

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN RESEARCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Research and community service offer students the chance to engage in research projects, contribute to community service, and gain practical experience. This involvement promotes experiential learning, skill development, and a deeper grasp of societal issues. It enables students to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world scenarios and supports their growth as responsible and active members of both academic and broader communities.

The specific learning outcomes targeted for students involved in research and community service activities are aligned with the academic curriculum goals and aimed at developing students' research, critical thinking, and community engagement skills. These outcomes include enhancing students' ability to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world problems, strengthening their problem-solving and analytical abilities, and fostering their sense of social responsibility and commitment to serving the community.

The university has designed various models to involve students in teaching staff-led research and community service activities. These models include opportunities for students to serve as research assistants, collaborate on faculty-led projects, and lead their own community service initiatives with faculty mentorship. The roles of students in the research projects carried out by faculty members range from data collection and analysis to contributing to the design and implementation of the research. <https://uzswlu.uz/en/the-primary-organization-of-the-youth-union>

Department for work with talented students conducts, carries out and monitors the following activities: search and identification of talented students; determine the intellectual potential of talented students; organization of targeted training for talented students; arrange participation of the talented students to scientific and practical conferences, university, interuniversity, national and international conference, symposium, organization of their participation in Olympiads and competitions; support students in the strive for competition to get the Republic of Uzbekistan President's State Scholarship (<https://stipendiya.edu.uz/>; prezidentgranti.edu.uz , A. Navoyi, Zulfiya, Aleksandr Faynberg scholarships and the UzSWLU Rector's scholarships as well as international grants and scholarships such as ERASMUS, DAAD, El-Yurt Umidi and others; provides material and moral support for y talented students and their leaders. For the effective implementation of the above tasks, all vice-rectors, faculty deans, departmental principals, heads of academic departments, and group

coaches are responsible.

Talented students run newspapers (The New Young Generation, Journalistic Faculty) and join in the university sport competitions, stand-up show, participate in Drama and Creative writing Clubs, join the ecological activities and others (the "Media projects" competition, "Best Articles Competition" , innovative educational and production technology park "Made in Univer, the exhibition with the "StudUzb" project, the "Best Volunteer Projects" contest, the international student competition "Chinese language bridge-23", the contest "Défi Inter-Alliances 2024").

Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan, dated October 13, 2008 No. 226 “On the Encouragement and Financial Stimulation of Gifted Youth of Uzbekistan <https://lex.uz/docs/-1399382>.

Students are provided with effective mentorship and supervision in their participation in research and community service activities led by faculty and study program staff. Strategies used to ensure student guidance and support include regular meetings with faculty mentors, access to training workshops, and structured feedback mechanisms to help students navigate the challenges and maximize the learning outcomes of their involvement. In the 2023/2024 academic year, university departments have organized about 50 different scientific and creative circles for talented students and are currently operating. The activity of these circles is monitored weekly by the department of organization of scientific and research activities of gifted students.

Efforts are made to ensure diverse student participation in research and community service activities, considering factors like academic backgrounds, demographics, and inclusivity. This diversity contributes to the richness of the learning experiences, as it allows for the integration of multiple perspectives, the exchange of different ideas and approaches, and the fostering of a more inclusive and equitable academic environment.

The impact of student involvement in faculty-staff-led research is assessed using a range of methods and assessment criteria. These include measuring the development of students' research skills, critical thinking abilities, and community engagement, as well as evaluating the tangible outcomes and benefits of their contributions to the projects. The university also gathers feedback from students to better understand the personal and professional growth they've experienced through their participation in these activities. The results and achievements are circulated in through the university social network and website.

The university's approach to student involvement in research and community

service activities is centered around targeted learning outcomes, diverse participation models, and robust mentorship. Students serve as research assistants, collaborate on faculty projects, and lead their own community initiatives with guidance. Diversity and inclusivity are prioritized, enriching the learning experiences. Impact is assessed through measures of skills development, critical thinking, and personal growth, with achievements widely shared. To further support students, the university's Department for Work with Talented Students conducts activities to identify, nurture, and provide material and moral support for talented students. This includes organizing participation in academic competitions and facilitating access to prestigious scholarships and grants, such as the Republic of Uzbekistan President's State Scholarship, as well as international programs like ERASMUS and DAAD and etc. This experiential engagement, combined with scholarship and grant opportunities, empowers students to apply theoretical knowledge, solve real-world problems, and cultivate social responsibility - equipping them as responsible, impactful members of the academic and broader communities.