

REGULATION

on the Procedure for Financing Research Projects by New Uzbekistan University

Chapter 1. General Provisions

1. This Regulation has been developed in accordance with the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PF-58 dated 10 April 2026 “On Additional Measures to Improve the System of Higher Education, Science and Innovation”, as well as the Resolutions of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PQ-5158 dated 23 June 2021 “On the Establishment of New Uzbekistan University” and No. PQ-151 dated 28 April 2025 “On Measures to Further Improve the Activities of New Uzbekistan University”.

2. This Regulation establishes the procedure for financing research projects by New Uzbekistan University (hereinafter – the University).

3. The following basic concepts are used in this Regulation:

electronic platform – an electronic platform developed to systematize the processes of submission, acceptance, review and selection of research projects;

Scientific and Technical Council of New Uzbekistan University (hereinafter – the Council) – a collegial body established by the relevant order of the Rector of the University, coordinating the innovation and research activities of the University;

scientific expertise – an activity aimed at studying, analysing, evaluating and preparing a conclusion on research projects in order to make a substantiated decision;

expert – a specialist engaged on a contractual basis, based on a decision of the Council, to conduct scientific expertise of research projects;

Research Infrastructure Development Fund (hereinafter – the Fund) – the Research Infrastructure Development Fund established by the Resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PQ-151 dated 28 April 2025 “On Measures to Further Improve the Activities of New Uzbekistan University”;

industrial partner – an industrial or sectoral enterprise, as well as ministries and agencies, interested in implementing the results of a research project into production;

authorized department – the Research Department of New Uzbekistan University;

research project leader (hereinafter – Project Leader) – an applicant whose research project has been approved in the prescribed manner;

research project participant (hereinafter – Project Participant) – a person engaged on a contractual basis to implement the research project within its scope;

basic calculation amount (hereinafter – BCA) – the limited amount of financial and economic indicators established by Decree No. PF–5723 of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated 21 May 2019;

research project year – a project period equal to 12 (twelve) months, calculated from the date on which financing of the research project begins.

4. The following persons may participate as applicants in research projects announced by the University:

University staff;

Staff of the Institute of Advanced Studies under the University (hereinafter – the Institute) and the LLC “Center for Transfer of Advanced Knowledge and Experience” (hereinafter - the Center);

bachelor’s and master’s students, as well as doctoral students, of the University or the Institute. In this case, they must:

apply only for a small research project;

involve a faculty member of the University or a research employee of the Institute in the relevant project as co-leader in order to be an applicant (based on a letter of consent from the co-leader);

be over 18 (eighteen) years of age.

5. Depending on the amount of financing, research projects may be of the following types:

Mega research project – in an amount equal to 5,000–10,400 times the BCA;

Medium research project – in an amount equal to 1,041–4,999 times the BCA;

Small research project – in an amount equal to up to 1,040 times the BCA.

6. Determining the priority areas of the University’s research activities and the types, number and financing volumes of research projects to be implemented in the following year, announcing the competition for research projects, reviewing, accepting, selecting and approving documents shall be carried out in accordance with the scheme set out in Annex 1 to this Regulation.

7. A research project must be aimed at solving urgent problems of the Republic of Uzbekistan and must correspond to the priority areas of the University's research activities.

The priority areas of the University's research activities shall be approved annually by the Council by 1 February, based on the goals and objectives of the "Uzbekistan – 2030" Strategy, as well as the requirements of Resolution No. PQ–151 of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated 28 April 2025 "On Measures to Further Improve the Activities of New Uzbekistan University".

8. Research projects are subject to minimum requirements in accordance with Annex 2 to this Regulation.

9. The Project Leader must have concluded an employment contract with the University, the Institute or the Center for at least 1 (one) year, except for bachelor's and master's students and doctoral students.

In this case:

if the employment contract concluded with the Project Leader is terminated during the research project, the current Project Leader may remain in their position or a new Project Leader may be designated based on a decision of the Council;

if it is not possible to designate a Project Leader, the research project shall be terminated based on a decision of the Council.

10. The Project Leader is personally responsible for forming the research project team. In this case, the participation of one person as Project Leader or Project Participant in research projects financed by the University must not exceed a total of three research projects.

Chapter 2. Announcement of the Competition for Research Projects, Review, Acceptance, Selection and Approval of Documents

11. By June of the calendar year, the number and financing volumes of research projects by type to be implemented in the following year shall be approved by the Council.

