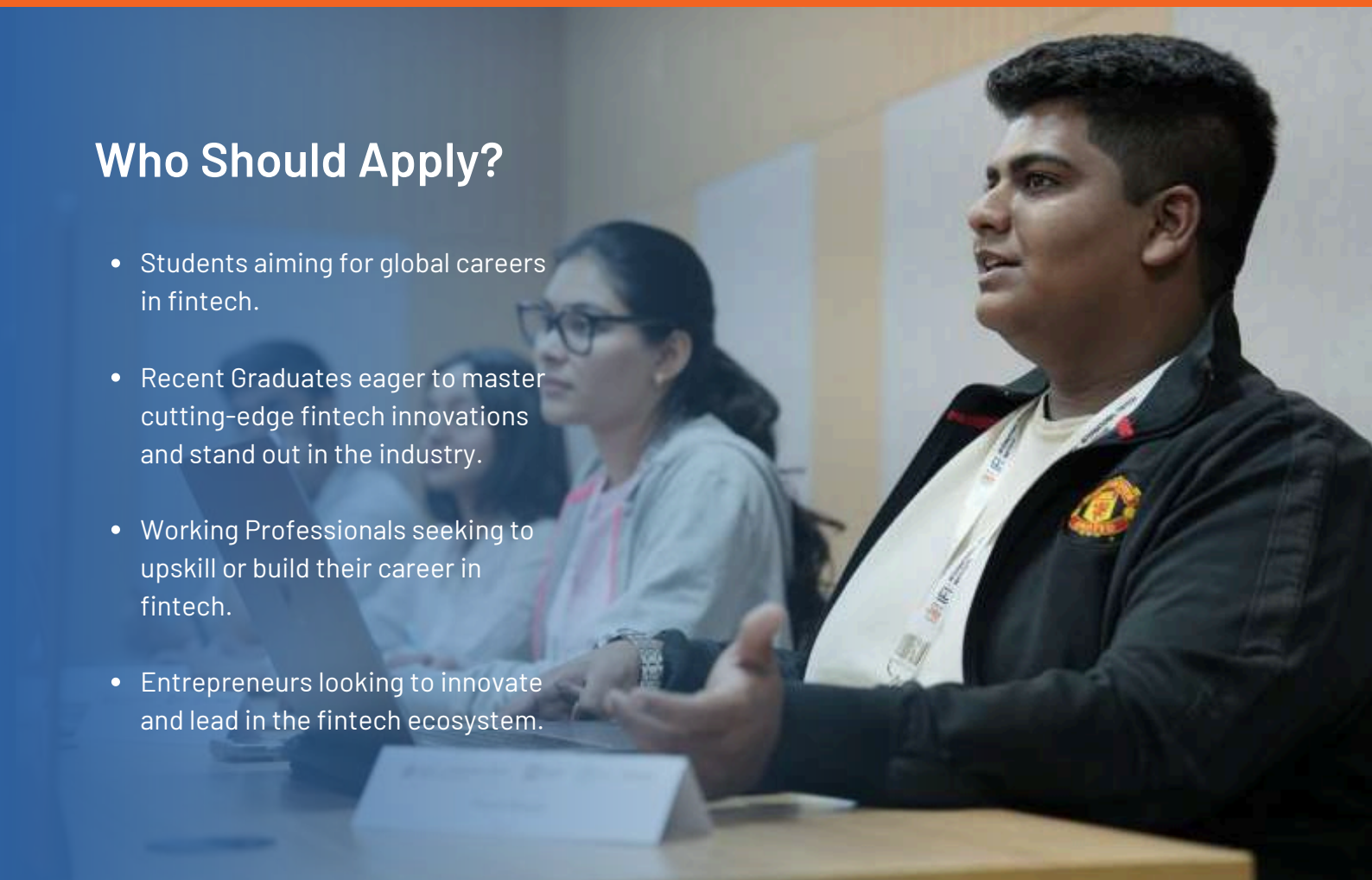
Did you know?*

- The global fintech market is projected to reach \$1.5 trillion by 2030, growing at a 25% CAGR.
- India's fintech market is poised to generate \$190 billion in revenue by 2030.

**Building Bridges for the Next Decade of Finance; BCG; August 2024*

Who Should Apply?

