WURI Global Conference

Introducing WURIA (WURI-Accreditation)
Positioning Ranking and Accreditation as Complementary Instruments

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The WURI Global Ranking and the WURIA / SEIV accreditation programs are often mistaken for two versions of the same certificate of institutional quality.

They are not.

They are designed to answer

- two different questions,
- for two different audiences,
- at two different points in an institution's development.

This document sets out the distinction clearly, so that partner universities, ministries, and accreditation partners understand why both instruments are necessary and how they reinforce rather than duplicate one another.

1. The Core Distinction

A ranking answers the question: **“How does this institution compare to its peers?”**

→ It is inherently relative — an institution's position can rise or fall even if the institution itself has not changed, simply because others have moved.

An accreditation answers a different question: **“Does this institution meet a defined standard?”**

→ It is absolute — an institution either satisfies the WURIA / SEIV criteria or it does not, independent of how any other institution performs.

2. Side-by-Side Comparison

Dimension	WURI Global Ranking	WURIA / SEIV Accreditation
Purpose	Compare institutions on innovation performance; produce a relative, ordered standing	Verify that an institution or program meets a fixed innovation/quality standard
Outcome	Comparative position (e.g. Top 100, category rank)	Certified / not certified (with tiers where applicable)
Basis	Innovation indicators — new value creation, entrepreneurship, industry linkage, societal impact metrics	Standards-based peer review — self-study, site inspection, documented evidence of process and governance
Conducted by	WURI Foundation ranking committee and data partners	WURIA / SEIV trained inspectors under WURI Foundation accreditation protocols
Formal weight	Reputational and marketing value; signals relative distinction	Credential with defined eligibility criteria; supports formal recognition and partnership decisions
Frequency	Annual cycle, published at the WURI Global Conference	Multi-year cycle with renewal inspection
What it tells a partner	“How does this institution compare to global innovation leaders?”	“Does this institution meet the baseline standard WURIA certifies?”

3. Why Both Are Needed

- Accreditation establishes the floor: it confirms an institution has the governance, processes, and innovation infrastructure to be trusted as legitimate.
- Ranking communicates distinction above that floor: it shows where an institution stands relative to global innovation leaders once legitimacy is established.
- A ranking without an accreditation-like foundation risks becoming a popularity exercise driven by perception rather than substance.
- An accreditation without any comparative benchmark gives institutions little incentive to pursue excellence beyond the minimum standard.
- Used together, WURIA / SEIV and the WURI Ranking give governments and partner universities both a trust signal (accreditation) and a performance signal (ranking) — which is what most institutional decisions actually require.

4. How a Government or Partner Institution Should Read Each Signal

When evaluating a potential partner university, a ministry or institution should first ask whether it holds WURIA / SEIV accreditation — this confirms baseline trustworthiness and process integrity.

Only after that threshold is met does the WURI Ranking position become meaningful, since it then reflects genuine comparative innovation performance rather than an unverified claim.

Accreditation first, Rankings next!

5. Summary Statement

The WURI Foundation does not repackage one certificate of “goodness” under two names.

Accreditation (WURIA / SEIV) and ranking (WURI Global Ranking) are structurally distinct instruments

— one binary and standards-based, the other comparative and metrics-based

— and they are intentionally designed to work in sequence:

accreditation first establishes legitimacy, ranking then communicates distinction.

CASE STUDY:

Role-Play Exercise: Solaris Institute of Technology (fictional case)

Case Profile

Field	Detail
Institution	Solaris Institute of Technology (fictional)
Type	Mid-sized technical university, ~9,000 students
Evaluation period	2023–2025
Categories with submitted cases	18 of 24 categories
Cases ranked global Top 100	3 cases out of 18

Summary (as submitted by Solaris)

Solaris Institute presents itself as a broad-based innovator, citing engagement across engineering, health sciences, and the humanities.

The school highlights strong central innovation strategy, an active innovation office reporting to the Provost.

Over the past three years the school submitted 18 cases in the same number of categories, and three out of the 18 cases were within globally top-100 cases, showing the evidence of both breadth and excellence.

Its most celebrated case, cited prominently on page one of the report, is:

- "AI-Integrated Curriculum Redesign" — ranked #12 globally in "C3: Curricular Innovation for Future-Readiness" category led by Prof. A. Reyes, then Director of the Center for Learning Innovation.
- Professor Reyes, however, left the school August last year.

