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What is 4th Industrial Revolution

Automation of traditional manufacturing and industrial processes, using modern smart technology.

Large-scale machine-to-machine communication (M2M) and the internet of things (IoT) help with increased automation, improved communication and self-monitoring.
Applications in advanced computing, robotics, electronic chip manufacturing, energy production and delivery systems, telemedicine, electrification, 4IR can provide immense opportunities for industry-academia collaboration for meeting targeted national needs in Bangladesh.
Examples of Industry-academy collaboration

• US National Foundation GOALI program
  (Grant Opportunities for Academic Liaison with Industry)

• US Government RANN Program in the 70’s
  (Research Applied to National Needs)

• US, EU and UK run the US-India, US-China, EU-China, UK-India joint research programs with industry participation

• Japan Society for Promotion of Science (JSPS) supports for industry-academy collaborative work

• GIAN program in India works with scholars/researchers in developed countries.
  (Global Initiatives of Academic Networks)
Facilitate industry’s appreciation of academia beyond producing graduates

Develop a GOALI-like program in Bangladesh

Encourage and reward student and faculty participation in industry (Chambers of Commerce, Govt. agencies)

Facilitate industry contribution in academic programs

Use elements of 4IR as building blocks for the industry-academy collaboration (deal with complexities)
My own experience

Industry-sponsored collaborative research projects in the US
Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) fellow
working as a research engineer at the Tokyo Electric
Power Company

US National Science Foundation and India Department of
Science and Technology-funded joint projects in India

An advisor to Global Energy Interconnection Development
and Collaboration Organization (GEIDCO) in China
IEEE society distinguished lecture program can support visits of industry/academic experts

IEEE Bangladesh section can organize workshops to build awareness and facilitate industry participation

Tutorials and other learning materials from IEEE sources can facilitate knowledge sharing
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