

Academic Leadership Portfolio

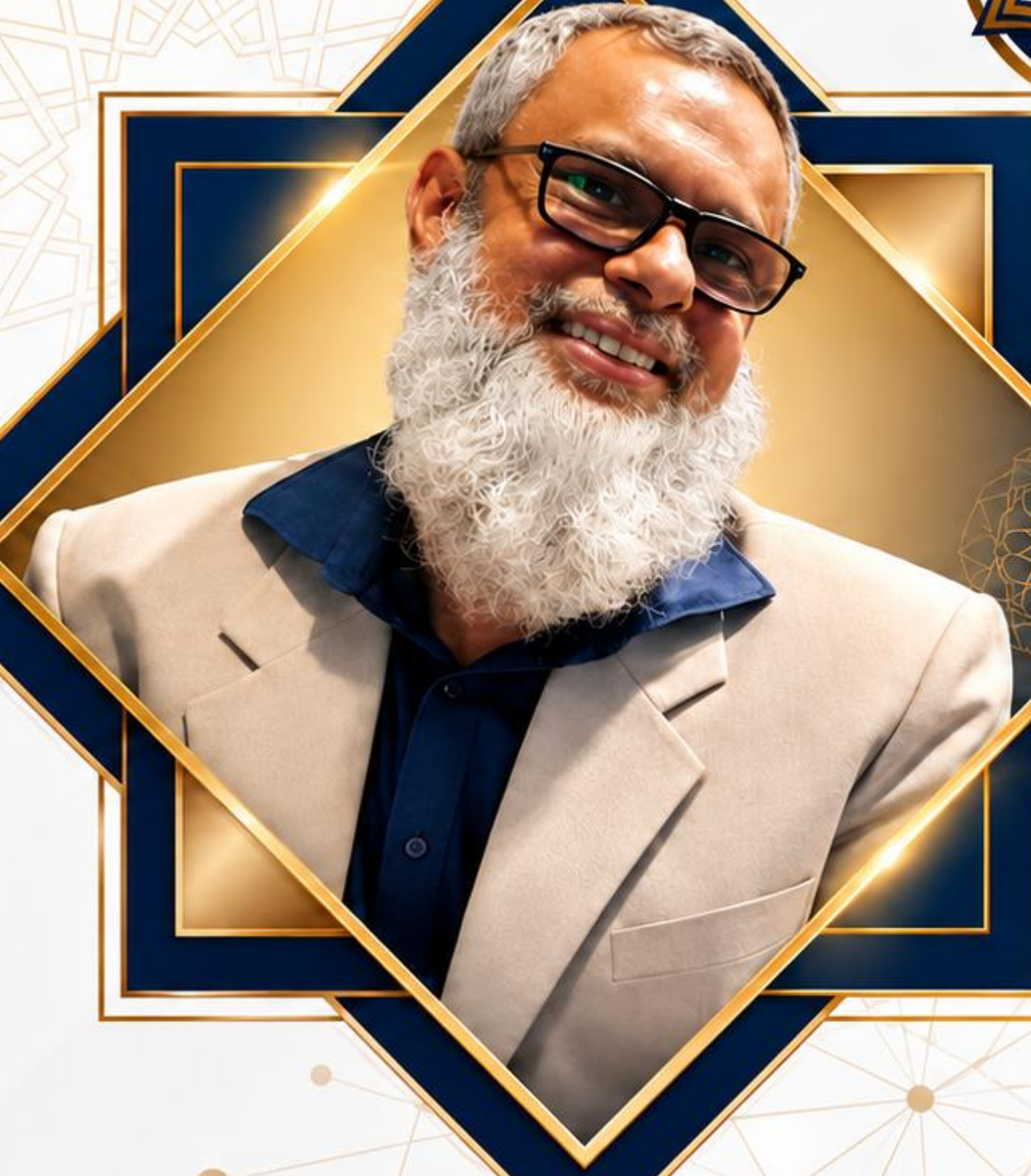
Application for Head of Department – IT Faculty

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*Integrating Technology, Scholarship and Service
for Transformative Education.*



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My Journey: A Life Preparing for Academic Leadership

Each phase of my career has strengthened my ability to lead people, programmes, technology and scholarship.



Clinician & Teacher: 17 years building institutional frameworks at Tata Tea.



Research Collaborator: Driving interdisciplinary insights with the UN and international AIDS communities.