Facts Found by the 2 Inspectors On-Site (not stated in the school's report)

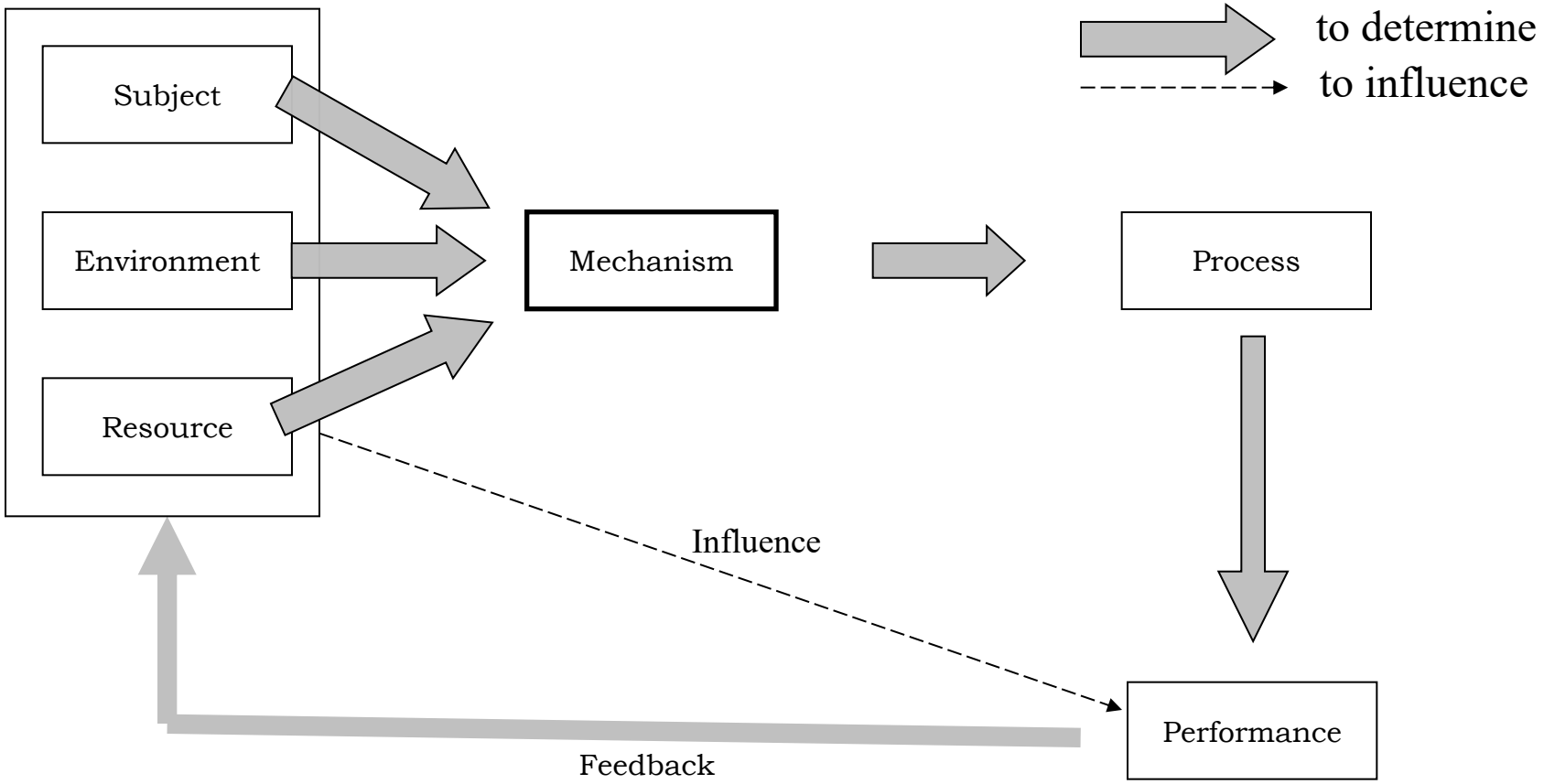
The following details were found in the written report presented to them:

- Of the 3 top-100 cases, 2 originated from a single unit: the Center for Learning Innovation, under Prof. Reyes.
- Prof. Reyes left Solaris eight months ago to join another university.
- The Center for Learning Innovation currently has an interim, part-time coordinator; no successor to Prof. Reyes has been appointed.
- Innovation budget is allocated centrally, but roughly 70% of the discretionary portion has historically flowed to the Center for Learning Innovation.
- 15 of the 18 submitted cases had only a single, minor case--- each, submitted primarily to meet the breadth threshold rather than reflecting sustained activities.

