Thapar University, (formerly Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology) is located in sprawling green campus comprising of more than 250 acres Thapar Technology Campus (TTC) in the historic city of Patiala.

Thapar University was established in 1956 through an imaginative and innovative collaboration between the then State of PEPSU (Patiala and East Punjab States Union), the Central Government and the Patiala Technical Education Trust (PTET) founded by one of the great captains of Indian Industry, the late Lala Karam Chand Thapar. The mission of the University as embodied in the Trust Deed Dated April 9, 1956, are truly remarkable for their scope and vision. They provide for undergraduate and post graduate education in engineering & technology, a close interaction with industry, and a strong emphasis on basic and applied research.

Thapar University (TU) is today recognized among the premier Deemed Universities imparting technical education of the country and the best of its kind in the north-western region of India. It is an example of pioneering experiment of joint venture between public and private sector in Higher Technical Education. TU is a unique campus with extraordinary potential for development of indigenous technology and its transfer to engineering industries.

Thapar University strives to maintain an environment that encourages scholarly inquiry and research, a spirit of creative independence and a deep commitment to academic excellence. Its students as unique individuals with different interests and aspirations. The diverse programs and activities aimed at developing quality of mind, ethical standard, social awareness and global perspectives, let the students shape their own TU experience and grow.

The Alums of Thapar University are well placed for their quality and performance across the globe which is reflected in their excellent contribution to society in varied fields such as business and industry, administrative and regulatory services, research and education and social and human rights organizations.