Public Health Leader: Directing capacity building for WHO (IHCI) across multiple districts.



Digital Innovator: Architecting 23 open-source educational web applications.



Educational Architect: Integrating AI workflows, genomics, and pedagogy.



Academic Leader: Mentoring faculty and governing quality assurance (DSMCH & Thanjavur Medical Journal).

Why My Experience Aligns with IOU

IOU Seeks...



Academic leadership at department level



Curriculum innovation & programme growth



Research excellence & publication record



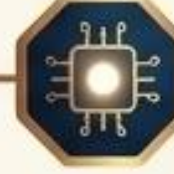
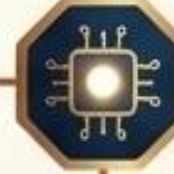
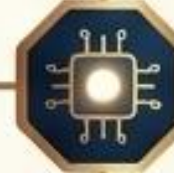
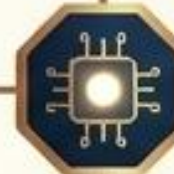
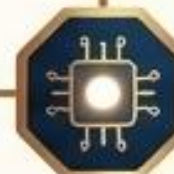
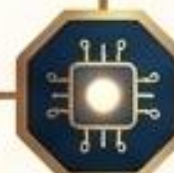
Faculty development & people-management



Quality assurance & accreditation compliance



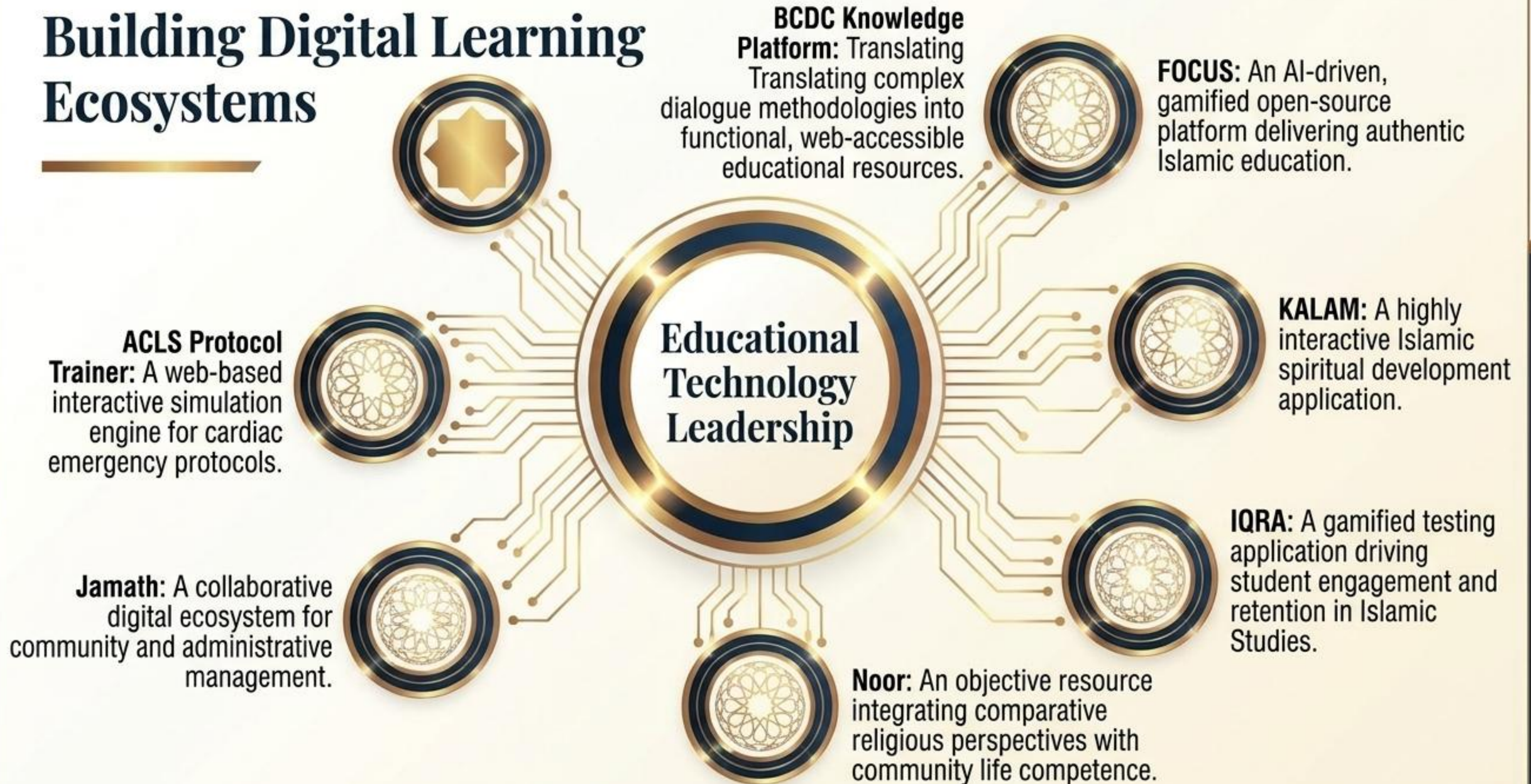
Excellence in digital and remote education