- Students aiming for global careers in fintech.
- Recent Graduates eager to master cutting-edge fintech innovations and stand out in the industry.
- Working Professionals seeking to upskill or build their career in fintech.
- Entrepreneurs looking to innovate and lead in the fintech ecosystem.





FinTech Essentials

Build a strong foundation in fintech with insights into digital payments, lending models, blockchain, capital markets and the regulatory landscape driving innovation.

- Fintech Businesses and Business Models
- Digital Payments, Mobile Banking and Financial Inclusion
- Capital Markets
- Peer-to-peer (P2P) Lending and Crowdfunding
- Insurtech – Innovations in Insurance
- Blockchain and Decentralisation of Finance
- International Regulation of Data, Compliance, and RegTech

Course Highlights

- Courses are delivered by GIFT ifi in partnership with Ahmedabad University, IIT Gandhinagar and UC San Diego
- Certificate from GIFT ifi.
- Courses designed in collaboration with fintech experts globally from industry and academia
- Delivered by faculty from globally renowned institutions and fintech industry professionals.
- Hands-on experiential and lab-based pedagogy

Why is this Fintech Essentials Course a Strategic Advantage ?

Build Future-Ready Talent for BFSI and FinTech

As financial services undergo rapid digital transformation, students need more than theoretical knowledge. They require practical exposure to modern financial systems, innovation, and emerging career opportunities.

The Fintech Essentials course at GIFT IFI is designed for undergraduate students (pursuing BBA, BCom and other finance & accounting related fields) and postgraduate students (MBA, MS Economics etc.) as well as Engineering students –combining academic rigor with real-world industry insights.

- **Industry-Relevant Learning**
Combines academic concepts with real-world fintech applications
- **Designed for All Backgrounds**
Relevant for participants with Engineering background, Finance, Accounting and related domains
- **Stackable Learning Pathways**
Start with one course and progress to advanced programs
- **Career Visibility & Opportunities**
Access to profiles, job openings, and fintech ecosystem in GIFT City
- **Job Fairs & Industry Exposure**
Direct Interaction with employers and exposure to emerging roles - in the fintech industry



1. A Unique Blend of Academic Depth and Practitioner Learning

The Fintech Essentials course is structured to bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world industry practice. It brings together:

- **Academic frameworks** that help students understand the foundations of financial systems, digital finance, innovation models, and emerging fintech trends.
- **Practitioner learnings** that expose students to how fintech is actually being built, deployed, regulated, and scaled in the market.

This combination makes the course especially valuable for students aspiring to build careers in:

- **Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance (BFSI)**
- **FinTech companies**
- **Digital payments and lending**
- **Wealthtech, Insurtech, and RegTech**
- **Product, operations, strategy, and technology roles in financial services**

The course is particularly relevant in the context of **GIFT City**, which is increasingly emerging as a hub for global finance, innovation, and financial services talent. Students who take this course gain exposure that is directly aligned with the kind of opportunities likely to grow in and around this ecosystem.

2. Designed for Diverse Student Backgrounds

One of the biggest strengths of this elective is its suitability across multiple disciplines.

For students of **BBA, BCom and other finance and accounting related fields**, it provides a gateway into the world of digital finance, financial innovation, and new business models.

For **Postgraduate students such as MBAs and others**, it offers strategic and market-facing insights into how financial services are being transformed by technology.

For **Engineering students**, it opens up pathways into one of the most promising application areas of technology, where software, data, AI, compliance, and customer experience intersect with finance.

This cross-disciplinary relevance makes the course an excellent institutional elective that can serve a broad student base while remaining sharply connected to market demand.



3. Stackable Learning: One Course, Long-Term Academic Pathways

A distinctive feature of the GIFT ifi model is its **stackability principle**.

Students can begin with a **single course** and, at their own pace, continue towards more advanced credentials, including a **master's degree or even a PhD pathway** through partner institutions.

This offers several advantages:

- Students can start small and explore the field before committing to a longer program.
- Institutions can offer immediate value without requiring students to enroll in a full long-duration qualification upfront.
- Learners benefit from a flexible, modular pathway that supports lifelong learning and career progression.

In other words, the Fintech Essentials course is not just a standalone elective. It can become the **first step in a broader academic and professional journey**.