Built-In Points for discussion and probing

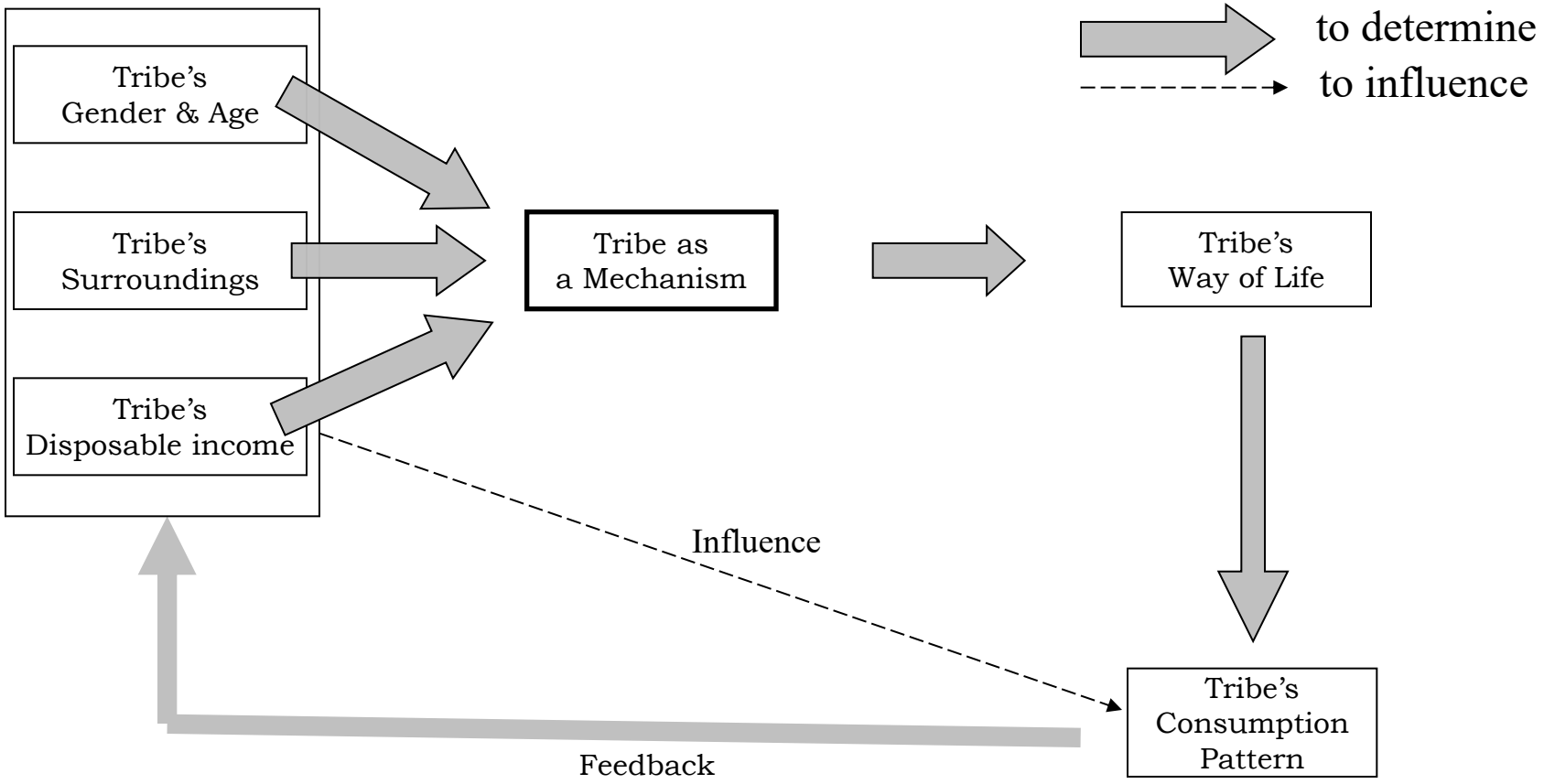
Tension Point	What it tests

The SER-M Model of Management



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An Example of the SER-M Model of Management



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"New Tribe Study" as a means of the Trend Strategy

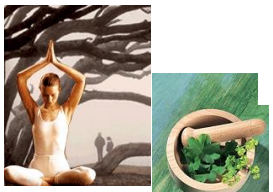
1) There are other new tribes such as "Rebounders," "Golden tribes," "Tigers," "Boomerang Kids," "Family-com-guru," etc.