My Experience Demonstrates...

30+ years of institutional leadership across medical and academic sectors

Building Digital Learning Ecosystems



Leading Innovation in Teaching & Learning



“Technology should not replace teaching—it should amplify learning.”

Academic Leadership in Practice

Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan Medical College & Hospital (DSMCH)

Led institutional educational initiatives bridging clinical practice, digital tracking, and IT.



World Health Organization (WHO) & UNAIDS

Directed public health capacity building and engineered digital tracking frameworks.



MacArthur Foundation

Built international leadership networks and scalable educational frameworks.



United Nations (UN)

Moderated a national digital knowledge community of over 4,000 professionals to formulate policy.



Editorial Board (Thanjavur Medical Journal)

Strengthened academic quality, peer review processes, and research governance.



Research that Bridges Disciplines



THE IOU LEARNER



**PROOF OF DEDICATION
SEMESTERS COMPLETED**
in the Bridge to MAIS Program



**RIGOROUS COURSES
MASTERED**
(Fiqh, Aqeedah, Seerah, Arabic)

PEAK ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

TAFSEER 201: 92.66%

HADEETH 102: 90.78%

TAKEAWAY:

Deep institutional alignment, mastery of the IOU LMS, and proven commitment to the university's Islamic ethos.

PROVEN IT EDUCATOR



TECHNICAL MASTERY:
Advanced instruction in modern IT infrastructure, systems, and networking.