4. Career Visibility Through Digital Profiles and Job Openings

For students, learning is most compelling when it connects directly to opportunity.

All **full certificate holders** will have the opportunity to **create their profile on our website** and also **view job openings in GIFT City** through the same platform.

This creates a practical bridge between learning and employability by:

- Giving students visibility in a relevant ecosystem
- Helping them stay informed about emerging roles
- Connecting their certification to real-world career possibilities

For educational institutions, this adds a strong placement-oriented dimension to the elective and enhances the perceived value of the course among students and parents alike.



5. Access to Future Job Fairs

Certificate holders will also have the opportunity to **attend job fairs at GIFT ifi**.

This is a meaningful differentiator. It signals that the course is not only about knowledge acquisition, but also about access, exposure, and ecosystem participation. Students benefit from opportunities to engage with employers, understand market expectations, and explore roles in the BFSI and FinTech sectors.

For institutions, this strengthens the elective's career relevance and supports the broader goal of improving student outcomes.

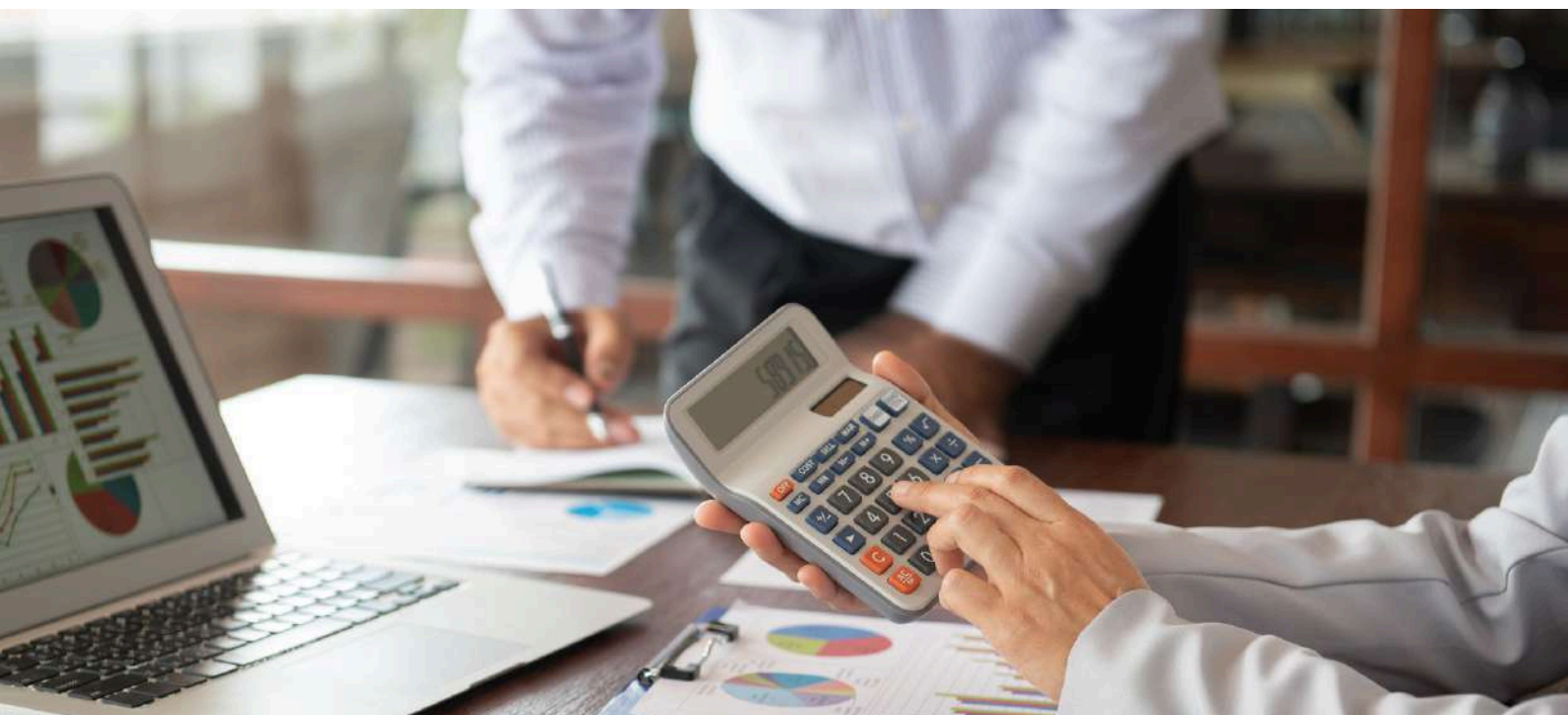
6. Why Institutions Should Introduce This Elective

