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International University in Tashkent

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Research Impact

Since its founding in 2002, WIUT scholars and students have actively engaged in research in Uzbekistan, Central Asia, and throughout the world. Lately, policy reforms have multiplied the need to support government and private sector decision-making with evidence from solid research. With a strong independent voice, WIUT is the choice of many organizations when they need quality analysis and recommendations.



Building Blocks:

- Research Focused Academic Staff
- Center for Policy Research and Outreach (CPRO)
- innoWIUT Entrepreneur's Lab
- Bloomberg Lab
- Centre for Professional and Life-long Education (CPLE)
- Researcher Support Schemes
- PhD / DSc (Graduate Studies)
- Research Funding
- Silk Road: A Journal of Eurasian Development
- International Research Collaboration
- Regular Research Events
- Research Portal
- Learning Resource Centre (LRC)
- Research Society
- Research Governance
- New Academic Talent Competition
- Research Skills Development Course

Multiple Disciplines

WIUT's subject areas Economics, Finance, Management & Marketing, Law, Computing, and Global Education provide the primary platform for WIUT's disciplinary and interdisciplinary research.

Mission

To provide International Standards of Education and Research Opportunities that contribute to the Intellectual, Social and Professional development of the Central Asian communities as well as Global Community.



WIUT is a member of SDSN, IAU and AdvanceHE



SDSN mobilizes global scientific and technological expertise to promote practical solutions for sustainable development, including the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Climate Agreement.



The International Association of Universities, created under the auspices of UNESCO in 1950, is a membership-based organisation serving the global higher education community through: expertise & trends analysis, publications & portals, advisory services, peer-to-peer learning, events, global advocacy.



Advance HE is a member-led, sector-owned charity that works with institutions and higher education across the world to improve higher education for staff, students and society.

University Rankings & Awards

WIUT Achieves Remarkable Results in THE Impact Rankings 2025



Over the past years, WIUT has adopted the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) framework to support this core mission and to record, measure, and improve our contribution to a range of social, environmental, and economic outcomes.

This year, in the 2025 edition, WIUT was ranked in four SDGs by the Times Higher Education (THE) University Impact Rankings:

SDG 5 (Gender Equality) – 401–600th,
SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth) – 201–300th,
SDG 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions) – 101–200th,
SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals) – 301–400th.

Notably, WIUT ranked 1st in Central Asia for SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, and 3rd in Central Asia for SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth.



WIUT, as Uzbekistan's first UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network member and a key host of SDG initiatives, is a leading advocate for sustainability in the region. Every student, faculty, and staff member contributes to embedding the SDGs across teaching, research, and operations. Starting from the 2025/2026 academic year, all courses will integrate Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) principles, with each level including at least one core module focused on holistic sustainability, reinforced through assessments.

Beyond the classroom, the campus has undergone a green renaissance: solar panels have now been installed on key buildings, water-filling stations have been installed as part of a broader initiative to reduce single-use plastics, with the ultimate aim of a plastic-free environment, and energy-efficient technologies have been integrated throughout.

Among other SDGs activities at WIUT are the annual Tashkent International Model UN Conference, Sustainable Business and Economic Integration Conference, UoW X WIUT SDG Summer School, and other research, capacity building and community activities.

SDGs Focus Areas

WIUT formally joined forces with UN in Uzbekistan for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The declaration solidifies the existing co-operation between the two organisations and it also shows the way of partnership between the UN and the academic sector of Uzbekistan for creating a more sustainable and equitable future for the country where no citizen is left behind. The 17 SDGs enable us to frame and bring together our extensive collective energies towards helping our part in addressing the needs of region's labour markets and environmental challenges.



Education for Sustainable Development at Westminster A Guide for Colleagues

The guide is aligned with the University of Westminster strategy to adopt SDGs into the curriculum. The guide outlines our commitment to being progressive, compassionate, and responsible to help students and colleagues from different backgrounds fulfil their potential and contribute to a more sustainable, equitable, and healthier society.