2) Members of a certain new tribe have common habits, i.e., the way they use their time and money. In other words, they have a common Mechanism in their way of life.

3) Traditional approaches to "consumption behavior" in marketing is by identifying the prospective consumers' gender and age (s), the place where they live and consume (e), the amount of disposable income (r), etc.

4) By identifying which new tribe they belong to, we may better explain and predict their consumption patterns.

New Tribes



Well-being Tribe

ANLO Tribe



Party Tribe





Saladent Tribe



Metro Tribe



Extreme Tribe




Mobid Tribe

New Culture Leader

New Trend Setter

New Business Customer

TEMPLATE OF UNIVERSITY'S INNOVATIVE PROGRAM

(To be used by Evaluators and Judges for WURI Ranking 2026)

WURI's Serial Number		**(Leave this box blank.)**
Summary of Program		
Program Name		
Category		
Abstract of Program		
Details of Program		
Planning		
Objectives	Long-term Goals	
	Short-term Targets	
	Rationale	
Subject (Leader)	Initiator(s)	
	Champion(s)	
	Major team member(s)	
Environment	Nature/Society	
	Industry/Market	
	Citizen/Government	
Resources	Human resources	
	Financial resources	
	Technological resources	
Mechanism	Strategy (Weight/Sequence)	
	Organization	
	Culture	
Doing		

Built-In Tension Points

Tension Point	What it tests
Subject	Does the inspector verify current status, or accept the report as written? (Professor Reyes of the case left 8 months ago, unmentioned)
Environment	
Resources	
Mechanism	
Performance	

Part 2 — Question Bank

1. Subject: Faculty & Student Engagement

- Of your total faculty, how many have led or co-led a submitted innovation case?
- How do students outside the flagship programs encounter innovation practice at this institution?

Probe: "Is it difficult to find a replacement for Professor Reyes?"

2: Environment: Industry Characteristics

- Competition in the industry making it difficult to recruit talented professors

Probe: "Your three top-100 cases — how many distinct labs or departments do they actually come from?"

3. Resource Allocation

- What percentage of your annual budget is tagged specifically to innovation activity, and how is that tracked?
- Walk me through one case where a budget request for innovation was denied. What happened?

Probe: "Is that number a real line item, or an estimate you produced for this inspection?"

Part 2 — Question Bank

4. Process: Institutionalization

- Which of your submitted cases would still be running exactly as described if the original lead faculty member left?
- What changed operationally this year as a direct result of last year's innovation cases?

Probe: "Your #12-ranked case — is the person who led it still at this institution?"

5. Mechanism: Governance & Strategy

- Who, by title, owns the innovation strategy at this institution — and how often do they report to the board or senate on it?
- Show me where innovation appears in your last strategic plan, not just in your WURIA self-study.

Probe: "If your innovation lead left tomorrow, who would notice first — and what would happen to this program?"

6. Case Verification

- Can you show me the original documentation behind one of your top-100 cases, right now?
- Who outside your own institution can independently confirm this case's outcome?

Checklist

Did inspectors reach the concentration-risk finding?

- Did inspectors reach the stale-flagship finding (Prof. Reyes' departure, unmentioned in the report)?
- Did inspectors independently form judgments before conferring with their co-inspector, per the WURIA scoring protocol?
- Did the inspectee only reveal the fuller answer when genuinely pressed — or too early, undermining the exercise?

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Comprehensive Procedures and Detailed Evaluation Processes

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1. Introduction to WURIA

The WURI-Accreditation (WURIA) is the WURI Foundation's global accreditation program recognizing universities that demonstrate exceptional breadth, depth, and integrity of innovation across academic, research, and societal domains.

WURIA builds directly on the case-evaluation infrastructure of the WURI Global Ranking, translating a university's accumulated innovation record into a formal, time-bound accreditation credential.

Unlike ranking, which is comparative and annual, WURIA is a pass/fail (or provisional-pass) credentialing decision made by independent inspectors against fixed criteria. A university earns WURIA once its innovation portfolio has been verified for academic rigor and validated for real-world performance and impact.

1.1 Relationship to the WURI Global Ranking

Eligibility for WURIA is built entirely from a university's case submissions to the WURI Global Ranking's 24 innovation categories during the 2025-2027 evaluation window.