12. By 1 March, the Authorized Department shall, through an announcement and in the prescribed manner, send a request to applicants in order to form a list of topics for research projects.

13. By 5 March, the Authorized Department, in agreement with the applicant, shall send the list of topics for research projects to the relevant industrial partner for agreement. In this case, the proposed project topic shall, as a rule, be submitted to an industrial partner operating in the relevant (corresponding) field.

14. The industrial partner's conclusion on this matter must be submitted by 25 March. If the industrial partner's conclusion is not submitted within the established period, the submitted topics shall not be accepted for the competition.

15. By 30 March, the Authorized Department shall announce a competition for financing research projects on the University website.

16. Within 30 (thirty) days from the announcement of the competition, the applicant must upload the research project to the electronic platform in the form set out in Annex 4 to this Regulation. In this case, the applicant is permitted to submit only one research project as Project Leader per call round.

17. After the deadline for submission of research projects has expired, the Authorized Department shall conduct technical expertise of the research projects within 10 (ten) working days.

18. Within the framework of technical expertise, the following shall be carried out:

determination of whether the submitted research project corresponds to the research topic announced in the competition;

verification of the completeness and correctness of the submitted documents and their compliance with the requirements of this Regulation;

identification of whether the research project is similar to a previously submitted research project or whether a research project on the same topic has already been carried out, and identification of duplication (anti-plagiarism).

19. After the submitted documents have undergone technical expertise by the Authorized Department, the review results shall be sent to the applicant through the electronic platform. This notification shall indicate whether the research project has successfully passed technical expertise, whether deficiencies have been identified, or whether it has been rejected. In this case:

if deficiencies are identified in the research project – the applicant must eliminate these deficiencies within 3 (three) working days from the date the notification was sent;

if rejected – the substantiated reasons for rejection shall be indicated.

20. If the deficiencies identified in the research project are not eliminated by the applicant within the established deadlines, the project documents shall be considered rejected.

21. After the completion of technical expertise, the research project shall undergo scientific expertise within a period of 2 (two) months. In this case, depending on the type of research project, scientific expertise shall be conducted by the following:

in cases where the annual financing value of the research project is up to 2,500 times the BCA – by engaged experts;

in cases where the annual financing value of the research project exceeds 2,500 times the BCA – by experts engaged from a higher education institution included in the top 30 list in the ranking of internationally recognized organizations.

In this case, engaged experts must have published scientific articles corresponding to the field of the project in quartiles 1–2 (Q1, Q2) according to the Scopus scientific bibliographic database, and their Hirsch index (h-index) must not be less than 10.

22. Expert candidates shall be formed by the Authorized Department and submitted, in the prescribed manner, to the Council for review and approval. Experts shall be approved by decision of the Council. The identity of the experts, their composition and information about them shall not be disclosed to applicants.

23. Within the framework of scientific expertise, the research project shall be evaluated on a 100-point scale according to the criteria in Annex 5.

24. If a research project is evaluated at below 60 points, it shall be considered not to have passed scientific expertise.

25. The result of the scientific expertise shall be generated automatically on the electronic platform.

In this case, it shall be indicated whether the research project has passed scientific expertise or has been rejected.

26. The Authorized Department shall submit the results of technical and scientific expertise to the Council for review and approval by August 5.

Research projects that have successfully passed scientific expertise shall be reviewed by the Council by August 15 with the participation of Project Leaders in the form of an open discussion, namely a presentation.

In this case, the Council shall evaluate the scientific novelty, practical significance, feasibility of implementation, and scientific potential of the implementing team of the research project.

In particular, the relevance of the project, the clear formulation of the research problem, its differences from existing scientific work, the expected scientific, technological or practical results, and the contribution of these results to the scientific, economic, technological or social development of Uzbekistan shall be taken into account.

The feasibility of implementing the project shall also be reviewed on the basis of its methodology, work plan, the sufficiency of available infrastructure, equipment and resources, potential risks and measures to mitigate them. The experience of the Project Leader and implementing team, their previous scientific results, publications, distribution of tasks, as well as the appropriateness of the involvement of doctoral

students, foreign experts, industrial partners or other partner organizations shall also be taken into account in the evaluation.

27. The Council has the right to adopt a decision on conducting additional expertise in order to verify that research projects have been evaluated correctly and objectively.