Selected SDGs focused activities at WIUT

- WIUT joined first in Uzbekistan the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UN SDSN) in 2019
- 24 September 2021, - Tashkent hosted international conference on New Uzbekistan's National SDGs: Milestones and Perspectives
- WIUT and the UN system in Uzbekistan celebrate UN Day
- Tashkent International Model United Nations (TIMUN) Conference
- UoW X WIUT SDG Summer School
- Sustainable Business and Economic Integration - Tashkent Business & Economics Conference (TBEC)

Graduate School

WIUT established the Graduate School in March 2020. The Graduate School offers Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and Doctor of Science (DSc) programmes in Management (08.00.13) and Econometrics & Statistics (08.00.06). The regulations, study and admission procedures are based on the requirements of the Supreme Attestation Commission of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovations of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The graduate studies include full-time and part-time (independent researcher) modes.



making body for dissertations defense. Beyond WIUT graduate students, PhD and DSc candidates from local universities can defend their dissertations at the Scientific Council of WIUT – currently in Management (08.00.13) and Econometrics & Statistics (08.00.06) discipline.

Currently, the Graduate School hosts 13 full-time and 22 part-time students. Among them, 11 are in Econometrics & Statistics and 24 are in Management. Most of the part-time students are faculty members or researchers at local universities.

WIUT's Scientific Council is a unique model in the country, hosting both international and local senior researchers and academic advisors. This makes the growing supervisory capacity strong to facilitate further development of graduate education in Uzbekistan, integrating international standards.

Graduate Placement

2021 was the first defense at the Scientific Council of WIUT by Anvar Gafurov, who received PhD degree in Management. Dr. Gafurov is currently working in one of the private universities of Uzbekistan. In 2023, WIUT's Finance Department faculty member Temur Makhkamov defended his PhD dissertation in Management. In 2023, Dr. Binoy Joy Kattadiyil, India, defended his DSc dissertation. He is currently working in both academia and a private sector. In 2024, WIUT PhD candidates Zamira Ataniyazova and Nilufar Rakhimova (Management), along with Munisa Turdibaeva (Econometrics & Statistics), have successfully received their PhD degrees.

WIUT Research Clusters

Our research clusters reflect key research focus areas within each school and provide a platform for developing multidisciplinary research links, as well as for connecting research with practice. Within each group, our faculty members undertake innovative empirical research and knowledge exchange activities. This also includes collaborations with private and public sectors with the support of WIUT's research and training centers and labs (CPRO, CPLE and innoWIUT). The clusters are formed within each school and department.

RESEARCH CLUSTERS

School of Business & Economics

Economics
Finance
Management and Marketing

School of Law, Technology & Education

Law
Computing
Global Education

Data Science

Data science is a research group in which researchers focus on big data analysis for decision-making for market participants in a dynamically growing economy. The research areas include data mining, insights for automation processes, machine learning, artificial intelligence, and other topics.



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International investment law

The group investigates broader objects that can qualify as investments as well as qualification of investors within the corporate structures in MNE and NCE. Outlining the scope of substantive standards as FET and FPS are also at the center of attention. The role of a national legal framework in investment regulation, including investment facilitation is another raising imperative in international investment law. The role of BITs and MITs in investment protection, as well as customary international law, is one of the main topics of review. The diagnosis of the ISDS system and improving investment dispute resolution is another essential topic of attention of the research group.

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Research Methods | Supervisory Capacity | Research Communities

MSc Research Methods

WIUT's MSc Research Methods in Social Science programme is designed for anyone who wants to pursue further PhD and/or start a career in research.

