Independent Growth. Global Contribution. Career Mastery.

The COSS-IN Off-Campus Model is designed for independent, high-potential students who lack a physical COSS-IN Hub at their institution but possess the drive to master global engineering standards. This model follows a meritocratic and asynchronous pathway, ensuring that geography is never a barrier to professional excellence.

1. The Independent Contributor Path

Unlike the On-Campus model, the Off-Campus track is a subscription-based professional mentorship program. It is designed to sustain the Foundation's infrastructure while providing students with high-value industry exposure.

- Problem Assignment: The Foundation assigns real-world engineering problems or modules of a 'Sandbox/Incubated/Graduated' product to the student.
- Hybrid Handholding: Mentorship is delivered via online collaboration (Git, Virtual meets, and Virtual Stand-ups etc.,) and periodic offline bootcamps depending on regional requirements.
- Structured Mentorship: Includes guided learning paths, code reviews, and deep-dives into the L.E.A.D.S (Learn, Evaluate, Adopt, Develop, and Share) Framework.

2. Sustainability & Commitment

To ensure the Foundation remains self-sustaining and provides high-quality cloud and mentoring resources, this model includes:

- **Nominal Monthly Fee:** A structured, affordable monthly fee that covers cloud credits, repository hosting, and access to professional mentors to sustain foundation operations.
- **Merit-Based Rewards:** Student's contribution will be published on the COSS-IN portal so that it can be verified directly by the industry looking for talent hunting.
- **Impact:** All assets created are released under Open Source Licenses (Apache 2.0) to empower the broader Indian engineering ecosystem.

3. Roles and Responsibilities

Feature	Student Commitment	Foundation Responsibility
Learning	Self-paced mastery of the L.E.A.D.S Framework.	Providing high-quality learning resources and roadmaps.
Execution	Consistent contributions to assigned Open Source repos.	Professional code reviews and SDLC handholding.
Governance	Sign ICLA (Individual Contribution License Agreement) before onboarding	Will assign real time problems to be studied and solved following the governance model -> Sandbox-> Incubation-> Graduation
Sustainability	Payment of the nominal monthly mentorship fee.	Maintenance of the portal, repository, and expert network. Arrange offline bootcamps.

4. The Engineering Goal

The Off-Campus model ensures that every student, regardless of their college's infrastructure, can:

- **Adopt Professional SDLC:** Master Git, CI/CD, and automated testing in a live production environment.
- **Build a Global Portfolio**: Create a verified Git history that serves as a superior alternative to a traditional resume.
- **Lead the World:** Transition from a student to a world-class contributor ready for global tech leadership.

Let's Learn to Lead

Note: COSS-IN Foundation has been soft launched on 19th April 2026 with a static portal https://cossin.in

Actual on-boarding of students and campuses will start from June-July 2026 after the launch of complete dynamic version of the portal https://cossin.in. Now Students interested in knowing more, may send mail to 'founder@cossin.in'