No separate application process is required for WURIA;

the accreditation instead re-evaluates, verifies, and certifies the depth and integrity of a portfolio the university has already built through ranking participation.

1.2 First Cycle Timing

The WURI Foundation will identify and invite the first WURIA cohort in June 2027,

immediately following the official release of the WURI Global Ranking 2027 in Cairo, Egypt.

This sequencing ensures that each invited university's 2025-2027 case record is finalized and independently scored before the accreditation dossier is assembled.

2. Eligibility Criteria

WURIA's inaugural 2027 cohort is invitation-only: the WURI Foundation identifies qualifying universities directly from their existing WURI Global Ranking case-evaluation record, using the two objective, data-driven thresholds below.

Eligibility rests solely on verifiable performance data already on file with the Foundation; an invitation cannot be requested, lobbied for, or purchased.

Earned Invitation. *A university may contact the WURIA Secretariat to ask whether its WURI Ranking record meets the thresholds below, but it may not submit an unsolicited application.*

The WURI Foundation expects to open a self-application pathway, alongside continued invitations, in a later cycle once WURIA has an established multi-year track record.

① Breadth of Innovation

The university must have submitted cases of innovation in at least twelve (12) of the 24 WURI innovation categories at any point during the 2025-2027 evaluation window — the twelve categories do not need to be spread across all three years and may be concentrated within a single year's submissions. Breadth is verified against the university's official WURI case-submission record; partial or withdrawn submissions do not count toward the twelve-category threshold.

② Depth of Recognition

At least three (3) of the university's submitted cases must have ranked within the top 100 globally in their respective categories at any point during 2025-2027 — these top-100 rankings do not need to be spread across different years and may all occur within a single year. Depth is assessed per category, not in aggregate — a single category cannot contribute more than one qualifying case toward this threshold unless the category produced multiple independently ranked top-100 cases.

The WURI 2027 Global Rankings may include the fourth axis of “With whom to innovate’ with 8 additional categories, but the minimum number of twelve (12) categories in determining the breadth of innovation will remain the same.

③ Independent Inspection

Once invited and after accepting, the university must successfully complete an on-site inspection conducted by two inspectors:

- Inspector 1 (Presidential Evaluator): a current or former university president with at least two years of experience as a WURI case evaluator.
- Inspector 2 (Certified WURI Mentor): a Certified WURI Mentor (CWM).

The host university is responsible for the two inspectors' travel and accommodation expenses for the duration of the on-site visit (see Section 5, Fees and Host-University Responsibilities, for the full cost-sharing arrangement).

For the inaugural cohort, Criteria ① and ② are applied by the WURI Foundation directly against each university's WURI Global Ranking case record; universities meeting both thresholds are identified and in vited automatically. A university that believes it meets both thresholds but has not received an invitation may contact the WURIA Secretariat to request an eligibility check.

3. Application Timeline — 2027 Cycle

The table below sets out the indicative schedule for the first WURIA accreditation cycle. Exact regional inspection windows are confirmed individually with each host university once desk review is complete.

Timing	Milestone	Detail
June 2027	Inaugural cohort identified & invitations issued	The WURI Foundation runs its eligibility criteria against the WURI Global Ranking 2027 case record (released in Cairo, Egypt) and issues invitations directly to every qualifying university.
From July 2027	Acceptance window	Invited universities confirm their intent to proceed by returning a signed acceptance and self-certification checklist to the WURIA Secretariat.
From August 2027	Full dossier submission	Universities that have accepted their invitation submit the complete dossier and pay the Application & Inspection Fee.
From September 2027	Desk review	The WURIA Application Review Committee confirms documentary completeness and verifies the dossier against the university's invitation record.
From October 2027	Inspector assignment & scheduling	Two inspectors are matched to each invited university and a mutually agreed 3-day on-site window is confirmed with the host university.
From November 2027	On-site inspections	Inspections are conducted in staggered regional waves to manage inspector availability and travel.
Within 4 weeks of inspection	Evaluation panel decision	The panel reviews both inspectors' endorsement reports and issues a Full, Provisional, or Not Certified decision.
At the following WURI-related conferences	Certification & conferral ceremony	Successful universities receive their WURIA plaque and are added to the public WURIA registry.

4. Application Procedure

For the inaugural cohort, the WURIA process proceeds through nine sequential steps, beginning with an invitation issued by the WURI Foundation rather than a self-initiated application.