The course covers (1) fundamental of social science research design; (2) research methods and data analysis; (3) developing research and academic writing; (4) transferable skills and applied research practice; (5) advanced topics in research methods: quantitative; (6) advanced topics in research methods: qualitative; and (7) dissertation.

www.wiut.uz/research-methods

Discount for a PhD programme at the UoW

Upon successful completion of the MSc Research Methods Course at WIUT, graduates may enroll for a part-time research degree at the University of Westminster standard fee rate, subject to being offered a place. The details of the current fee for the PhD programme can be found at:

<https://www.westminster.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/research-degrees/fees-and-funding>

Training and Development Opportunities for Supervisors

Delivered by the Graduate School and the Centre for Education, Teaching and Innovation (CETI) at the University of Westminster (London) this module is open to all supervisors. Completion of the module counts as a doctoral completion on the supervisory experience record.

WIUT faculty members received University Certificate of Special Studies having followed an approved programme in Developing Researchers: Doctoral Supervision and Academic Practice by the University of Westminster, London:

- Dr. Anil Kumar
- Dr. Ikrom Rikhsiboev
- Dr. Lobar Mukhamedova
- Dr. Nargiza Alimukhamedova
- Dr. Khikmatullo Urazbaev
- Dr. Musojon Rizoiev
- Dr. Nilufar Rashitova
- Dr. Alisher Pulatov
- Dr. Nodira Isamuxamedova
- Dr. Dilshod Ibragimov



Center for Policy Research and Outreach (CPRO)



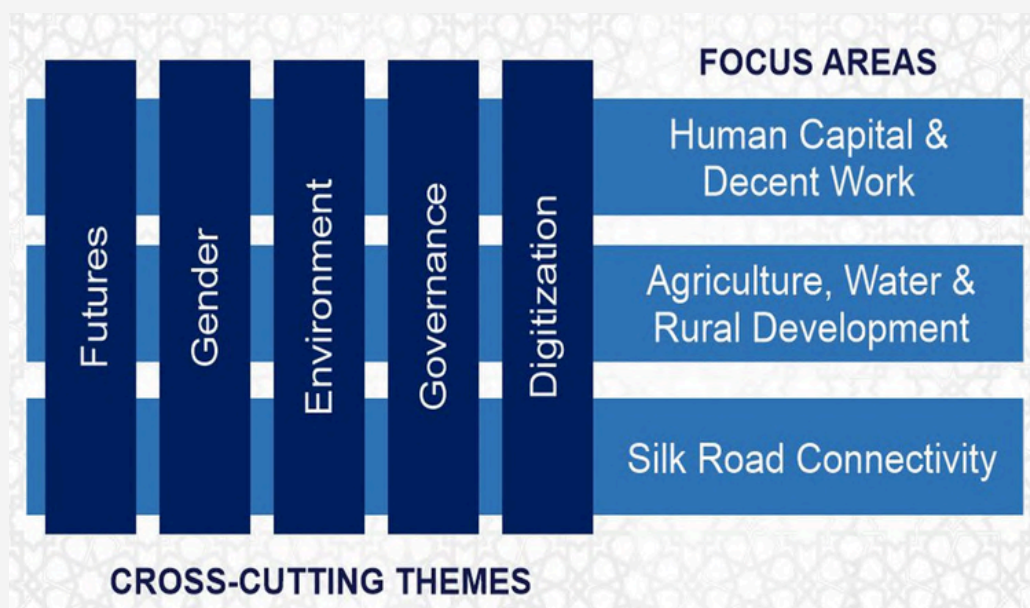
CPRO supports the education and research missions of WIUT. By pulling together researchers to engage in new, collaborative, and interdisciplinary research, we can more effectively respond to the demands of government, private sector and civil society.

The Center builds on the University's 21 years of research experience and WIUT's recognition for generating knowledge for Uzbekistan, Central Asia, and beyond. CPRO is becoming a platform where researchers, policymakers, and implementing agencies come together for dialogue supported by evidence leading to stronger decisions and better operations.

CPRO is structured around Multisector Research Groups. Each Group is led by a full-time Senior Research Fellow producing research and engaging others around the theme.