28. Based on the results of the discussion of research projects, the Council shall approve the relevant projects.

29. The decision of the Council shall be approved by an order of the Rector of the University within 5 (five) working days.

30. On the basis of the relevant order of the Rector of the University, the approved projects shall be entered into the electronic platform by the Authorized Department.

31. Within the funds allocated for research projects, the Authorized Department may announce a new competition for financing research projects on the University website in accordance with the sequence of actions set out in this Regulation.

Chapter 3. Financing Procedure

32. Research projects implemented at the University shall be financed from the resources of the Fund.

33. General management and financial control over the use of the resources of the Fund shall be carried out by the Vice-Rector of the University for Financial and Administrative Affairs.

34. Financing of research projects shall be carried out on the basis of the approved cost estimate (calculation) and the project calendar plan.

35. The procurement of fixed assets and inventory assets within the framework of a research project shall be carried out in the following procedure:

a request with the list of fixed assets and inventory assets planned for procurement, their technical description and supporting documents attached shall be entered by the Project Leader through the electronic system;

the request shall be reviewed and agreed within 1 (one) working day by the Authorized Departments (Planning and Finance Department, Accounting Department, Material and Technical Supply Service) and by the Vice-Rector for Innovation and Research;

it shall be approved by the Vice-Rector for Financial and Administrative Affairs within 3 (three) working days;

based on the approved request, procurements shall be carried out by the Material and Technical Supply Service in accordance with current legislation.

36. Project Participants shall be engaged by the Human Resources, Recruiting and Foreign Specialists Department in the prescribed manner, on the basis of civil-law contracts, upon the justified proposal of the Project Leader, to perform specific scientific, analytical, technical or organizational works and services.

37. The determination and payment of the monthly service fee paid to the Project Leader and Project Participants on the basis of civil-law contracts shall be carried out in accordance with Annex 3 to this Regulation, without exceeding the limit of funds allocated within the project estimate.

38. An increase in the limited amount of the monthly service fee under a civil-law contract concluded with a Project Participant is permitted on the basis of the minutes of the Special Commission for Coordinating Matters Related to the Assignment of Monthly Supplementary Payments to Employees of New Uzbekistan University, approved by Annex 2 to Order No. 21 of the Rector of New Uzbekistan University dated 27 April 2022.

Where necessary, the amount of service fee paid to Project Participants may be reconsidered based on the stages of project implementation and the results achieved.

39. Foreign Project Participants engaged within the framework of the project shall be paid only for the period of their presence in the Republic of Uzbekistan.

40. The funds allocated for the implementation of a research project may not be spent on the following expenses:

construction, reconstruction and capital repair of buildings and structures;

payments for security services of facilities;

purchase of vehicles, luxury furniture and accessories, mobile phones, as well as business trips of employees who are not project implementers;

transport costs for commuting to the workplace (by public, special and departmental transport);

medical treatment, recreation, excursions, travel, sports and cultural-entertainment events, and personal consumption expenses.

This list may be expanded on the basis of a decision of the Council.

41. In accordance with a decision of the Council, the implementation period of a research project may be extended, and changes may also be made to the financing volume. In this case, the project calendar plan shall be re-approved.

42. All fixed assets purchased within the framework of a research project shall be accepted onto the University's balance sheet and shall be considered its property.

43. Rights to intellectual property objects created within the framework of a research project shall belong to the University.

44. Responsibility for the targeted, effective and reasonable use of funds allocated for the implementation of a research project shall be assigned to the Project Leader.

45. Control over compliance with financial discipline within research projects shall be carried out by the Vice-Rector for Financial and Administrative Affairs.

Chapter 4. Recognition of Scientific Results and Affiliation Requirements

46. The Project Leader and Project Participants must indicate, in all materials prepared in relation to scientific results obtained within the project (scientific articles, theses, monographs, scientific developments, materials published in mass media and other publications), that these works were carried out within the framework of a research project financed by the University.

47. In all scientific publications prepared within the framework of the project, New Uzbekistan University must be indicated as the main place of employment (affiliation) of the author for University employees, and as at least the second affiliation for other Project Participants.

48. The annual scientific publication requirement established for University employees in the University's internal documents and the scientific publication requirements established within research projects financed under this Regulation shall be independent requirements accounted for separately.

49. A single scientific publication shall not be counted twice at the same time as fulfilment of the annual scientific publication requirement of a University employee and as fulfilment of the scientific publication requirement established for a research project.