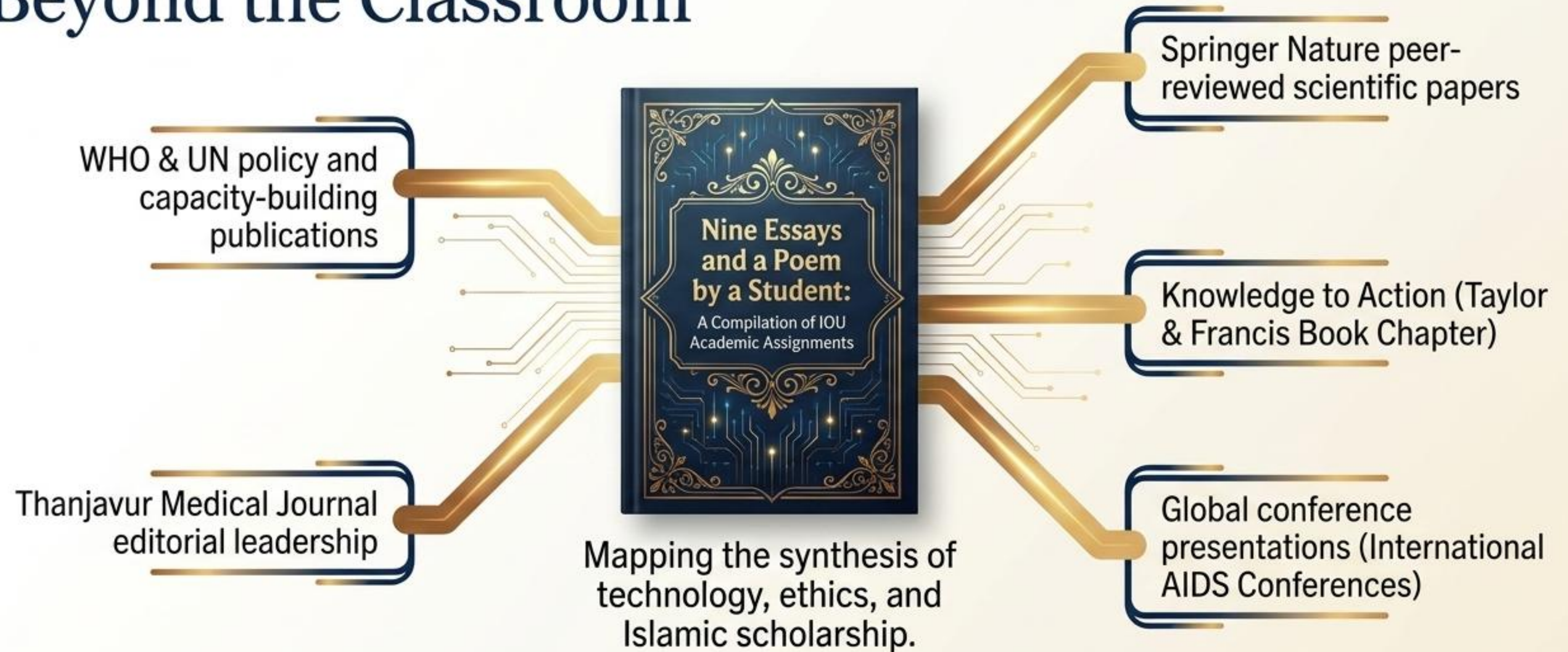


PEDAGOGICAL EXCELLENCE:
Proven track record of translating complex technical concepts into accessible curricula.



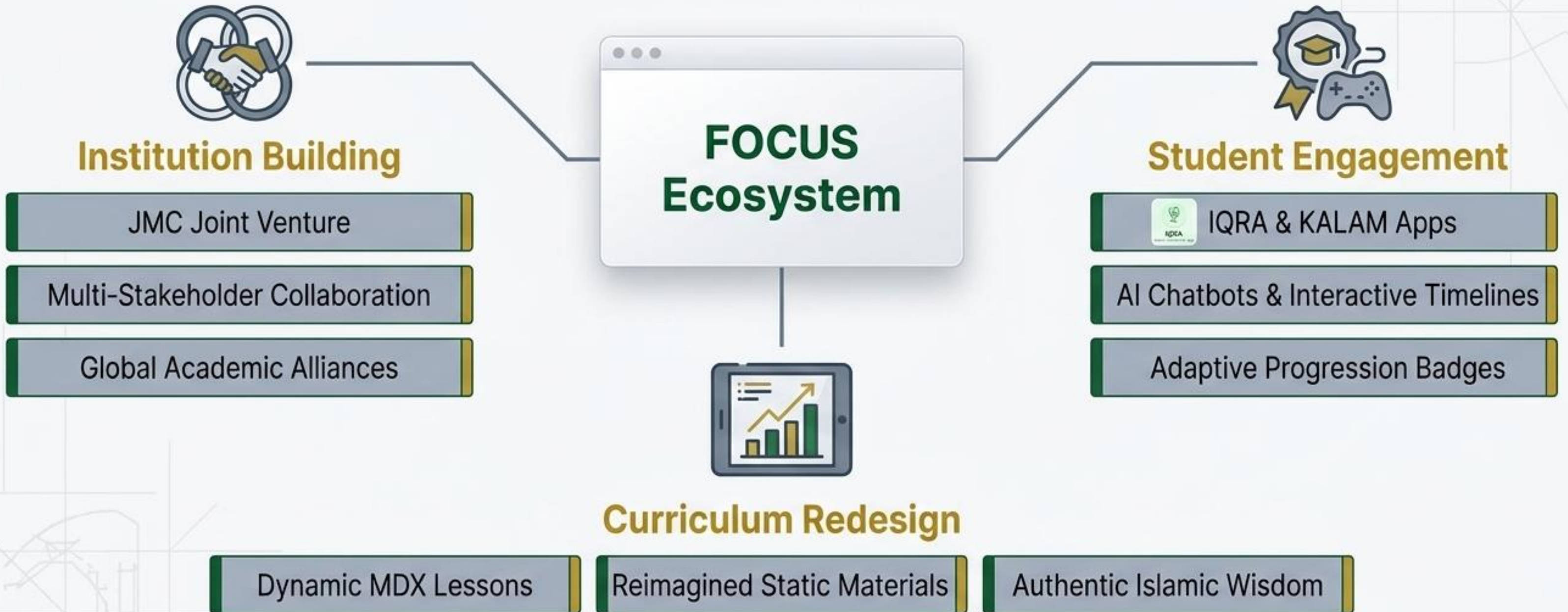
FUTURE-READY VISION:
Bridging the gap between theoretical computer science and practical, enterprise-level application.

