

# Bharat Open Source Innovation Foundation (BOSIF)

A Section-8 Not-for-Profit Organization

## About BOSIF

The Bharat Open Source Innovation Foundation (BOSIF) is a Section-8 not-for-profit organization established to promote open source innovation, infrastructure, and indigenous technology development in India. BOSIF operates as a neutral, transparent, and community-driven foundation, bringing together educational institutions, industry, researchers, students, and global partners to collaboratively build and govern open source initiatives originating from India.

## Why Institutions Partner with BOSIF

Educational institutions partner with BOSIF to:

- Enable structured student engagement with real-world open source projects
- Strengthen experiential learning, innovation, and applied research
- Support faculty participation in open source research and mentorship
- Align academic initiatives with national and global open source ecosystems
- Engage with a neutral foundation free from vendor or commercial influence

BOSIF partnerships are non-exclusive and respect institutional autonomy.

## Academic Engagement Model

BOSIF supports institutions through flexible engagement models, including:

- Student internships and mentorship programs
- Faculty-led open source projects and research initiatives
- Participation in open source governance and working groups
- Workshops, seminars, and collaborative ecosystem events

Engagements are structured, documented, and aligned with academic calendars.

## NAAC & Quality Framework Alignment

Participation in BOSIF initiatives can contribute documented outcomes relevant to institutional quality and accreditation frameworks, including:

- Experiential learning and student engagement
- Innovation, research, and extension activities
- Faculty development and scholarly contribution
- Industry and community collaboration

BOSIF provides structured participation records to support institutional reporting, without claiming direct accreditation benefits.

## Governance & Transparency

BOSIF operates under a clearly defined governance framework, including:

- Board of Directors for strategic and fiduciary oversight
- Advisory Council for non-binding ecosystem guidance
- Published governance policies and conflict-of-interest safeguards

All activities are undertaken without profit motive, and any surplus is reinvested solely towards the Foundation's objectives.

## How Institutions Can Engage

Institutions may engage with BOSIF through:

1. Expression of interest
2. Alignment discussion on objectives and engagement areas
3. Identification of faculty coordinators or nodal points
4. Formal onboarding, where applicable

Participation is voluntary, collaborative, and non-intrusive.

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*BOSIF is incorporated as a Section-8 company under the Companies Act, 2013 (India).*