

Press Release

University of Carthage receives NCEE Entrepreneurial Award

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The National Centre for Entrepreneurship in Education (NCEE) is delighted to announce that the University of Carthage has been awarded the NCEE Entrepreneurial Award, achieving 3-year accreditation.

The University of Carthage has been recognised for its strong and mature entrepreneurial ecosystem, with entrepreneurship deeply embedded across teaching, student support, and external engagement. Operating across 32 institutions, the University demonstrates a long-standing commitment to enterprise, with activity coordinated through the Student Entrepreneur Pole of Carthage (PEEC), ensuring scale, coherence, and institutional visibility.

Independent reviewers highlighted the University's confident, practice-led approach, where entrepreneurship is not peripheral but integral to curriculum design and student development. Senior leadership engagement and a well-established delivery infrastructure ensure that entrepreneurial activity is consistently embedded across faculties and aligned with institutional priorities.

A key strength is the depth and maturity of support for entrepreneurial students. Through a wide range of curricular and extracurricular provision—including experiential learning, mentoring, incubation, and student-led initiatives—the University fosters strong engagement and multidisciplinary collaboration, enabling students to progress from ideation to venture development.

The panel also commended the University's extensive partnerships with business, public authorities, and civil society, positioning it as a key contributor to regional and national development. The award recognises a well-established and high-performing ecosystem, with clear opportunities to further strengthen strategic articulation, inclusion, and long-term impact measurement over the award period.

Speaking on behalf of NCEE, Ceri Nursaw, Chief Executive of NCEE, said:

We celebrate Carthage's remarkable pedagogical success, specifically their compulsory entrepreneurship module which resulted in 90% of students expressing a desire to start their own business. This achievement sets a high standard for entrepreneurial mindset development across the Tunisian higher education sector.

Speaking on behalf of University of Carthage, Nadia Mzoughi, President of the University of Carthage, said:

We are honoured to receive the NCEE Entrepreneurial University Award and the three-year accreditation. The recognition of our efforts in fostering entrepreneurship is a great source of pride for our entire university community.

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About the NCEE Entrepreneurial Award

Launched in 2024, the NCEE Entrepreneurial Award recognises innovative and transformational universities and departments making a demonstrable impact on their students, communities, and wider society. The Award is based on a rigorous, independent review process assessing culture and leadership, entrepreneurial development, and context and place, and is valid for three years.

Award holders join an active community of practice that shares learning, celebrates achievement, and supports the continued growth of entrepreneurial education across the UK and beyond.

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