Educational Scholarship Beyond the Classroom



Scholarship is seamlessly integrated into my teaching, leadership, and community service.

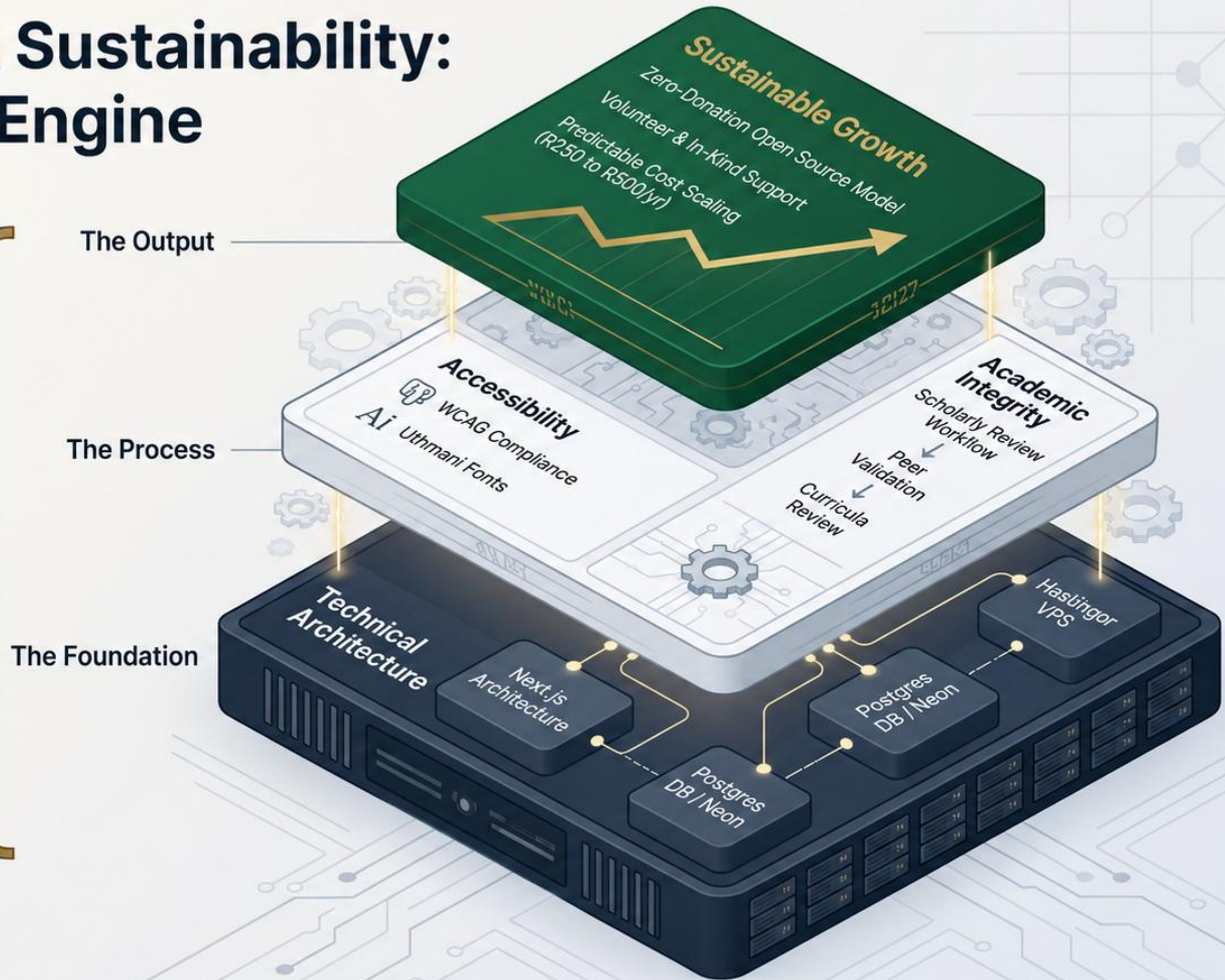
Leadership & Educational Innovation: The FOCUS Vision



