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Summary of SGD 9 in 2025

SDG 9: Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure Report for Industrial University of Ho Chi Minh City (IUH) – THE Impact Rankings

This report presents the Industrial University of Ho Chi Minh City's (IUH) contributions to SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure, based on verified evidence from institutional activities, official data, and documented initiatives. IUH demonstrates strong commitments to innovation, technology transfer, research commercialization, and development of spin-off structures that support national industrialization and sustainable development.

IUH has built a strong ecosystem to foster innovation, entrepreneurship, and technology transfer in alignment with its vision of becoming a leading applied university in education, research, and industrial transformation. The university's long-term strategy emphasizes nurturing innovative ideas, supporting start-ups, and accelerating the commercialization of research outcomes. Through incubation activities, industry collaboration, and interdisciplinary research initiatives, IUH actively develops new projects and promotes industrial modernization. This commitment is further strengthened by the establishment of the Start-up Club and research transfer groups, which help both lecturers and students turn their ideas and technological solutions into viable products and enterprises. Annual innovation activities, such as the "Innogreen Life Competition – Season 3 (2024)," continue to promote green innovation and inspire students to design sustainable, technology-driven solutions.

As part of its innovation ecosystem, IUH maintains at least one subsidiary operating in fields such as science and technology, educational services, or entrepreneurship support. These subsidiaries operate independently with legal status while remaining strategically connected to the university. IUH also maintains a development plan to establish new spin-off companies or creative/innovation centers every two years, ensuring continuous expansion of the university's innovation infrastructure and technology commercialization capabilities.

In addition to fostering start-ups and spin-offs, IUH demonstrates strong performance in generating revenue from scientific research and technology transfer. Between 2020 and 2024, IUH achieved significant growth in research-related income, reaching 7,546 billion

VND in 2023 and an estimated 8,000 billion VND in 2024. This consistent increase reflects the university's expanding partnerships with industry and its commitment to applied research, industrial solutions, and technological advancements. On average, revenue from applied research contracts reaches at least 30 million VND per lecturer per year, supported by formal documentation such as contracts, invoices, and financial records. IUH aims to ensure that STEM-related scientific and technological activities contribute at least 60% of total research income, with at least 20% of STEM faculty engaging in enterprise collaboration. Similar expectations are extended to the social sciences, humanities, and medical-related fields, where each year IUH strives to generate at least one externally funded research, consulting, or technology transfer project.

To support these research and innovation activities, IUH maintains a diverse pool of faculty expertise, including 660 lecturers in STEM fields and 422 in arts, social sciences, and humanities. Although IUH currently does not have faculty in medical disciplines, the university continues to pursue interdisciplinary collaboration with hospitals and health-related enterprises through biomedical and applied research initiatives. Collectively, these efforts demonstrate IUH's strong commitment to strengthening industrial innovation, promoting technology transfer, and building resilient research-driven infrastructure in accordance with SDG 9.

IUH's expansion plan for SDG 9 in period 2026 - 2030

- **Establish a Multi-Industry Innovation & Spin-off Accelerator**

With IUH already generating strong research revenue (over 7,500–8,000 billion VND/year) and maintaining at least one subsidiary, the next step is to scale up commercialization. IUH can build a formal accelerator that supports high-potential projects from early research to market entry.

This accelerator could focus on priority areas where IUH has strong faculty capacity—such as automation, digital manufacturing, sustainable materials, and green technology. By providing structured incubation, seed funding, IP support, and access to industry mentors, IUH can increase the number of spin-off companies and commercialized prototypes each year, targeting at least 2 new spin-offs per cycle by 2030.

- **Expand enterprise-linked applied research labs and industrial testbeds.**

Given the university's large STEM faculty base (660 lecturers) and strong research contracts with industry, IUH can establish co-funded applied research laboratories with enterprises in manufacturing, renewable energy, logistics, and smart engineering.

These labs would serve as "living industrial testbeds," enabling students and lecturers to run pilot projects, test industrial technologies, and solve enterprise problems in real time. This expansion could increase the share of STEM faculty engaged in enterprise collaboration beyond the current baseline and push IUH's applied research revenue even higher, targeting 10–15% annual growth in technology-transfer income by 2030.

- **Create a university-level innovation fund for green & digital transformation projects**

To support the university's participation in green competitions and sustainability-focused innovation, IUH can launch a dedicated innovation fund supporting green engineering, circular economy solutions, and digital transformation tools.

This fund would strengthen efforts already demonstrated through initiatives like the Innogreen Life Competition, scaling them into long-term, research-backed projects. By 2030, the fund could support 20–30 faculty–student innovation teams per year, directly generating prototypes, patents, and enterprise partnerships, while contributing significantly to SDG 9 (especially targets on sustainable industrialization and innovation capacity-building).

Conclusion

In 2025, the Industrial University of Ho Chi Minh City (IUH) continued to strengthen its role as a leading applied university in innovation, technology transfer, and industrial development. With consistent growth in research revenue—reaching an estimated 8,000 billion VND in 2024—along with active start-up support structures and annual innovation activities, IUH has built a solid foundation for advancing SDG 9. The university's subsidiary, strong STEM faculty base, and expanding partnerships with industry demonstrate its commitment to research commercialization and sustainable industrial modernization.

Looking toward 2026–2030, IUH is positioned to further elevate its impact through new initiatives such as a multi-industry innovation accelerator, enterprise-linked applied research labs, and a university innovation fund for green and digital technologies. These directions reinforce IUH's long-term commitment to fostering innovation, strengthening infrastructure, and contributing to Vietnam's sustainable industrial growth in alignment with SDG 9.