12+ Research Projects since 2019

19 Policy Briefs



cpro.wiut.uz

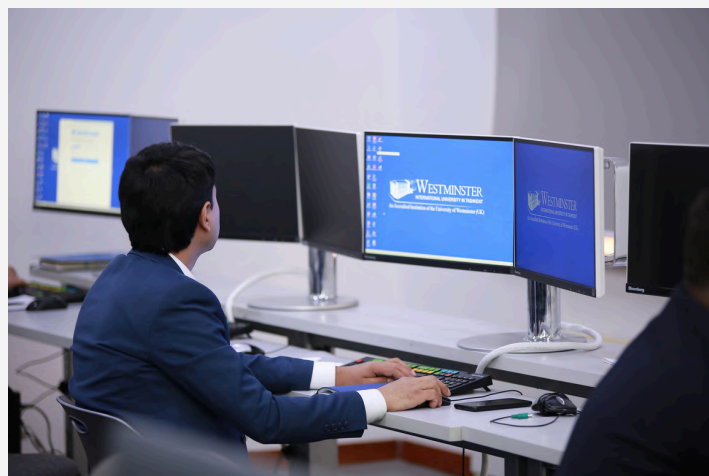
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Centre for Professional and Lifelong Education (CPLE)



WIUT has worked with organisations from many sectors as part of capacity building programs, delivering master classes and certificate programs. Recognizing an increasing demand for high-quality professional development opportunities and consultancy services, WIUT established the Centre for Professional and Lifelong Education (CPLE) in 2020.

CPLE acts as a crucial link between WIUT's academic and professional staff and its external partners, offering business expertise and tailored professional development programs to meet the specific needs of clients across different levels and organizational sizes.



Designed around the academic programmes of WIUT, with applied knowledge and skills, and strong research capacity of WIUT faculty, CPLE provides:

- Courses for External Organizations
- WIUT staff professional development
- Digital Learning Coordination
- Professional Certifications

Faculty members willing to contribute to CPLE portfolio, are welcome, by emailing cple@wiut.uz.

60+
Internal and External
courses
in Uzbek, Russian and English

cple.wiut.uz

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innoWIUT Entrepreneur's Lab



innoWIUT is the entrepreneurship lab of WIUT that produces startups, strongest innovation teams and timely business solutions, connecting them with industry leaders of Uzbekistan.

innoWIUT accelerates innovation and entrepreneurship opportunities for everyone. We inspire, guide and facilitate young enthusiasts in innovative entrepreneurship by forming the strongest teams and connecting them with industry leaders from Uzbekistan and across the region.

innoWIUT was established in partnership with the SAP.



Currently WIUT is a member of the SAP University Alliances program. The program enables academia to educate the next generation for the Intelligent Enterprise and the experience economy, engage at SAP events, build industry partnerships, and prepare graduates for the SAP ecosystem.



Since 2019, innoWIUT supported more than 10 successful startups

- Tass Vision
- StomaCRM
- abQUick
- UniCode
- E-med
- Kutma
- SparkleAI
- GBoost
- 360Vision
- PointAI



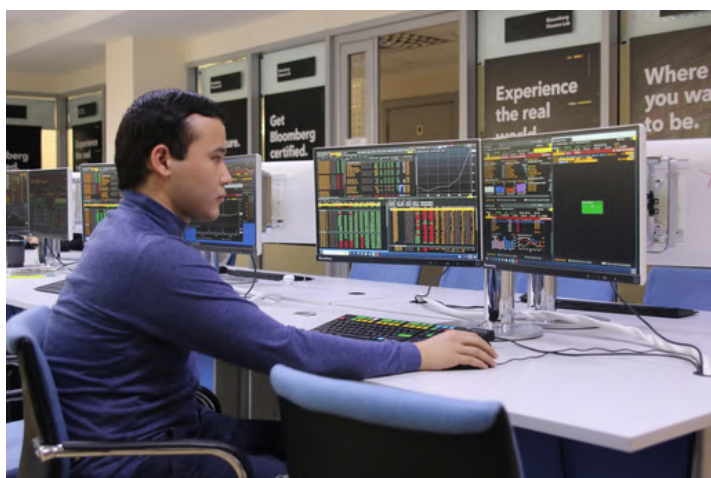
and wins international pitch competitions such as the Venture Crawl International Pitch Competition, and the Falling Walls Lab Summit.



