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## Top Global Careers for 2030 – Where Demand Is Rising Fast



By 2030, the global job market is expected to be shaped less by traditional degrees and more by how well skills adapt to technology, sustainability, and human needs. Across major global reports, one pattern is clear: the highest demand will be in roles that combine technical ability with problem-solving and creativity.

**AI, Machine Learning & Automation:** AI will sit at the core of nearly every industry. Careers in machine learning, AI engineering, and AI ethics will grow as organisations rely on intelligent systems for decision-making and automation.

**Cybersecurity & Digital Safety:** As everything moves online, protecting data becomes critical. Ethical hacking, cybersecurity analysis, and cloud security roles will see sustained global demand.

**Health Tech & Biotechnology:** From genetic research to digital healthcare systems, careers that merge biology with technology will expand rapidly, especially in precision medicine and bioinformatics.

Climate-focused careers – including renewable energy, ESG consulting, and sustainability strategy – will become central to global economic planning.

**Data & Decision Science:** Data scientists and analytics professionals will continue to be in high demand, especially those who can translate data into real-world decisions.

**Human-Centric Design & Creative Tech:** UX design, product design, and immersive media (AR/VR) will grow as companies focus on more intuitive digital experiences.

**What This Means for Students & Educators:** Success will not come from one 'stable' career path, but from adaptable skill combinations – tech + creativity, data + communication, or science + design. For educators, the focus is shifting from teaching content to building future-ready, interdisciplinary thinkers.

**The Real Insight:** The most in-demand professionals of 2030 will not just be specialists. They will be connectors of skills – people who can think across domains and adapt as industries evolve.

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# Preparing Students for University—Before They Get There

Building Smarter Pathways to Higher Education

**Dr. Justin Osborn**

(Director, ACCP)



**Vicky Shillington**

(High School Student Counselor, Ready Academy High School)



**Niharika Sondhi**

(Founder & Director – EdNet Consultants)



**Michelle Prince Fetes**

(Associate Director, International Admissions, Syracuse University)



**Steven Fu**

(International Admissions Counselor, Ohio State University)

**Ms Niharika Sondhi**, MD & Founder of EdNet Consultants, recently moderated a panel discussion on 'Dual Enrolment as a Pathway: Academic, Strategic, and Global Perspectives for Counsellors', organised by The Outreach Collective (TOC)—a registered not-for-profit, learning-led professional community connecting practitioners across higher education, K-12 schools, edtech, and independent counselling.

The panel featured **Dr. Justin Osborn**, Director of the Advanced College Credit Program (ACCP); **Mr. Steven Fu**, International Admissions Counselor at The Ohio State University; **Ms. Michelle Prince Fetes**, Associate Director of International Admissions at Syracuse University; and **Ms. Vicky Shillington**, High School Student Counselor at Ready Academy High School.

A key takeaway was the growing value of dual enrolment programmes, which enable high school students to complete university-level coursework while still in school. Recognised by universities worldwide, these programmes help students explore academic interests, experience the rigour of higher education, build college-level skills, and strengthen university applications by demonstrating academic initiative and preparedness.

The session reinforced the importance of counsellors staying informed about emerging academic pathways to better guide students towards future-ready educational choices.

Click here to watch the entire session: [https://youtu.be/078tnVU8gDU?si=cOCKWMD7Jatgx\\_2P](https://youtu.be/078tnVU8gDU?si=cOCKWMD7Jatgx_2P)



# More Than Just a Session, A Lasting Impression

The gap between ambition and preparedness is where skill development must step in



As Ms Niharika attended the FICCI FLO 42nd Annual Session, she realised that one insight echoed across every session: preparing students for the future requires far more than academic excellence. The session featured such eminent personalities as **Shehzad Poonawalla** (Spokesperson, BJP), **Shiv Aroor** (Managing Editor, NDTV), **Smita Prakash** (Chief Editor & Deputy CEO, ANI), **Rubika Liyaquat** (Senior Executive Editor, Times Now Navbharat), and **Padmaja Joshi** (Managing Editor, NDTV).

Shiv Aroor highlighted why students must stay informed about global developments, as international events increasingly influence higher education, careers, technology, innovation, and the future of work. The discussion on **Viksit Bharat** reinforced that building a developed India will require young people who are globally aware, technologically skilled, adaptable, and committed to creating purposeful change through education and innovation.

The panel discussion emphasised the importance of critical thinking and responsible communication in an age of constant information. Students and educators were encouraged to question the information they consume, form balanced, fact-based opinions, and recognise positive developments alongside challenges.



