

# New Uzbekistan University

## Research Projects Programme 2026

### Stage 1 - Call for Research Topic Submissions

Programme	New Uzbekistan University Research Projects Programme
Call Identifier	NewUU-RP-2026
Call Type	Two-stage call
Stage 1 Submission	Research Topic Submission
Stage 1 Deadline	9 June 2026, 23:59
Project Duration	3 years
Eligible Applicants	Staff employed and Bachelor/Master's/PhD/Doctoral students enrolled at New Uzbekistan University and Institute of Advanced Studies
Submission Method	Google Form: <a href="#">Link</a>
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## 1. Programme Overview

New Uzbekistan University invites academic staff and doctoral students to submit research topic proposals for the NewUU Research Projects Programme 2026.

The programme supports projects that **build the University's capacity to deliver high-quality applied and innovative research** contributing to scientific advancement, technological innovation, and the development of solutions relevant to Uzbekistan's economic and societal needs.

Particular attention will be given to research topics with **clear potential for practical application and collaboration with industry or public-sector partners.**

Projects selected through this call will be financed through the Fund for the Development of Research Infrastructure.

The programme is implemented in accordance with the Regulation on the Procedure for Financing Research Projects by New Uzbekistan University, approved by Rector's Order No. 87/14-IB dated 30 May 2026, which constitutes the authoritative governing document.

The number of projects funded will depend on the quality of submitted proposals and the available programme budget.

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## 2. Purpose of the Call

The purpose of this call is **to identify promising research topics** that demonstrate:

- scientific or technological novelty
- potential for practical application
- relevance to industry or societal challenges

Submitted **research topics will undergo relevance validation with industry or public-sector stakeholders**. Topics validated through this process will be invited to submit a full proposal in Stage 2 of the call process.

For the purpose of this call, applicants will be asked to **select one of the NewUU research priority areas** from the following list:

1. Medical Sciences;
2. Ecology;
3. Nanotechnology, Chemical Technologies, and Materials Science;
4. Engineering and Technical Sciences;
5. Energy;
6. Biotechnology;
7. Water Management;
8. Agriculture;
9. Metallurgy;
10. Digital Technologies and Artificial Intelligence;
11. Mathematical Modelling.

### 3. Application Process

The call follows a two-stage application process.

#### **Stage 1 – Research Topic Submission**

Stage 1 serves as an administrative step to validate the relevance of proposed research topics to industry or public-sector stakeholders.

This stage aims to collect research topics and confirm their relevance to industry or public-sector stakeholders.

Stage-1 submissions are **not evaluated for funding**. The purpose of Stage 1 is solely to **validate the relevance of research topics**.

Topics validated through this stage will be invited to submit a full proposal.

#### **Stage 2 – Full Proposal Submission**

Applicants whose topics are selected will be invited to submit a **full research proposal** through the University's electronic platform, OneDesk: [Link](#)

A separate Stage 2 call document and full proposal instructions will be provided to applicants whose research topics are validated through Stage 1. The Stage 2 document will specify the full proposal requirements, submission procedure, deadline, and assessment process.

Full proposals will undergo:

- Technical examination
- Scientific expertise conducted in accordance with the Programme Regulation
- Final evaluation by the STC
- Funding decision by the University Rector

Projects approved through this process will receive funding through the NewUU Research Projects Programme.

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### 4. Eligibility

Applications may be submitted by:

- Staff of New Uzbekistan University;
- Staff of the Institute of Advanced Studies under New Uzbekistan University;
- Staff of the LLC “Center for Transfer of Advanced Knowledge and Experience”;

- Bachelor's, Master's and doctoral students of New Uzbekistan University or the Institute of Advanced Studies.

Bachelor's, Master's and doctoral students may apply only for Small Research Projects. Student applicants must involve a faculty member of the University or a research employee of the Institute as co-leader based on a letter of consent and must be over 18 years of age.

Each applicant may **submit one research topic per call round**.

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## 5. Grant Types

For this call round, applications may be submitted for Medium and Small Research Projects only.

Project Type	Maximum Annual Funding
Medium Research Project	4,999 x BCA
Small Research Project	1,040 x BCA

*BCA refers to the Basic Calculation Amount established by the Government of Uzbekistan.*

Projects irrespective of their type **all have a duration of 3 years**.

In order to build the University's research infrastructure, specific requirements are established for allocating a minimum proportion of the grant into the purchase of research equipment and materials and components:

Project Type	Minimum Allocation for Equipment and Materials and Components
Medium Research Project	60%
Small Research Project	33%

Detailed requirements are defined in the programme regulation Appendix 2.

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## 6. Stage 1 Submission Requirements

Applicants must submit a research topic concept through the online submission form including the following information.

**Type of grant applied for**

Select between medium/small research project.

**Field of Science**

Select the primary scientific field relevant to the research.

**Research Topic Title**

Provide a descriptive title of the project. **NOTE:** The provided title must be the same as the title used when submitting the project application.

**Project Abstract** (maximum 250 words)

Briefly describe the problem or challenge addressed, novelty, proposed research approach and economic and societal relevance to Uzbekistan.

**Expected Results / Industry Application** (maximum 150 words)

Describe the main results that the project is expected to produce and how these results could be applied in practice. Indicate the type of outputs anticipated (for example: prototype, dataset, software, method, model, patent, or scientific publication) and explain how they could benefit industry, public institutions, or society.

**Primary Sector of Application**

Select the sector where the results of the research are most likely to be applied.

**Relevant Uzbek organizations**

List the Uzbek public and private organizations for whom the expected project results have economic/application relevance. There is no requirement to establish formal collaboration or agreement with the listed organizations. The organizations on the lists may be contacted by the University to validate the relevance of the proposed project.

Identification of a partner **does not require a formal agreement.**

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## 7. Validation of Research Topics

Submitted research topics will be shared with **relevant industry or public-sector organizations identified by the applicant to assess:**

- relevance to industry or societal needs
- potential application of research results

- opportunities for collaboration

Topics that are not validated by a relevant public or private organization will not be invited to Stage 2.

Applicants may also **independently obtain validation of their research topic by submitting a letter of support** from a relevant public or private organization (universities and research institutes excluded).

A letter of support should confirm that the organization:

- recognizes the relevance of the proposed research topic, and
- expresses interest in the potential results or applications of the research.

Submission of such a letter is **optional**. If a valid letter of support is provided, the topic will be considered validated for the purpose of Stage 1.

A letter of support does not constitute a commitment of financial support or formal partnership in the project.

Support letters must be submitted to [m.jensen@newuu.uz](mailto:m.jensen@newuu.uz) latest by **3 July 2026**.

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## 8. Indicative Timeline

Activity	Timeline
Call announcement	1 June 2026
Stage 1 - Topic submission deadline	9 June 2026
Topic validation with industry/public partners	June 2026
Invitation to Stage 2	7 July 2026
Stage 2 - Full proposal submission	18 August 2026
Scientific review	September-October 2026
STC meetings - Proposal presentation	November 2026
Funding decision	November 2026

Due to the transitional implementation of the programme in 2026, the timeline for this call differs from the standard annual schedule defined in the Programme Regulation.

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## 9. Submission Procedure

Stage 1 research topics must be submitted through the online submission form.

Submission link: [Link](#)

Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

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## 10. Contact

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