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Bloomberg Lab at WIUT

The Bloomberg Lab at WIUT is equipped with 12 Bloomberg Terminals, through which users are able to access financial, economic, business-related data and up-to-date news. The data includes current and historical stock prices, currency exchange rates and quotes on world exchanges and many over-the-counter markets.



WIUT provides access to the Bloomberg Terminals through the Bloomberg for Education. Bloomberg for Education partners with academic institutions globally to bring the power of the Bloomberg Terminal into the classroom. Integrating classroom teaching with the real world data, news and analytics available on the Terminal prepares students of business and finance for their future in the industry.

Bloomberg Lab provides opportunities to get certified

Bloomberg Finance Fundamentals (BFF) is a self-paced, interactive e-learning course that provides an introduction to the key concepts involved in finance and investment. Throughout the course, you'll explore real-life scenarios through the perspectives of various professionals, helping you to manage your money and build an understanding of the different careers available across the finance sector. Other courses include Bloomberg Market Concepts and Environmental Social Governance.

Bloomberg Global Trading Challenge

Since 2021, WIUT students have competed at the Bloomberg Global Trading Challenge that tests students annually on generating the highest relative profit and loss return (P&L) via the Bloomberg Terminal. In 2021, five WIUT BSc Finance students were ranked 14th globally, 4th in Asia and 5th in the world by country representation. In 2022, WIUT students ranked 6th regionally and 26th globally. In 2023, WIUT Team was ranked 1st in Uzbekistan and 23rd globally. In 2024, our top-performing team, DT Capital, achieved an outstanding 39th place globally, placing them in the top ~1% of all participants. They also ranked 1st in Central Asia and 4th in Asia (by country)

Student Research Society

WIUT Research Society is a platform that brings together talented students from different subject areas - to stimulate their research capacity and experience, interdisciplinary collaboration and celebrate research activities.



WIUT actively supports undergraduate and postgraduate research with strong collaboration between faculty and students. Undergraduate dissertations of WIUT students have the list of “New Economic Talent,” a competition hosted by the Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education – Economics Institute (CERGE-EI) since 2014. Our internal competition – “New Academic Talent” rewards for best dissertations for undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Student Research Society Conference



conference.wiut.uz/srsc2025



UNESCO and Jean Monnet Chairs

WIUT hosts (1) UNESCO Chair in Future Studies for Anticipatory Governance and Sustainable Policymaking, (2) UNESCO Chair in Knowledge Economy, and (3) Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Actions Chair on Establishing Central Asian Centre for European Trade Law.

Prof. John A. Sweeney and Dr. Peter Malvicini from CPRO are the co-chairs in Future Studies for Anticipatory Governance and Sustainable Policymaking. The UNESCO Chair is the first of its kind in Central Asia and will promote research, training, teaching on futures studies for policymakers by linking to the government's ongoing reforms and for scholars and students.



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Chair

Dr. Komiljon Karimov (WIUT's Rector) is the UNESCO Chair in Knowledge Economy. The Chair aims to contribute to UNESCO's priorities and strategies in Education, while implementing a number of research and outreach activities in the field of knowledge economy and sustainable development and serving as a platform for knowledge sharing, in partnership with UNESCO entities and other institutions.



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization

- UNESCO Chair in
- the Knowledge Economy
- Westminster International University
- in Tashkent (WIUT), Uzbekistan

Dr. Akbar Ismanjanov (Law Department) chairs Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Actions in the field of Higher Education on Establishing Central Asian Centre for European Trade Law. This project aims to facilitate trade relations of Uzbekistan with EU through education and training programs tailored to equip future legal professionals with necessary knowledge base and skillset in trading with EU and assistance in this process.