50. The requirement under which a scientific publication is to be counted shall be indicated by the author of the publication or the responsible Project Leader through the relevant electronic system of the University or by means of a certificate in the prescribed form. In this case, the publication shall be registered once under the selected accounting type and shall not subsequently be counted again under another requirement.

51. When confirming fulfilment of the publication requirement under a research project, only scientific publications included by the Project Leader in the project report as project results and accepted by the Council shall be taken into account.

Chapter 5. Monitoring and Accounting of the Research Project

52. The Project Leader shall submit reports on the research project to the Council twice in one project year (interim and final). In this case, the interval between reports must be at least 6 (six) months.

The final stage of each research project shall be completed by submitting to the Council, in the prescribed manner, a detailed final report covering the overall results of project implementation, work performed, indicators achieved and main conclusions.

53. The report shall be accepted based on the status of implementation of the research project according to its calendar plan, the targeted expenditure of allocated financial funds, the results achieved in publishing articles in leading foreign journals based on the results of the research project, and their comparative analysis against existing potential.

In this case, based on the result of the final report for one project year, the Council shall adopt a decision on continuing or terminating the financing of the research project.

54. Reports prepared for research projects implemented with the participation of industrial partners must also be approved by the industrial partners.

55. The Authorized Department shall carry out continuous monitoring of the implementation of the research project in the following forms:

review of submitted annual reports by experts;

defense of reports by the Project Leader at meetings of the Council;

the status of implementation of the research project according to its calendar plan;

the targeted expenditure of allocated financial funds;

the results achieved in publishing articles in leading foreign journals based on the results of the research project;

the final results to be obtained within the framework of each research project and their commercialization opportunities.

Where necessary, independent experts and specialists may be engaged in carrying out monitoring.

56. Based on the results of monitoring, failure to perform the established work on time, as well as violation of reporting deadlines and financial discipline, shall constitute grounds for termination of financing at the initiative of the Council.

57. At the end of a research project, its results shall be documented and submitted to the Council in the form of a research report, innovative development / patent.

58. The research project report approved by the Council shall be uploaded by the Project Leader to the electronic platform in the form of an abstract.

Chapter 6. Final Provisions

59. Persons guilty of violating the requirements of this Regulation shall be held liable in accordance with the procedure established by legislative acts.

60. Cases not regulated by this Regulation shall be determined by decision of the Council.

61. Amendments and additions to this Regulation shall be introduced on the basis of the relevant order of the Rector of the University.

62. The deadlines established in this Regulation, including where different deadlines are provided in other clauses of the Regulation, may, where necessary, be changed, extended or shortened on the basis of the relevant order of the Rector of the University. In this case, changes to deadlines shall be made for the purpose of ensuring the continuity and effectiveness of the processes of selecting, reviewing, approving, financing or monitoring research projects.

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Appendix 1

**Scheme for Announcing the Competition for Research Projects, Reviewing, Accepting, Selecting
and Approving Documents**

Stages	Responsible parties	Activities	Deadline
Stage 1	Authorized Department	Preparation of proposals regarding the number and financing volumes by type of research projects to be implemented in the following year, as well as the priority areas of research activity of New Uzbekistan University (hereinafter – the University), and submission of these proposals to the Scientific and Technical Council of the University (hereinafter – the Council).	During May
Stage 2	STC	Approval of the number and financing volumes by type of research projects to be implemented in the following year, as well as the priority areas of the University’s research activity.	By June
Stage 3	Authorized Department	Formation of the list of topics for research projects.	By 5 March
Stage 4	Authorized Department	Sending the list of topics for research projects to the relevant industrial partner for agreement and reaching agreement.	5 March
Stage 5	Authorized Department	Announcement of the competition for financing research projects.	By March 30

Stages	Responsible parties	Activities	Deadline
Stage 6	Applicant	Uploading the research project to the electronic platform.	Within 30 working days (by 1 June)
Stage 7	Authorized Department	Conducting technical expertise of the research project and sending a notification to the applicant's email address regarding the review results.	Within 10 working days
	Applicant	Eliminating deficiencies identified during submission of the research project.	Within 3 working days
Stage 8	Authorized Department	Sending the research project for review, as appropriate, for the purpose of conducting scientific expertise.	After technical expertise
Stage 9	As appropriate: higher education institution / external expert / Council	Conducting scientific expertise of the research project.	Within 2 months
Stage 10	Authorized Department	Submitting the results of the technical and scientific expertise for review and approval at the Council meeting.	By August 5
Stage 11	STC	Review and approval of research projects in the form of an open discussion (presentation).	By August 15
Stage 12	Authorized Department	Organizing the signing of the Rector's order on the approved research projects.	Within 5 working days