# Inside a Campus Designed for Tomorrow's Innovators

Choosing an Engineering College? Read This First



During her visit to Plaksha University, Ms Niharika toured the campus with **Dr Rudra Pratap** (Founding Vice Chancellor) and **Mr Shashank Tamaskar** (Program Chair, Robotics & Autonomous Systems) & discovered how the university is preparing future-ready students. Some of Plaksha's standout features include:

- **Explore and Decide:** Students have 3 semesters to explore their interests before choosing a major.
- **Beyond Traditional Engineering:** The curriculum blends entrepreneurship, design thinking, project-based learning, and collaboration with strong communication and problem-solving skills.
- **Learning with impact:** Students tackle real-world challenges in areas such as water, energy, healthcare, and agriculture.
- **Try before you apply:** The Young Technology Scholars (YTS) Summer Programme allows high school students to experience the university before applying.

With experienced faculty, state-of-the-art labs, modern infrastructure, and a vibrant residential campus, Plaksha University offers a learning environment designed to help students thrive in a rapidly changing world.



# Applying to Bocconi? Here's What You Need to Know

## Key Takeaways from EdNet's Meeting with Università Bocconi



As Ms Niharika spent the day at the Italian Embassy with the leadership team from Università Bocconi, she gained in-depth insights into what the university is looking for in applicants this year.

Here are a few insider tips from her for aspiring Bocconi students:

- **Prepare for the Bocconi Test:** Unlike many universities, Bocconi has its own entrance exam focused on logical reasoning, numerical reasoning, and problem-solving under time pressure.
- **Practise the right way:** The university offers official mock test simulations that closely reflect the actual exam.
- **Plan your attempts:** Students can take the entrance exam up to four times, making preparation and timing equally important.
- **Explore scholarships:** Need-based scholarships covering 20-50% of tuition are available, so don't rule yourself out before applying.

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# The Admissions Advice You Won't Find Online

Beyond the Brochure: What Europe's Top Universities Really Want



What do Europe's top universities really look for in applicants? That's the question Ms Niharika set out to answer during her recent visit across Europe.

From Università Bocconi, Istituto Marangoni, Polimoda, Sciences Po, IE University, and ESADE to conversations with admissions leaders, faculty, and current students, the journey went far beyond campus tours. It was an opportunity to understand what truly makes applicants stand out, how admissions expectations are evolving, and what student life is really like beyond the brochures.

Some of the biggest takeaways? Universities are increasingly looking for students who demonstrate academic readiness, initiative beyond the classroom, and a clear sense of purpose. Students were also encouraged to explore opportunities early, whether that's building a strong portfolio, developing quantitative or communication skills, learning a new language, or making the most of internships, research, and extracurricular activities.

The visit reaffirmed one important lesson: successful applications aren't built through guesswork; they're built through informed choices. By engaging directly with universities and bringing these insights back to students, EdNet continues to help applicants make smarter, future-ready decisions about their higher education journey.





# The Truth About Fashion Careers in 2026

Most people think fashion is about creativity. However, today it is just as much about data, strategy, and technology



Fashion isn't just about designing beautiful clothes anymore. Today, it's also about understanding people, technology, business, and data. In an engaging session with **Ms Diana Marian Murek, Director of Education at Istituto Marangoni Milano**, students at the EdNet School of Art & Design discovered how the fashion industry is changing. They learnt how AI is helping predict trends, why consumer behaviour influences pricing and branding, and how careers in fashion now go far beyond design to include marketing, merchandising, analytics, technology, and sustainability.

The biggest takeaway? Creating a compelling product is only half the story, understanding why people choose it is just as important. For students considering a career in fashion, the future is all about combining creativity with business and technology. So, the next time you're drawn to a brand or product, ask yourself: What made me choose it? That's exactly how the fashion industry thinks.



# One Surprise Theme. Countless Brilliant Creations

The 2nd Edition of EdNet National Art Competition Inspired the Next Generation of Artists



Creativity was in full bloom at the **2nd Edition** of the **EdNet National Art Competition 2026**, hosted by the EdNet School of Art & Design in association with **Istituto Marangoni**. With the theme revealed only on the spot, young artists rose to the challenge, creating stellar artworks using pencil and charcoal, acrylics, watercolours, pen-and-ink, mixed media, and more.

Beyond celebrating creativity, the competition gave students the opportunity to earn recognition and strengthen their art portfolios with a competitive achievement—an important addition for future art and design applications.

Congratulations to all our participants, and a special applause for this year's winners:

**Age 8–10:** Asya Gupta

**Age 11–13:** Vaidehi Gupta

**Age 14–17:** Ishan Yadav







# LET'S GET QUIZZICAL



## Myth vs Fact: Study Abroad!

Think you know what it takes to study abroad?