1. Invitation: The WURI Foundation identifies qualifying universities by applying the Section 2 thresholds directly to each university's WURI Global Ranking case-submission record, and issues a formal invitation to every university that qualifies.
2. Acceptance: The invited university confirms its intent to proceed by returning a signed acceptance and self-certification checklist to the WURIA Secretariat.
3. Application & Inspection Fee payment: The university pays the Application & Inspection Fee (Section 5) to activate dossier review.
4. Full dossier submission: The university submits (a) an institutional profile, (b) evidence for all qualifying category submissions, (c) narrative summaries for each of the three or more top-100 cases, and (d) a designated institutional contact for inspection logistics.
5. Desk review: The WURIA Application Review Committee confirms documentary completeness and verifies the dossier against the university's invitation record. Incomplete dossiers are returned once, with a two-month cure period.
6. Inspector assignment: The Secretariat assigns one Presidential Evaluator and one Certified WURI Mentor, screened for conflicts of interest with the invited institution.
7. Inspection scheduling: The host university and the two inspectors agree a two-day on-site window; the host university arranges inspector travel and accommodation per Section 5.
8. On-site inspection: The two inspectors conduct the two-day visit described in Section 7 and each submit an independent endorsement report.
9. Evaluation panel decision and certification: The WURIA Evaluation Panel reviews both endorsement reports against the rubric in Section 6 and issues a Full, Provisional, or Not Certified decision, communicated in writing within four weeks of the inspection's final day.

5. Fees and Host-University Responsibilities

WURIA charges three fee components —

an Application & Inspection Fee,

an Administrative Fee, and

a Certification Fee — payable across two stages,

so that a university pays for evaluation at application and pays for the physical certification deliverable (the plaque) only when it earns Full Certification.

5.1 WURIA Fee Schedule

The Application & Inspection Fee and the Administrative Fee (USD 3,000 each, USD 6,000 combined) are payable at dossier submission and apply regardless of outcome, including a Not Certified decision. The Certification Fee applies only once a certification decision is reached: Full Certification adds USD 2,000, for a total cost of USD 8,000; Provisional Certification adds no further fee, for a total cost of USD 6,000. A university upgrading from Provisional to Full Certification at renewal or re-inspection pays the balance of USD 2,000 at that time.

Fee Component	What it covers	Full Certification (5-Year)	Provisional Certification (5-Year)
Application & Inspection Fee (paid at dossier submission, regardless of outcome)	Honoraria for both on-site inspectors (2 days × ~USD 500/day including taxes per inspector); top-100 verification and inspection coordination.	**USD 3,000**	**USD 3,000**
Administrative Fee (paid at dossier submission, regardless of outcome)	Full administrative processing of the application: Secretariat operations, records management, registry maintenance, applicant communications, and general program administration for the certification cycle.	**USD 3,000**	**USD 3,000**
Certification Fee (paid only upon a certification decision)	Full: design and production of the WURIA plaque, certification ceremony participation at WGC, and licensed use of the WURIA mark. Provisional: digital certificate issuance only; no physical plaque produced.	**USD 2,000**	**Included above (USD 0)**
Total Cost to University		**USD 8,000**	**USD 6,000**

5.2 Host-University Responsibilities During Inspection

In accordance with Criterion ③, the host university covers, for both inspectors, for the duration of the two-day three-night on-site visit:

- Round-trip international or domestic travel (business class for a flight of 6 hours or more and economy class for a flight less than 6 hours, or the equivalent standard applied to the university's own senior visiting scholars).
- Hotel accommodation for three (3) nights, at a standard consistent with hosting a visiting university president.
- Board (meals) for the duration of the stay, and local ground transportation between the airport, hotel, and campus.

5.3 WURIA-Covered Costs

The WURIA Secretariat, funded by the Application & Inspection Fee and the Administrative Fee, covers the inspectors' modest honoraria and all Secretariat-side administration, so that no direct payment passes between the host university and the inspectors.

Fee levels are reviewed annually by the WURIA Accreditation Council and may be adjusted for subsequent cycles. Reduced fee schedules for universities in lower-income economies, indexed t o World Bank income classification, may be introduced in future cycles at the Council's discretio n.

6. Evaluation Process and Scoring Rubric

Every applicant is assessed across two mandatory stages. A university must pass both stages to receive the WURIA Certificate; strong performance in one stage cannot offset failure in the other.

