



UZBEKISTAN STATE WORLD LANGUAGES UNIVERSITY

Financial Assistance for Sustainable Local Start-Ups at UzSWLU 2025

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In 2025, Uzbekistan State World Languages University implemented an institutional program to provide direct financial and in-kind assistance for the establishment and development of financially and socially sustainable start-ups. Approximately UZS 300 million was allocated during the year for start-ups, entrepreneurial projects and related support activities. This report summarizes the University's funding mechanism, five documented examples of direct assistance and their contribution to local entrepreneurship and self-employment.

University funding mechanism

The assistance was financed from the University's own extra-budgetary revenues through the Commercialization and Support Fund, administered by the University's Department for Commercialization of Scientific and Innovative Developments. The funding was therefore provided institutionally by the University rather than solely by an external organization. The Fund enables the Department to select promising initiatives and combine cash assistance with mentoring, commercialization guidance and access to University infrastructure. The five documented examples below account for UZS 142 million of direct financial assistance and do not represent the full list of expenditure supported by the annual allocation.



Participants present their projects at the "My Start-up Project" competition, June 2025

Documented financial assistance in 2025

Project / beneficiary	Direct finance	Form and purpose of assistance
KulolMan	UZS 50 million	Direct finance for the pottery start-up, together with premises allocated on the University campus for pottery activities.
Junior Club	UZS 25 million	Direct financial assistance for project implementation and development.
StuDub	UZS 25 million	Direct financial assistance for project implementation and development.
Umar.uz	UZS 12 million	Direct financial assistance for practical implementation and development.
Local barbershop	UZS 30 million	Subsidy for a young person from the local community to establish a barbershop and create a sustainable self-employment opportunity.
Named awards total	UZS 142 million	Cash assistance, excluding the additional value of premises provided to KulolMan.

Local-community and sustainability contribution

The barbershop subsidy provides direct evidence that the University's financial support extends beyond internal student activity to a young entrepreneur in the local community. It supported the creation of a locally operated business and a pathway to self-employment. The KulolMan project also received in-kind infrastructure in addition to cash, lowering its initial operating costs and supporting the continuation of a traditional craft-based enterprise.

Together with entrepreneurship training and mentoring under the University's start-up support pathway, these measures help beneficiaries move from a business idea to practical implementation, income generation and longer-term operation. They contribute to youth entrepreneurship, employment creation, financial independence and socially responsible local economic development.



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Pottery master class at the KulolMan spin-off studio on the University campus, 11 July 2025

Institutional evidence and accountability

The funding mechanism and awards are recorded through the University's Department for Commercialization of Scientific and Innovative Developments and its Commercialization and Support Fund, together with the University's financial documentation. Supporting records include the 2025 fund allocation and expenditure records, project-selection or financing decisions, beneficiary and payment documentation, and the record allocating University premises to KulolMan. Publication of this statement and the associated records documents this support.