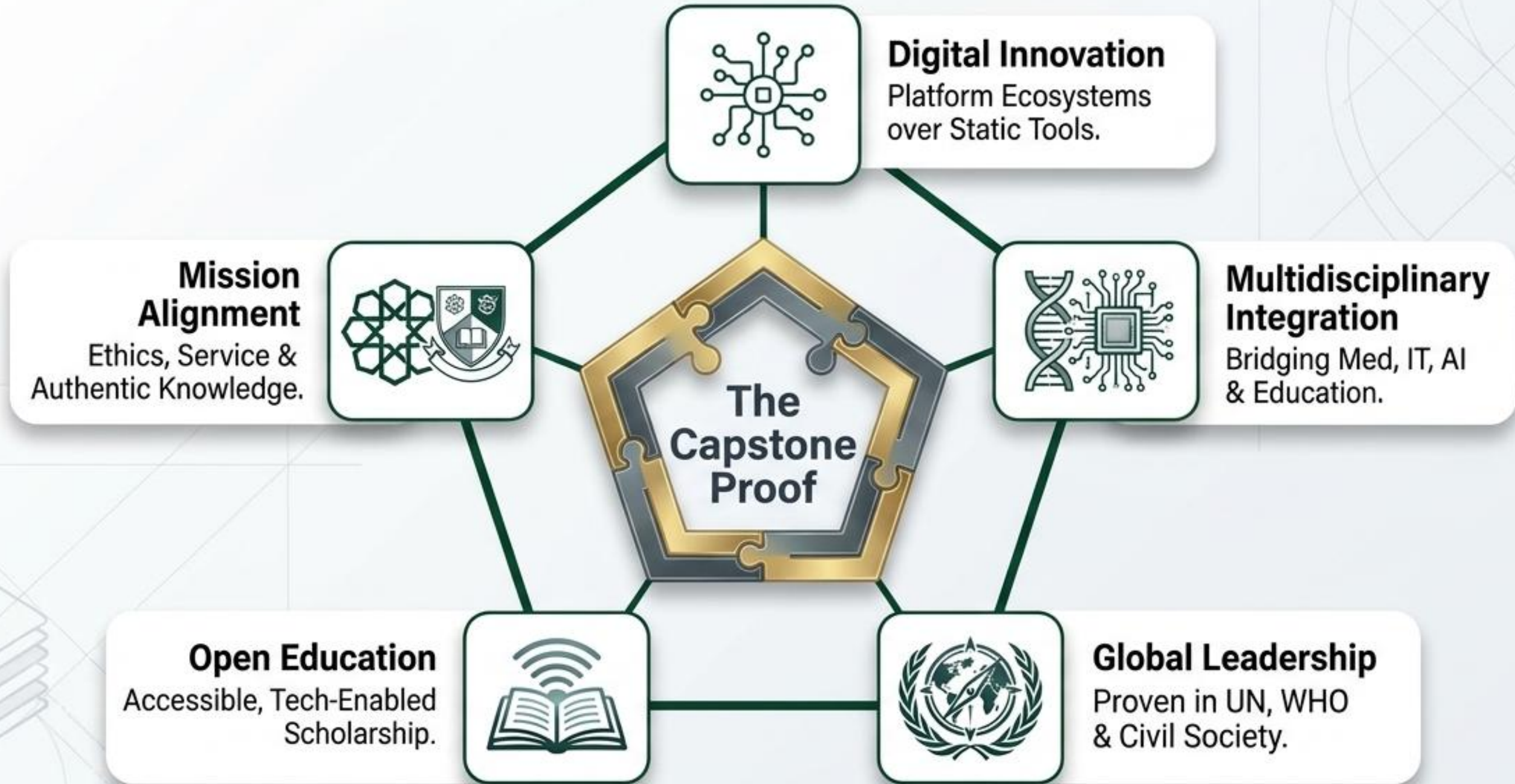
Translating academic strategy into digital-native reality.