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Appendix 2

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS for Research Projects

T/r	Indicator Name	Unit	Mega	Medium	Small	
I.	Duration	Year	3	3	3	
II.	Grant amount (annual)	BCA	10,400	4,999	1,040	
	including:					
2.1.	part of the funds allocated to equipment purchases ¹	percentage ²	60	60	33	
III.	Number of participants (minimum)	person	10	6	1	
IV.	Minimal requirements for project leader					
	including:					
4.1.	Involvement of foreign researcher	Number	person	1	1	-
		h-index ³		20	5	-
4.2.	Involvement of a Doctor of Sciences	person	1	-	-	
4.3.	Involvement of a Doctor of Philosophy	person	-	1	-	
V.	Efficiency indicators					
	including:					
5.1.	Attraction of foreign and/or local grants	percentage ²	20	-	-	
5.2.	Number of articles ("Q1" ³) (annual)	units	10	4	1	
5.3.	Creation of innovative development (prototype) or patent	units	1	1	1	
5.4.	Number of doctoral students to be involved ⁴	person	3	1	-	
5.5.	Number of master's and bachelor's students to be involved ⁴	person	2	1	-	
5.6.	Development of a Master's specialization programme	units	1	-	-	
5.7.	Guiding doctoral student to dissertation defense	person	3	1	-	
5.8.	Number of students to be scientifically supervised	person	10	3	-	

Notes:

- 1. Equipment includes laboratory equipment and related materials, raw materials, software, and expenses for infrastructure development.*
- 2. Relative to the financing volume of the research project.*
- 3. Determined based on the Scopus or Web of Science bibliographic database.*
- 4. Must be a doctoral student or student of New Uzbekistan University.*

**Coefficients used to calculate the monthly service fee paid to the Project
Leader and Project Participants**

No.	Project Role	Requirements regarding scientific degree and scientific title	Coefficient relative to the minimum wage
1	Project Leader	Holds both a scientific degree and an academic title	10,00
		Holds either a scientific degree or an academic title	9,50
		Holds neither a scientific degree nor an academic title	7,00
2	Chief Scientific Officer	Holds either a Doctor of Sciences or Doctor of Science degree, or another equivalent scientific degree from a foreign country, and the academic title of Professor	9,50
		Holds either a Doctor of Sciences or Doctor of Science degree, or another equivalent scientific degree from a foreign country, and the academic title of Senior Researcher or Associate Professor	8,50
3	Leading Researcher	Holds either a Doctor of Sciences or Doctor of Science degree, or another equivalent scientific degree from a foreign country	8,00
4	Senior Researcher	Holds either a Candidate of Sciences or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree, or another equivalent scientific degree from a foreign country, and an academic title	7,00
		Holds either a Candidate of Sciences or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree, or another equivalent scientific degree from a foreign country	6,60
5	Junior Researcher	Holds neither a scientific degree nor an academic title and holds a master's diploma	6,00
6	Support Staff	Technical or other qualified specialist required within the framework of the project	5,00

Note: The coefficients set out in this Annex are used to calculate the monthly service fee paid to the Project Leader and Project Participants.

Research Project Application - NewUU Research Project

Call Identifier	New Uzbekistan University Research Project 2026 (NewUU-RP-2026)
Project Title	
Field of study (aligned with NewUU/STC annual list):	
Project Type (Mega / Medium / Small)	
Applied grant amount	(Auto-generated from Budget)
Duration	36 months
Project Leader (Name, Degree, Position, Department):	

1. Project Summary

1.1 Abstract (max 300 words)

(Briefly describe the project essence, novelty, societal relevance to Uzbekistan, and expected outcomes.)

1.2 Plain Language Summary (max 250 words)

(Provide a plain language nontechnical description. This may be published on NewUU's website.)

1.3 Keywords – Provide 3-7 keywords

(Example: phase-change materials; cold-chain logistics; levelized cooling cost; photovoltaic pre-cooling; vaccine transport; SME pilots.)