Distinguished Speakers

WIUT hosts a range of high-level speakers from international organizations, public and private sectors. Among the most notable speakers at WIUT was Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs, SDSN Director and Economics Professor - Columbia University.



Sergei Guriev, Former Chief Economist, EBRD



Jeffrey D. Sachs, Columbia University



Leo Docherty, Former Minister of State, Parliamentary, UK Government



John Thwaites AM, the Chair of Monash Sustainable Development Institute



Albert Park, ADB Chief Economist



Cyril Muller, Former World Bank Vice President for Europe and Central Asia

Researcher Support Schemes



University has wide range of Research Development and Research Support Schemes including Research Projects Funding and Grants (both internal and external), Research Assistantship and Visiting Researcher Fellowship, Conference Travel, and Proofreading, Research Publication Bonus Scheme other administrative support and more.

Learn



Apply



Receive Support /
Funding



*Detailed description of selected Research Support Schemes are on the next pages

Research Funding

UoW and WIUT Research Collaboration Fund

WIUT undertakes collaborative research with the University of Westminster (London) through the UoW-WIUT Joint Research Collaboration Scheme. This research support programme promotes institutional cooperation and focuses on developing scholarly research helping WIUT and UoW faculty members develop their areas of specialisation as well as new areas of interdisciplinary research.

37 supported projects since 2017

Internal Research Grant

The objective of the Internal Research Grant is to encourage development of research projects to stimulate disciplinary and interdisciplinary research within and between different faculties of the university, and to produce high-quality research findings. The grant scheme particularly aims:

- To strengthen research capacity and capability;
- To encourage research collaboration between senior and junior faculty members;
- To enhance quantity and quality of publications;
- To establish research collaboration with other institutions and industry;
- To support research culture at the university.