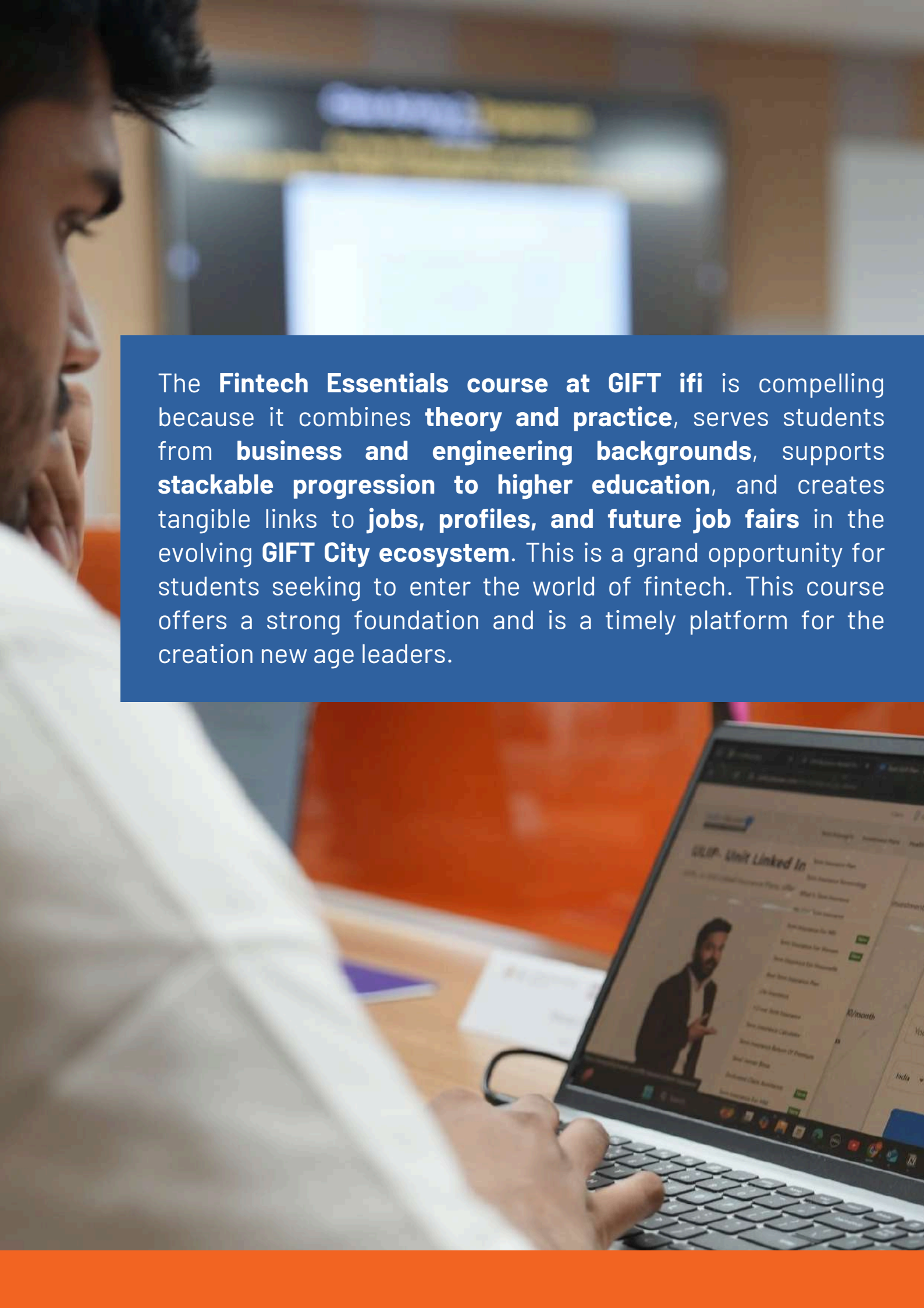
Educational institutions today are under increasing pressure to offer programs that are not only academically sound but also clearly linked to emerging industries and employability.