Let's separate common myths from real facts in a quick rapid-fire quiz.

1. Most top universities abroad only accept students with near-perfect academic scores.

- A) Myth
- B) Fact

2. Scholarships for international students exist, but are highly competitive and not guaranteed.

- A) Myth
- B) Fact

3. Your choice of extracurriculars and profile story can influence admissions beyond academics.

- A) Myth
- B) Fact

4. Studying abroad always costs significantly more than studying in India, regardless of scholarships.

- A) Myth
- B) Fact

5. Many universities abroad require proof of English proficiency, but requirements vary by country and institution.

- A) Myth
- B) Fact

6. Students from non-science backgrounds can apply to a wide range of global undergraduate programs."

- A) Myth
- B) Fact

### Mostly As →

#### Myth Believer (But It's Fixable)

**You're likely influenced by common misconceptions—completely normal. A lot of study-abroad decisions change once you understand how flexible global admissions can actually be.**

### Mostly Bs →

#### Reality Aligned

**You've got a solid grasp of how international admissions really work. You're already thinking beyond surface-level assumptions.**

### Equal As & Bs →

#### On the Right Track

**You're balancing perception and reality well. You just need to refine a few gaps before building a strong application strategy.**

So, how did you do?

If some answers surprised you, you're not alone.

Many study-abroad decisions begin with misconceptions—but the right information changes everything.



# OUR SUCCESS STORIES – UG DESIGN STUDENTS



**Saisha Rajpal**

**FROM:** The British School  
**ACCEPTED IN:** Parsons School of Design

My experience with EdNet has been truly wonderful. The team is extremely supportive, responsive, and provides exceptional guidance throughout the entire journey. They made the portfolio-building and university application process seamless and far less overwhelming. I am sincerely thankful for their constant encouragement, expert advice, and unwavering support every step of the way.



**Alina Sachdeva**

**FROM:** The British School  
**ACCEPTED IN:** New York University

EdNet was literally like a dream come true for me. The team was always approachable, encouraging, and deeply committed to supporting me through every stage of my admissions journey. Their well-organized and strategic approach to university applications, especially for leading global institutions, made what could have been a daunting process feel structured and much easier to navigate.

**Rupanshi Sharma**

**FROM:** Jayshree Periwal International  
**ACCEPTED IN:** LASALLE College of the Arts

EdNet School of Art and Design played a pivotal role in building my portfolio, as well as in helping me refine my ideas into thoughtful and cohesive projects. The personalized one-on-one mentoring was incredibly insightful and gave me the confidence to present my work to eminent universities. I would wholeheartedly recommend EdNet to anyone aspiring to study design and secure admission to leading universities around the world.

**Aadya Tewari**

**FROM:** Step by Step School  
**ACCEPTED IN:** University of Arts London

Applying to universities in the UK as a Grade 12 student felt extremely unnerving at first, and I wasn't sure where to start. EdNet made the entire process far more organized and manageable. From helping me shortlist universities that were the right fit to guiding me through my application essays, their expert advice and support gave me the courage to put forward my best application and secure admission to my dream universities.

**Rahat Kapoor**

**FROM:** The British School  
**ACCEPTED IN:** Istituto Marangoni Milan, Italy

EdNet made a significant difference throughout my study abroad application journey. Niharika Ma'am and Jaspreet Ma'am were especially supportive, always taking the time to guide me at every step. Even though I wasn't based in Delhi, they were always available whenever I needed help. Having their expertise and reassurance made the entire process much easier than managing it all on my own, as they were very patient in answering my questions and addressing my concerns.



# MASTERS



**Ayushman Handa**

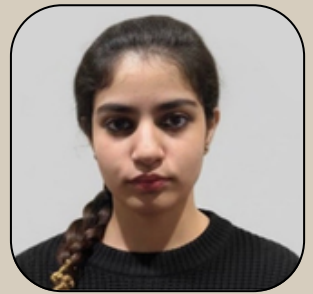
**FROM:** Amity School of Design, Noida  
**ACCEPTED IN:** New York University

EdNet made a meaningful difference to my study abroad experience through their personalised guidance and constant support. Their attention to detail, thoughtful planning, and organised approach helped me secure offers from top universities around the world. I would confidently recommend EdNet to anyone looking for a seamless and well-supported application experience.