10 supported projects since 2021



*Annual calls for both projects start in the middle of academic year

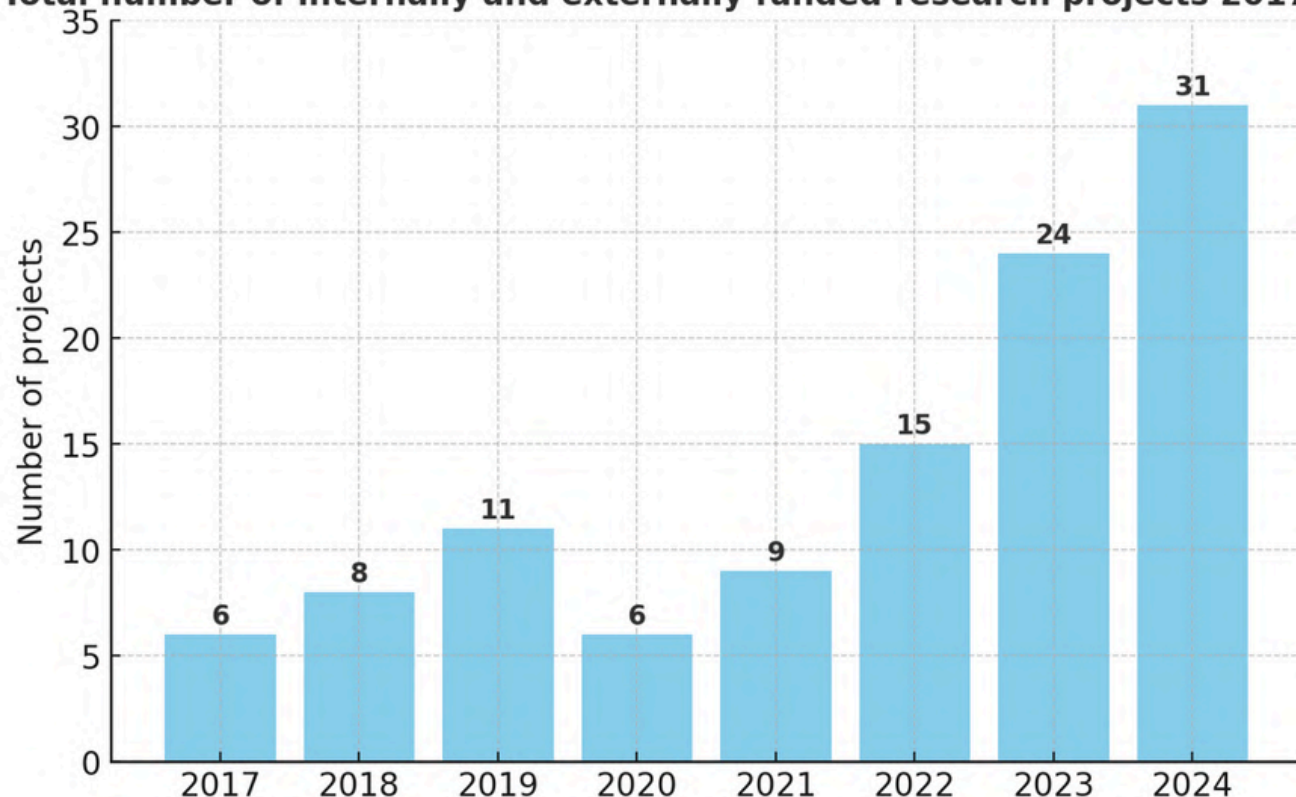
External Research & Education Projects

Strong collaboration with public and private sectors, and international agencies provides unique opportunities in the region for WIUT faculty members to participate in research projects funded by external stakeholders.

Among the partners of WIUT for external research funding are European Commission (Erasmus+); UN Agencies, including, UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, UNESCO, FAO; International Monetary Fund; World Bank; Asian Development Bank; European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; International Food Policy Research Institute; The Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies; and others.

WIUT produces evidence-based reports and policy recommendations to support socio-economic development of Uzbekistan and other Central Asian countries.

Total number of internally and externally funded research projects 2017-2024



Research Support Schemes

Research Publication Bonus Scheme

From April 2024, the University announced its new publications rewarding scheme to support university's research productivity in terms of quantity and quality. The scheme particularly encourages publication in Q1 and Q2 journals indexed in Scopus or Web of Science.

In 2024, 71 Articles out of 153 are published by WIUT staff in Scopus and Web of Science



Conference Travel Support Scheme

If accepted to a reputable conference (either local or international) faculty member can apply for Conference Travel support scheme. The support scheme covers full or part of travelling / accommodation / conference registration expenses, based on the policy. Faculty member who received the support scheme is expected to present conference paper findings at Research Seminar in WIUT, upon return.

Proofreading, Submission & Publication Fee Cover Schemes

To support publication opportunities in international reputable journals, WIUT provides several support schemes for full time staff. The publication support schemes include:

- Proofreading cost cover
- Journal Submission fee cover
- Journal Publication fee cover

*Applications for the support schemes are open during the whole year

WIUT Press & Graduate Café

WIUT Press - License Granted

WIUT is now eligible to publish/issue titles in socio-economics, education and literature, scientific works, and conference proceedings with ISBN. This significant milestone marks a new chapter in our commitment to advancing education, research, and communication within our community and beyond. We are excited about the possibilities this new press license brings and look forward to leveraging it to enhance our communication efforts and showcase the incredible work being done at our university.



“Graduate Café”

“Graduate Café” is a bi-weekly seminar / workshop series for PhD students, research assistants, and faculty members at WIUT, hosted by the Graduate School (Research). The “Graduate Café” provides an opportunity for graduate students to present their research findings, and to learn from senior researchers inside and outside of WIUT. The “Graduate Café” is held since 2021.



Research Assistantship & Visiting Researcher Fellowship

Research Assistantship

Since 2014, research assistants (RAs) have supported senior research faculty, contributing significantly to WIUT's research. WIUT faculty with qualified research experience can claim to hire research assistant(s) on a project basis. Research assistants are expected to help with data mining, carrying out surveys, doing literature review, and do other work related to a research project, including project management and other administrative work. Most research assistants continue their postgraduate studies in European and North American universities.