The Fintech Essentials course at GIFT ifi stands out because it offers:

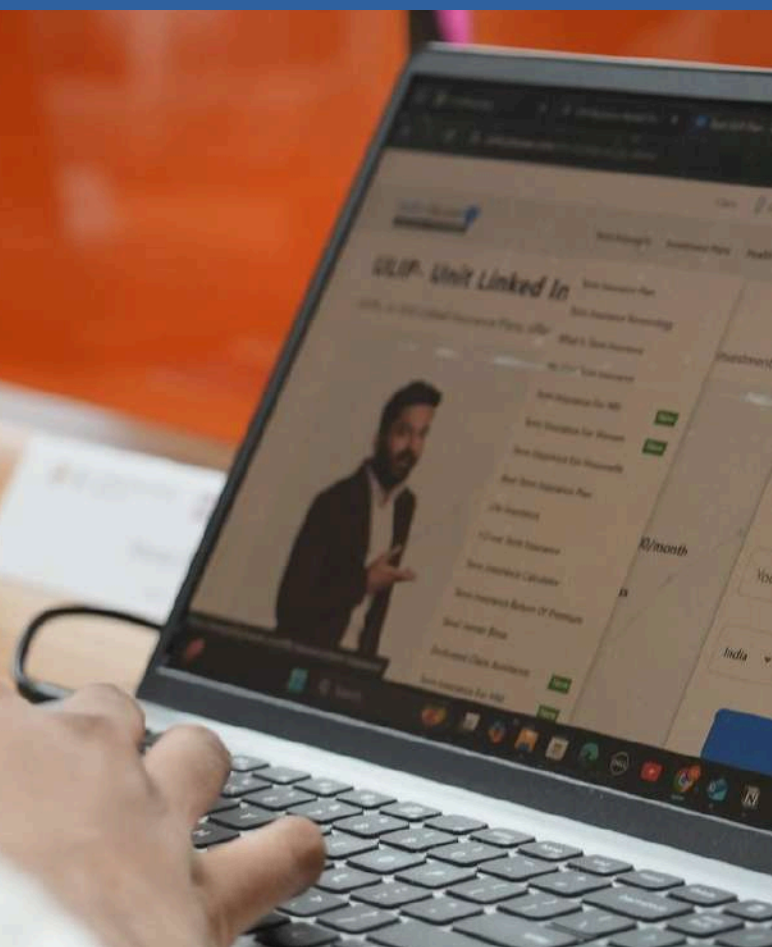
- **Industry relevance**
- **Interdisciplinary appeal**
- **Flexible academic progression**
- **Career ecosystem access**
- **Alignment with the growth of GIFT City**

Introducing this elective can help institutions position themselves as forward-looking, industry-connected, and responsive to the changing demands of students and employers.



A man in a white shirt is shown in profile, looking at a laptop screen. The background is a blurred classroom or office environment with other people and screens. A blue text box is overlaid on the image, containing text about a fintech course.

The **Fintech Essentials** course at GIFT ifi is compelling because it combines **theory and practice**, serves students from **business and engineering backgrounds**, supports **stackable progression to higher education**, and creates tangible links to **jobs, profiles, and future job fairs** in the evolving **GIFT City ecosystem**. This is a grand opportunity for students seeking to enter the world of fintech. This course offers a strong foundation and is a timely platform for the creation new age leaders.





Eligibility

Minimum qualification: Undergraduate degree.

Note: Students who are in the final year of an undergraduate programme are eligible to apply.

Duration

21 May - 30 June 2026

7 Weeks, 42 hours (~7 Hr/Week)

Days & Timing

Tuesdays & Thursdays (6:00pm-8:00pm) and
Saturdays (11:00am-2:00pm)

Mode

Hybrid

- All classes ONLINE
- Those who wish to attend in-person can attend from GIFT ifi Campus.



Fees

INR 30,000 + GST

**A range of full and partial SCHOLARSHIPS
is available for eligible students.**

To explore scholarship opportunities, please contact:

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Admissions

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to initiate your application process and take the first step toward a dynamic global career.



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