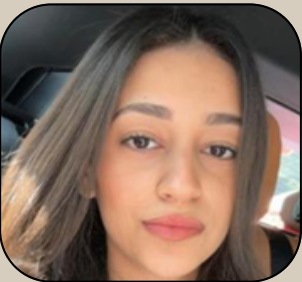
**Aadya Tuli**

**FROM:** O.P Jindal Global University  
**ACCEPTED IN:** University College of London, Kings College London

Choosing the right guidance made all the difference, and that's exactly what I found with EdNet. Their team was thorough, approachable, and always a step ahead, making sure nothing was left to chance. With clear planning and constant support, the entire application journey felt seamless. If you're planning to study abroad, EdNet is a decision you won't regret.



## UG NON DESIGN



**Amaira Sawhney**

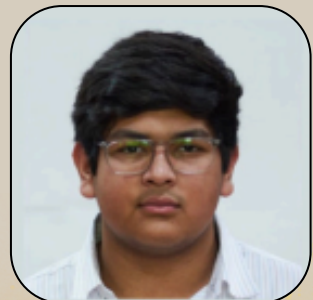
**FROM:** Pathway School, Noida  
**ACCEPTED IN:** Fashion Institute of Technology

Having the right support system made all the difference, and EdNet exceeded every expectation. Their team took the time to understand my goals, offered practical advice at every stage, and ensured I always knew what came next. Thanks to their guidance and consistent encouragement, the entire journey felt far more manageable than I had imagined.

**Kabir Pandey**

**FROM:** The Shri Ram School, Moulisari  
**ACCEPTED IN:** University of St Andrews (Direct Entry to Second Year), King's College London

One thing I really appreciated was how much effort EdNet put into understanding each student's individual needs. The guidance I received always felt personalised instead of following a standard approach, and their in-depth knowledge of the admissions process made every decision much clearer. With that kind of support, everything felt more structured, leaving very little room for stress or uncertainty.

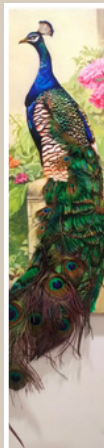
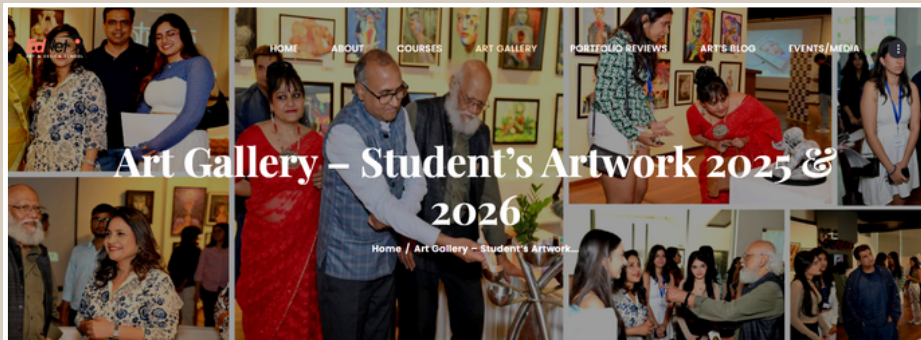




# Our Virtual Art Gallery Is Live – Shop NOW

Featuring original works by high school students soon heading to leading global institutions

The gallery showcases original works by high school students from the Classes of 2025 and 2026 created after months of dedication and creative exploration. Many of these young artists are set to begin their journeys at leading global institutions including Rhode Island School of Design, Parsons School of Design, Pratt Institute, University of the Arts, and New York University.



What makes the showcase special is the process behind every piece. Each artwork reflects moments of experimentation, uncertainty and personal growth as these students prepare to take their creativity onto an international stage.

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### Saish Khanna

From:- Vivek High School,  
Chandigarh  
Accepted in: USF & UMass  
Boston

In Grade 10, I struggled with math so dropped it in Grade 11. Later, I realized it was vital for business management programs abroad. I sought guidance from EdNet and took CALCULUS 1001, a four-credit course from Marquette University, thereby eliciting offers from top universities like USF and UMass, Boston.

Studying abroad was my dream, but I lacked the credits for PhD applications. My courses did not meet the requirements. At EdNet I was advised to pursue Marquette Credit Courses. My efforts paid off when I received acceptance letters from top U.S. universities.

### Anushree

PhD Student  
Accepted in Washington  
University in St. Louis

### Prakarsh Jain

From:- New York University  
Accepted in Indiana University  
Bloomington, NUS

When I started my application process, I realized that business programs required a strong foundation in math, something my bachelor's did not cover. I reached out to EdNet, who recommended a 4-credit Calculus course from Marquette University, which turned out to be exactly what I needed.

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