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**HACKATHON: REIMAGINING THE  
FUTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

*BRAC University*



## ABOUT US

### THE FUTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION BY “BRAC University”

#### **About BRAC University:**

*BRAC University was founded in 2001 in Dhaka, Bangladesh. BRACU takes a liberal arts approach to education, which fosters innovative thoughts and revitalizes the higher education industry. It ensures a high standard of education and aspires to satisfy the needs of the modern world. BRACU aspires to instill in its students a dedication to working for national development and advancement, based on BRAC's experience of exploring solutions to issues posed by severe poverty. English is the language of instruction and testing at Brac University. BRACU has been accepted by the Ministry of Education of Bangladesh and is recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC).*

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*Hackathon gave us the opportunity to work as a team. With proper teamwork and communication we have been able to reach a solution to our problem.*

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**DISCOVER**

*Lateral raise of educational cost and student debts*

**DEFINE**

*Tuition inflation has grown faster than the cost of other necessities like as medical care, child care, and housing throughout the globe. On the other hand, the total student loan debt amount increased by 8.28 % in 2020. Meanwhile, the average student loan debt climbed by 4.5 %. This shows how dire the situation is for the students and their family members. Furthermore, it can be said that many students unfortunately become dropouts as they go through this problem and observe how this things affecting their family.*

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**DEVELOP**

- Providing appropriate rate of fund.
- Ensuring long term installment procedure
- Zero interest in installment system
- Special policies for financially disadvantaged students
- Leniency in giving scholarship

**DELIVER**

- Leniency in giving scholarship
- Ensuring long term installment procedure

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**HACKATHON RESOLUTION**

3 things to keep	3 things to add	3 things to eliminate
1. Prestigious faculty members	1. Creative initiatives	1. Less testing of memorization skills of students
2. Long list of available courses	2. Alumni engagement scopes	2. Caged classroom environment
3. Ease in publishing new researches done by students.	3. Work hand to hand with student's union.	3. Demolishing credit hour system.

# 1

## **DISCOVER**

*Lateral raise of educational cost and student debts*

## **DEFINE**

*Tuition inflation has grown faster throughout the globe. The total student loan debt amount increased by 8.28 % in 2020 while the average student loan debt climbed by 4.5 %. This demonstrates how bad the situation is for the students and their families. Furthermore, many students, unfortunately, drop out as a result of these issues.*

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# 1

## DISCOVER & DEFINE

*According to student loan debt statistics published by [educationdata.org](https://educationdata.org), students worldwide have been severely impacted by the COVID pandemic. Studies show that a spike in unemployment fueled the largest increase in the total student loan debt balance since 2013. The nationwide total student loan debt balance increased 8.28% in 2020. The average student loan debt, meanwhile, increased 4.5%. Solving the student loan debt issue can ensure a fall in average dropout rates since students under financial distress usually end up dropping out.*

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# 2

## DEVELOP

- \* *Providing appropriate rate of fund.*
- \* *Ensuring long term installment procedure*
- \* *Zero interest in installment system*
- \* *special policies for financially disadvantaged students*
- \* *Leniency in giving scholarship*

## DELIVER

- \* *Leniency in giving scholarship*
- \* *Ensuring long term installment procedure*

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# 2

**DEVELOP  
potential  
solutions**

**&**

**DELIVER  
solutions  
that work**

- *The main solutions can be leniency in giving scholarship and ensuring long term installment procedure*
- *The authority of our university gives scholarship based on the CGPA of a student. Those students who are from middle class or lower middle class family, it is very hard for them to bear the student fee cost.*
- *If the university authority be more lenient in giving scholarship to the students from middle or lower middle class family they also can get higher education fruitfully*
- *Our research is mostly based on internet and also some point of view from our fellow students.*

# HACKATHON RESOLUTION

“What does today’s university need to be better? What 3 things should it keep, 3 things should it add, and 3 things should it eliminate?”

Basically good planning and the implementation is needed in today’s university.

**3 things to keep:**

- Prestigious faculty members.
- Long list of available courses
- Ease in publishing new researches done by students

**3 things to add:**

- Creative initiatives
- Alumni engagement scopes
- Work hand to hand with student’s union

**3 things to eliminate:**

- Less testing of memorization skills of students
- Caget classroom environment
- Demolishing credit hour system



# 3

## HACKATHON RESOLUTION “What does today’s university need to be better? What 3 things should it keep, 3 things should it add, and 3 things should it eliminate?”

*In this last section you should include how you have solved the proposed challenge.*

*Begin by explaining the storyboard as if it were a story:*

- *What problem(s) currently exist that weaken higher education?*
- *What is currently being done to solve them?*
- *How do we think this can be solved?*
- *What does our solution or proposal consist of?*
- *How are we improving the future of higher education?*
- *What benefits will we gain?*

*Having told the story of your proposal, finish by answering the question of the Hackathon:*

- *Therefore, what does today's university need to be better?*

*University is the place for higher education where students in general can achieve and attain their creative mindset and value. But, It is a great sorrow that nowadays universities rarely give that freedom to the students. It’s more like cogs in machines than creative environment. So, that being said universities should put their interest more in this thing.*

- *What 3 things should it keep, 3 things should it add, and 3 things should it eliminate?*

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## **FINAL CONCLUSIONS**

### THE FUTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION BY “BRAC University”

*“Today’s youth, tomorrow’s future”. To ensure a bright future for the next generation we are ought to emphasize on the higher education sector. That’s why we need to add some new features to our education system so that new opportunities would come for the upgraded world people.*



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GLOBAL DESIGNERS OF THE FUTURE  
OF HIGHER EDUCATION.  
CONGRATULATIONS!**