2. Scientific Context and Preliminary Studies

2.1 Scientific Problem (max 200 words)

(Define the specific scientific or technological problem that the project addresses. Describe the problem's scope, underlying causes, and relevance within the broader research field. **Contextualize the problem in relation to national priorities** or societal, economic, or environmental challenges relevant to Uzbekistan.)

2.2 State of the art (max 600 words)

(Provide a structured and critical overview of the current state of knowledge and existing solutions related to the identified scientific problem. Identify the main achievements as well as the limitations, gaps, or inconsistencies in current research.)

3. Work Plan and Research Approach

3.1 Project Aims and Specific Objectives (max 500 words)

(Clearly state the overall aim of the project and break it down into specific, measurable objectives. Indicate how these objectives address the identified problem, contribute to the project's novelty, and align with the expected scientific, technological, or societal impact.)

3.2 Work Plan including Proposed Research Methods

(Present the project as a set of work packages (WPs), outlining the objectives to be addressed, the methods to be applied, the expected outputs, and the planned timeline. Indicate the interconnections between WPs and explain the specific roles of collaborating partners in achieving these goals.)

All fields are mandatory.

Field	Type
WP ID	Auto (WP1, WP2...)
Title	Text (short)

Duration	Integer (months)
Objectives	Short text box
Expected outputs	Bullet list (specific and measurable results)
Milestones	Bullet list (specific and measurable stop/go points in the project. Keep naming convention of M1, M2 etc. Give each milestone a delivery month, e.g. <i>month 12</i>)
Methods and chronological work description	
<i>Narrative text box</i>	

3.4 Data Management and Open Science (max 300 words)

(Describe how research data will be collected, stored, processed, and shared during and after the project. Explain how you will ensure data quality, security, and long-term preservation. Indicate how results and datasets will be made accessible in line with Open Science principles (e.g., open repositories, open-access publications), while respecting ethical and legal requirements.)

3.5 Risk Analysis and Mitigation

(Identify potential scientific, technical, or organizational risks that may affect the project. Assess their likelihood and impact, and describe strategies for mitigation. Where relevant, indicate contingency plans and the roles of collaborating partners in managing these risks.)

Examples:

ID	Description	Probability	Impact	Mitigation	WP
<i>R1</i>	<i>Data missing</i>	<i>High</i>	<i>High</i>	<i>Partner agreement on data access with partner X during the startup phase of the project.</i>	<i>WP1</i>
<i>R2</i>	<i>Delay in procurement</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>High</i>	<i>Buffer time in built in work plan. Agreement with University X to use their equipment temporarily.</i>	<i>WP2</i>

4. Expected Outputs and Impact

4.1 Scientific Results (max 500 words)

(Describe the main scientific results expected from the project. Specify the methods and measurable outputs (e.g., datasets, models, prototypes) and explain their anticipated impact. Highlight the scientific novelties of your approach and clearly state how the expected results provide advantages over existing research or technologies.)

4.2 Scientific Outputs (max 300 words)

(List the expected scientific outputs of the project, such as journal publications, patents, conference papers, datasets, software, or open repositories. Indicate the quality and level of ambition (e.g., Q1 journal articles, peer-reviewed conference proceedings, datasets with DOI) and specify how these outputs will be disseminated and made accessible to the scientific community.)

4.3 Educational Outputs (max 300 words)

(Describe how the project will contribute to education and training at different levels (undergraduate, graduate, doctoral).)

4.4 Commercialization and Application Pathway (max 400 words)

(Describe how the project's results will move beyond research into practical use. Explain the planned pathway for commercialization, technology transfer, and application of the outcomes.)

5. Research Team Potential

5.1 Team Composition

(List all team members (Name, Academic Title, Job Title, Workplace, Country, Role in this project. Table generated via the portal.)

5.2 Project Leader and Project Team (max 700 words)

(Describe the qualifications, experience, and leadership capacity of the Project Leader, demonstrating their ability to successfully manage and scientifically steer the project. Describe the role of the Foreign Researcher(s) and core team members, including their area of expertise and added value to the project.)

5.3 Partnerships and External Leverage (max 400 words)

(Describe the project's partnerships with external organizations such as universities, research institutes, industry partners, or public authorities. Explain the rationale for each partnership and the specific contributions expected (e.g., expertise, infrastructure, data access, pilot sites.)

6. Budget Overview

6.1 Project Implementation Costs

(Costs are calculated in the Budget Form via the portal.)

