The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), Awantipora, Kashmir has been established through an Act No. XVIII of 2005 dated: 07th November 2005 passed by J&K State Legislature and notified by the State Government, through Jammu & Kashmir Government Gazette dated: 11-11-2005.

While the university started functioning in November, 2005 the teaching programme was started in July 2006. The Chancellor of the University is the Chief Minister of J&K State and the executive authority of the University is its Executive Council with the Vice Chancellors of University of Jammu, Kashmir and Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University as members.

The University came into existence with a mandate to advance and disseminate knowledge, wisdom and understanding amongst all segments of the society within and outside the State. It is also charged with creating an environment for learning, teaching and research in the sciences, technology, humanities and social sciences and that is in keeping with the highest standards of scholarship and higher education. People belonging to all sections of society are entitled to avail the facilities and opportunities offered by the University and there is no distinction on the basis of class, caste, creed, colour or religion.

Conduct and promote studies and research and prepare trained manpower aware of their social and cultural obligations and contemporary issues who would effectively participate in all developmental processes of the nation.

The University aims to build the broad personality of its students, infusing in them a sense of belonging and responsibility as constructive members of the society, guided by the norms of universal brotherhood, scientific temper and prepare them to take up the mantle of leadership in all professions of modern world.

Develop adequate linkages and appropriate methodologies to promote contemporary knowledge and to put in place a system that thrives on the concept of competitiveness.

The moving spirit in the exercise is to create opportunities for the youth of the State by laying foundation of a knowledge society.