6.1 Stage One — Verification of Academic Rigor and Educational Soundness

Stage One confirms that the university's innovation cases are grounded in sound methodology and that reported results are accurate and credible.

Sub-criterion	What inspectors assess	Weight
Academic methodology	Whether each submitted innovation case rests on a defensible research design or pedagogical model, rather than anecdote or promotional claim.	**10%**
Research design & data integrity	Whether outcome data reported for each case is measured consistently, sourced verifiably, and free of material overstatement.	**10%**
Effectiveness of teaching/implementation practice	Whether the innovation was actually implemented as described, at the scale and duration claimed.	**10%**
Accuracy & credibility of reported results	Cross-checking of reported figures against primary evidence (institutional data, third-party verification, published output).	**10%**
Alignment with established standards	Consistency with recognized disciplinary, accreditation, or reporting standards relevant to the innovation's field.	**10%**

6.2 Stage Two — Accreditation of Innovation Performance and Social Impact

Stage Two assesses whether the innovations achieve measurable, meaningful outcomes and lasting positive impact.

Sub-criterion	What inspectors assess	Weight
Innovativeness	The degree to which the case represents a genuine departure f rom prior practice at the institution or in the field, not increme ntal adaptation.	**15%**
Impact	Measurable effect on students, faculty, partner organizations, or the wider community, with evidence of scale and durability .	**15%**
Implementability	Practical feasibility demonstrated by successful execution — resourcing, institutional buy-in, and operational sustainability.	**10%**
Achievement of intended p urpose	Whether the innovation met the objectives the university itsel f set for it, judged against the university's own stated goals.	**5%**
Lasting positive impact	Evidence that benefits persist beyond the initial implementati on period rather than lapsing once novelty or funding ends.	**5%**

Each sub-criterion is scored independently by both inspectors on a 1-6 scale (1 = not demonstrated, 2 = partially demonstrated, 3 = adequately demonstrated, 4 = satisfactorily demonstrated, 5 = fully demonstrated, 6 = extraordinarily demonstrated), then combined into a weighted composite score.

- Composite score ≥ 4.0 → Full WURIA Certificate (5-year validity).
- Composite score 2.0–3.99 → Provisional WURIA Certificate (Written reply with the proof of improvement for re-inspection request).
- Composite score below 2.0 → Not Certified.

The two inspectors score independently before comparing notes, to preserve inspection independence.

Composite Score of two inspectors	Decision
4.0 or above	Full Certificate
2.0 or above & below 4.0	Provisional Certificate (1)
Below 2.0	Not Certified
When the difference of the two scores is over 1.0 (2)	WURIA Accreditation Council's Moderation Review

(1) The university that received the Provisional Certificate may send to the WURIA Accreditation Council a written reply with the proof of improvement for re-inspection request.

(2) Where their composite scores diverge by more than 1 points, the WURIA Accreditation Council convenes a moderation review before finalizing the decision.

7. On-Site Inspection Protocol

The on-site inspection runs two days and three nights, matching the accommodation arrangement the host university provides under Section 5.2.

Pre-inspection — Receiving Documents for Advance Orientation

- Inspectors receive documents containing the three (3) cases that belonged to Top 100 in one of the 24 Categories (32 Categories from 2027 data.)
- Inspectors read through the papers for orientation of the cases.

Day 1 — Arrival & On-site examination of Case 1 and 2

- Inspectors arrive in school.
- Opening meeting with university leadership (president/rector and provost or equivalent).
- In principle, inspectors allocate the first morning of the day to Case 1, the first afternoon to Case 2, and the second morning to Case 3.
- For each case, orientation to the evidence room: access to case documentation, data sources, and supporting records for all cases under review.
- Site visits to innovation project locations relevant to the case (labs, program sites, community partnerships, as applicable).
- Structured interviews with faculty leads, program staff, and — where relevant — students or external partners connected to the innovations explained in the case.
- Case-by-case walkthroughs led by university representatives, with inspectors probing methodology, data provenance, and implementation evidence.
- Initial independent document review by each inspector.
- In the afternoon, the inspectors go through the similar procedures.

7. On-Site Inspection Protocol

Day 2 — On-site examination of Case 3 and Departure

- In the morning, the inpectors go through the similar procedure with Case 3.
- In the afternoon, end-of-day debrief between the two inspectors to compare emerging observations (scoring remains independent).
- Inspectors finalize independent scoring against the Stage 1 and Stage 2 rubrics.
- Closed-door inspector deliberation session (no university representatives present).
- Exit meeting with university leadership: a preliminary, non-binding summary of themes observed (not a decision — the decision rests with the Evaluation Panel).