No.	Type of expenses	Total Expenditure Amount	Including for Each Year :		
			Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
	Multiples of the Basic Calculation Amount	-	-	-	-
	In thousand soums	-	-	-	-
1	Salary costs	-	-	-	-
	Social tax (12%)	-	-	-	-
2	Travel expenses	-	-	-	-
3	Expenses for Purchasing Equipment, Technical Means, and Other Tangible Assets Necessary for Scientific Research (equipment installation and commissioning)	-	-	-	-
4	Expenses for purchasing materials and components for scientific research	-	-	-	-
5	Other Expenses for Project Implementation	-	-	-	-

6.2 Additional Funding Attraction (if applicable)

(This section should indicate the amount of additional financial support obtained from other sources, such as national/international grants, partner universities, development agencies, or industry collaborators.)

8. References / Cited Literature

[List all sources cited in the application using a consistent citation style (e.g., APA, IEEE). You may include up to ten of your own publications among these references.]

Example:

In-text citation **Full reference**

- [1] Doe, J., & Smith, A. (2021). Phase-change composites for transport cooling. *Journal of Thermal Science*, 45(3), 210–225.
<https://doi.org/10.1234/jts.2021.045>

- [2] Lee, K. (2022). Physics-informed estimation for thermal systems. *Energy Control Systems*, 12(1), 55–78.
<https://doi.org/10.5678/ecs.2022.012>

- [3] World Health Organization. (2019). *Temperature control for vaccine logistics: Guidelines and best practices*. Geneva: WHO Press.

**New Uzbekistan University – Research Project
External Review Assessment Form**

Project Information

Project Title:	
Applicant / Project Leader:	
Reviewer Name:	

A. Overall proposal scoring guide

Recommendation Level	Description	Total proposal scoring range
Highly Recommended	Outstanding quality, highly innovative, minimal or no weaknesses	91-100
Recommended	Solid project, good quality, some weaknesses that do not compromise feasibility	81-90
Less Recommended	Several weaknesses; may limit feasibility or scientific contribution	61-80
Not Recommended	Serious weaknesses in concept, methodology, or team qualifications	0-60

Note: The scoring ranges are advisory for reviewers guidance and not binding for funding decision-making.

During scoring of each of three criteria, the reviewer is requested to describe the *strengths* and *weaknesses* in the comment box for each of the criteria. In Section D, provide a concluding explanation on your overall score.

B. Criterion-Based Evaluation (Total: 100 points)

The score assigned to each criterion should be consistent with the strengths and weaknesses described in the comments.

Comments should provide constructive feedback that can help the applicant improve the proposal.

1. Scientific Novelty and Practical Significance (Max 35 points)

Score (0–35): _____

- Is the research problem clearly defined and significant for the field?
- Does the proposal demonstrate originality and potential for scientific advancement?
- Is the state of the art adequately addressed, and is the project's contribution beyond existing work clearly justified?
- Are the expected scientific or technological outcomes meaningful and impactful?
- Does the project demonstrate potential relevance or impact for Uzbekistan's scientific, technological, economic, or societal development?

Reviewer Comments:

Strengths:

Weaknesses:

2. Feasibility of Implementation (Max 35 points)

Score (0–35): _____

- Are the research methodology and work plan appropriate and realistic for achieving the stated objectives?
- Are the available infrastructure, equipment, and resources sufficient for the project?
- Are potential risks identified and mitigation strategies described?
- If applicable, are industrial or academic collaborations well integrated and meaningful?

Reviewer Comments:

Strengths:

Weaknesses:

3. Scientific Potential and Results of the Research Team (Max 30 points)

Score (0–30): _____

- Does the project team demonstrate appropriate expertise and experience in the proposed research area?
- Do the past scientific results and publications indicate the ability to successfully implement the project?
- Is the distribution of roles and responsibilities within the team appropriate?
- If applicable, are doctoral students, foreign experts, or industry partners meaningfully involved?

Reviewer Comments:

Strengths:
Weaknesses:

C. Final Score (Sum of Sections B.1-3)

Total Score (0–100): _____

Note: Proposals scoring below 60 points are considered not to have passed the scientific expertise stage.

D. Concluding remarks

Provide an explanation on your overall evaluation of the proposal.

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Reviewer Declarations:

- I confirm that I have no conflict of interest with regard to this proposal.
- I agree to treat all information in this proposal as confidential and not to share it with any third party.

Reviewer Signature: _____

Date: _____