Sri Dev Suman Uttarakhand University is established as a State University of Uttarakhand vide Sate Government notification No 270/XXXVI(3)/2012/48(1)/2012 dt 19th October, 2012 in continuation to amendment of erstwhile Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyay Uttarakhand Vishwavidhyalaya Act. 2011 (Uttarakhand Act No 22 of 2011) as notified by State Government vide No 357/XXXVI(3)/201 1/57(1)/2010 dated 4th November, 2011. The establishment of University is a rare distinction of popular and powerful demand and symbolised the hopes and aspiration of the people of Garhwal for the development through the instrument of higher education. The masses of this remote mountainous region demanded for opening a new University at Badshahi Thual, a small but historical town of Tehri Garhwal of Uttarakhand. It was an expression of the quest for empowering their future generation for overcoming endemic economic and social backwardness, geographic and environmental constrains, re-assertion of cultural identity of the local natural and human resources for development.

The University, nestled in the lap of Himalayan ranges in the Tehri Garhwal and having jurisdiction over seven districts viz. Chamoli, Raudraprayag, Pauri, Tehri. Uttarakashi, Haridwar and Dehradun of Garhwal region of Uttarakhand. Sri Dev Suman Uttarakhand University Badshahi Thaul is situated on the way between Chamba and New Tehri at a distance of 3 km from Chamba, one of the brightest spots of district Tehri Garhwal, at an elevation of 1676 m from sea level. This town, situated on Delhi-Gangotri national highway, offers one of the most spectacular view of snow capped Himalaya and enchanting Bhagirathi Valley. The university campus is situated at an elevation of 1750 m on a ridge facing to the east, surrounded by dense oak and pine tree forest. It is at a distance of 8 km from New Tehri, a newly established master-planned township at an elevation of 1900 m and district headquarter of Tehri Garhwal. The famous Tehri Dam along with a huge lake between mountains, situated at a distance of 20 km from university campus, is a recent addition to the tourist attractions in the area. Nearest Airport (Linked to Delhi) is Jollygrant (Dehradun) at a distance of 80 km from university campus. Rishikesh is the nearest railway station at a distance of 65 km. However, Haridwar is more convenient (distance 90 km) as it is well connected to all major cities of India by rail.

The university campus, Badshahi Thaul is well connected by road to all important stations of Garhwal Division like Haridwar, Rishikesh, Dehradun, Mussoorie, Uttarkashi, Srinagar and other parts of the region. Frequent bus services as well as private taxies and jeeps are available from these places to Chamba and New Tehri. It takes about 3 hours to reach Badshahi Thaul by bus from Haridwar and Dehradun, and about 2 hours from Rishikesh.