Technology & Sustainability: The Scalable Engine

**Platform Readiness:
Certificate Program to
Postgraduate Milestones.**

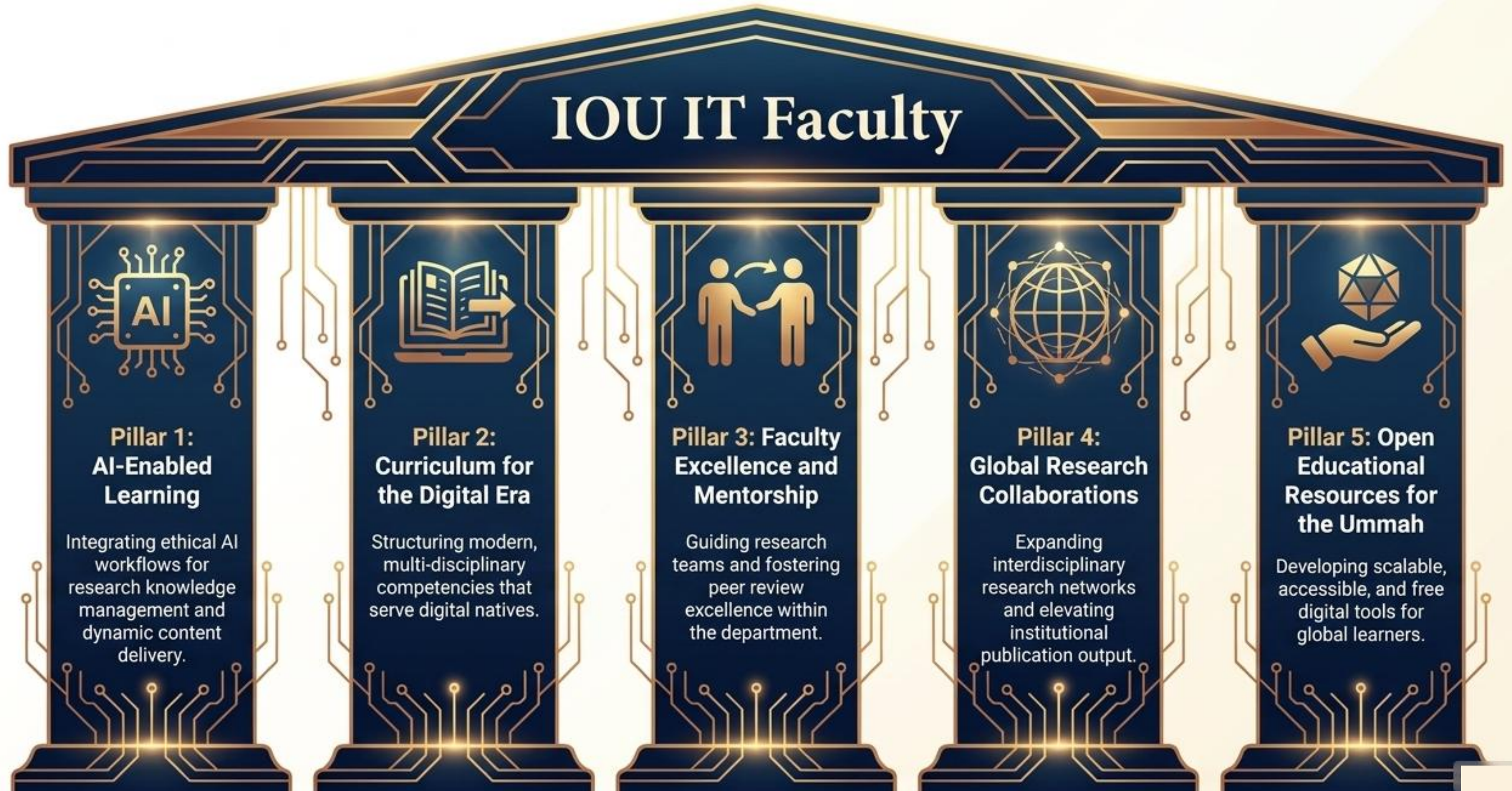


The IOU Advantage: Synthesis & Alignment



Making a difference differently: Strategy translated into operational reality.