Day 3 — Exit and Submission of Written Endorsement Report

- Departure
- Each inspector submits a written endorsement report to the WURIA Secretariat within five business days.

7.1 Roles of the Two Inspectors

The Presidential Evaluator brings institutional and strategic judgment — assessing whether an innovation reflects genuine institutional leadership and is embedded in the university's strategy rather than a one-off initiative.

The Certified WURI Mentor brings case-methodology expertise, applying the same evaluative discipline used in WURI Global Ranking case scoring to verify the accuracy and rigor of each submission.

Both inspectors score every sub-criterion independently; neither inspector's assessment is weighted more heavily than the other's in the composite score.

7.2 Inspector Conduct

- Inspectors disclose, in advance, any prior affiliation, consulting relationship, or personal connection to the host university; any such conflict triggers reassignment.

- Inspectors keep all non-public case evidence confidential and return or destroy physical materials after the endorsement report is filed.

- Inspectors do not accept gifts, additional compensation, or hospitality beyond what is specified in Section 5.2.

8. Certification Decision and Outcomes

8.1 Full WURIA Certificate

Awarded when both inspectors fully endorse the application and the composite score meets the Full Certification threshold (Section 6.3). Valid for five (5) years from the date of issuance.

8.2 Provisional WURIA Certificate

Awarded when at least two provisional endorsements are recorded (i.e., full endorsement is not reached by both inspectors) but the composite score does not fall to Not Certified. Valid for five (5) years from the date of issuance. The certification letter specifies the conditions the university must address; the university may submit t WURIA Accreditation Council a focused reply to the flagged criteria at any point before expiry, subject to a reduced re-inspection fee of USD 1,000.

8.3 Not Certified

The university remains eligible for re-invitation in a subsequent cycle once it can demonstrate improvement against the specific gaps identified in the inspectors' reports. There is no minimum waiting period, but a renewed invitation requires a new Application & Inspection Fee and a new on-site inspection.

8.4 Appeals

A university may appeal a certification decision in writing to the WURIA Accreditation Council within thirty (30) days of receiving the decision. Appeals must identify a specific procedural error or factual inaccuracy in the endorsement reports; the WURIA Accreditation Council does not re-score the application but may order a re-inspection where a material error is found. Appeals carry no additional fee.

9. Post-Certification

9.1 Plaque Conferral

Universities achieving Full Certification receive a physical WURIA plaque, conferred at a ceremony held at the next WURI Global Conference (WGC), or other WURI-related conferences or meetings.

9.2 Registry and Public Recognition

Certified universities are listed on the public WURIA registry on www.wuri.world for the duration of their certificate's validity, and may use the WURIA mark in institutional communications under the WURI Foundation's brand-use guidelines.

9.3 Monitoring and Renewal

Certified universities are not subject to interim re-inspection during the validity period. Approximately six months before expiry, the WURIA Secretariat contacts the university to open the renewal application, which follows the same procedure described in Section 4, informed by the university's WURI case record for the intervening period.

10. Governance and Quality Assurance

10.1 WURIA Accreditation Council

The WURIA Accreditation Council, appointed by the WURI Foundation, sets accreditation policy, appoints the Evaluation Panel, reviews the fee schedule annually, and periodically audits inspection quality.

10.2 Evaluation Panel

An independent panel, distinct from the two on-site inspectors, reviews both endorsement reports and issues the certification decision. Panel members are recused from any application involving their home institution or a declared conflict of interest.

10.3 Confidentiality and Data Protection

All application materials, inspection notes, and endorsement reports are treated as confidential and are used solely for the WURIA certification decision, subject to the WURI Foundation's data protection policy.

11. Contact and Application Portal

Eligibility inquiries, invitation acceptances, and all correspondence are handled through the WURIA Accreditation Secretariat. During the invitation-only launch phase, universities may not submit an unsolicited application.

- Web: www.wuri.world (WURIA Accreditation portal)
- First cohort invitations issued: June 2027
- Program: WURI-Accreditation (WURIA)
- Issuing body: WURI Foundation

Full procedural detail, invitation and application forms, and the current WURIA fee schedule are maintained on the WURI Foundation homepage and supersede any prior version of this brochure.