My Vision for the IOU IT Faculty



Leadership Philosophy



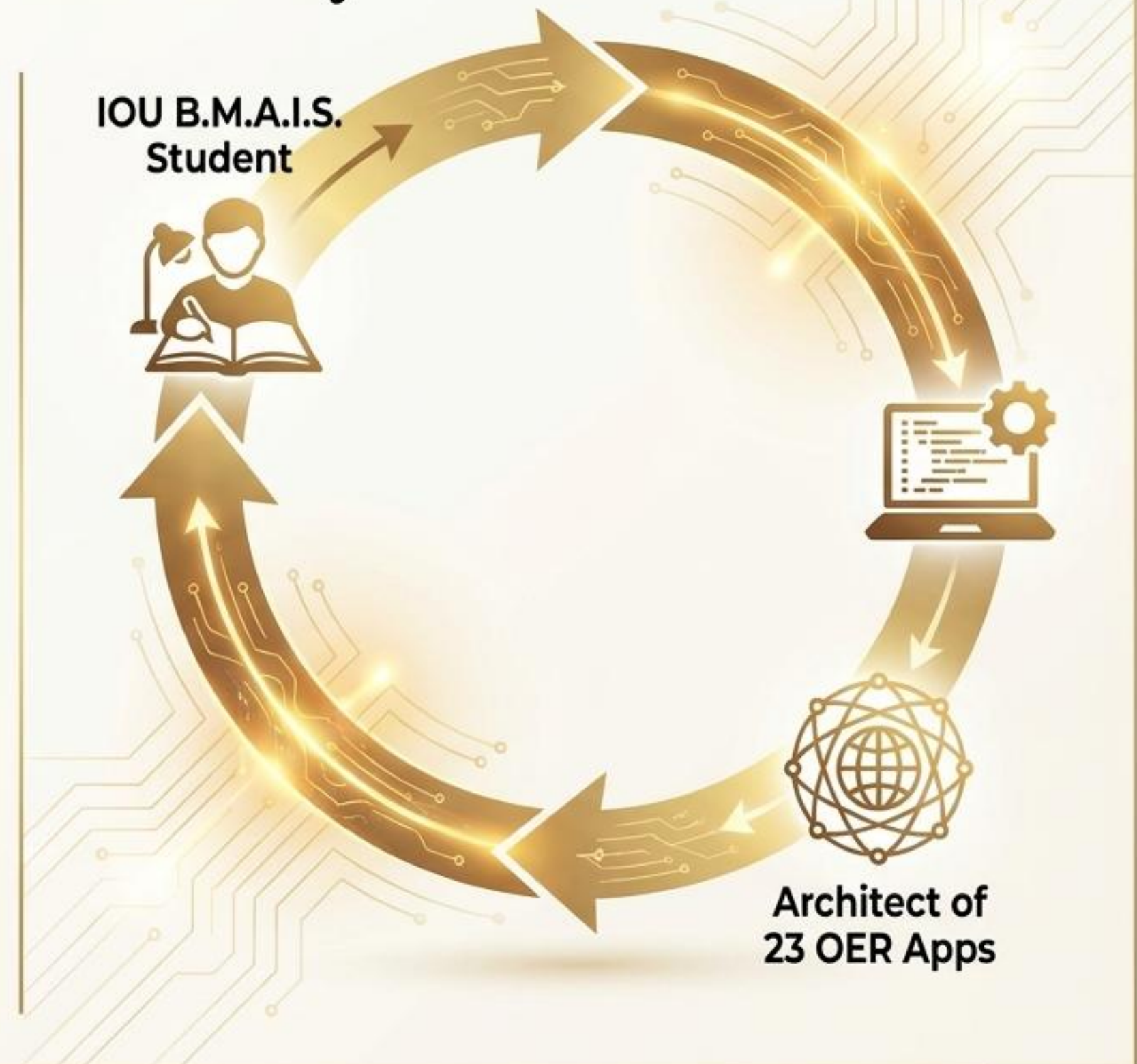
Why the International Open University?

A commitment to open, accessible education: Reflected in my creation of over 20 free digital educational applications.

Integration of faith, ethics, and technology: A lifelong pursuit to bridge Islamic scholarship with modern digital architectures.

A lifelong learner's perspective: My own rigorous studies at IOU (B.M.A.I.S.) have profoundly deepened my commitment to its spiritual and intellectual ethos.

A desire to build the future: I am driven to help architect the next phase of IOU's global impact, leveraging technology to serve the Ummah.



Looking Ahead

My aspiration is not simply to manage an academic department, but to help shape an IT Faculty that becomes a global model for technology-enabled, values-based higher education—where innovation, scholarship, and service advance together for the benefit of learners worldwide.

Thank you for your consideration.

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