Visiting Researcher Fellowship

Regularly WIUT hosts visiting academics who contribute their interests and experiences in research to the WIUT community under Visiting Researcher Fellowship program. This program targets people willing to pursue their own research in association with WIUT faculty members. Researchers normally stay from a month to a semester.

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Meet WIUT's Visiting Research Fellows from leading global Universities



Khasan Redjaboev



Erhan Dogan



**Ikromjon
Tuhtasunov**



Leora Eisenberg



Meral Balci



Ibrahim Mazlum



Hatice Deniz



Jintao Yang



Huajing Yang

Annual Big Research Events & Summer Schools

Annual Big Research Events

WIUT annually hosts research conferences, summer & winter schools, and other research focused big events. Such events aim to create discussion platforms for research communities and interested stakeholders to share their knowledge and experiences and to discuss further research developments.

Among 50+ conferences hosted at WIUT since its founding, there were:

- International Conference on Agricultural Transformation, Food Security and Nutrition in Central Asia
- International Conference on Education and Linguistics (ICEL)
- Tashkent Business & Economics Conference (TBEC)
- Inclusive University Conference
- Central Asian Law Forum
- and other annual research events (conference.wiut.uz)

Summer and Winter Schools

We organize “summer” and “winter schools” to support capacity development in evidence based research amongst students and faculty members. Research summer schools include “Research Methods for Young Sociologists”, and “Summer/Winter School on Applied Econometric Analysis for Young Economists”. WIUT`s summer schools also include student exchange programs such as “Go East Summer School” funded by DAAD, and “UoW X WIUT SDG Summer School”.



Research Seminars & Research Training Sessions

Research Seminars

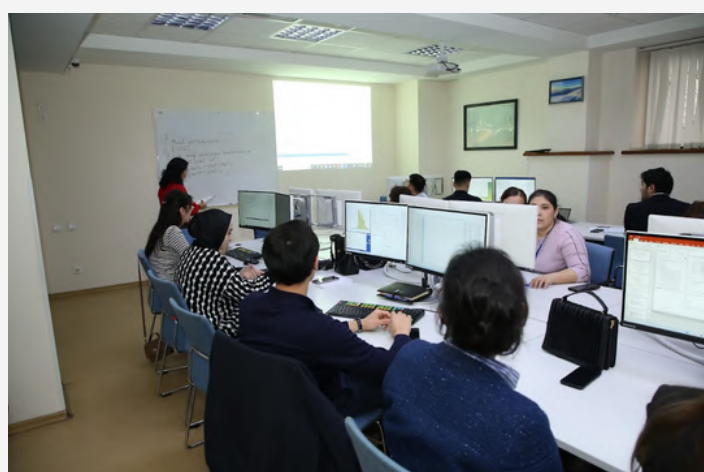
Research Seminars are a place where faculty members, research assistants, and students share completed research and works in progress. They receive valuable feedback to strengthen their research preparing them for conference presentations or publication. On occasion, visiting researchers from outside the University share their work.

Participants learn much from understanding how research questions are developed, a study is designed, and the process of collecting, analysing, and presenting findings and conclusions. Research seminars are hosted by all Schools of WIUT. The School of Business & Economics hosts the Research Colloquium series every Wednesday.



Research Training Sessions

Research training sessions cover philosophy of research, design, posing questions, quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis methods, and drawing conclusions and publishing results, including both theoretical and practical sessions. Practical sessions are supported with research tools for quantitative and qualitative data analysis including STATA, NVivo, and other useful software for researchers such as LaTeX.



Forum for Uzbek and Silk Road Studies

The Forum for Uzbek and Silk Road Studies (FUSRS) provides a dynamic platform for debate and discussion over contemporary developments in Uzbekistan, Central Asia and the broader Silk Road region. The Forum seeks to be inclusive, engaging with all those interested in the region, and to further international understanding of what is happening along the Silk Road.

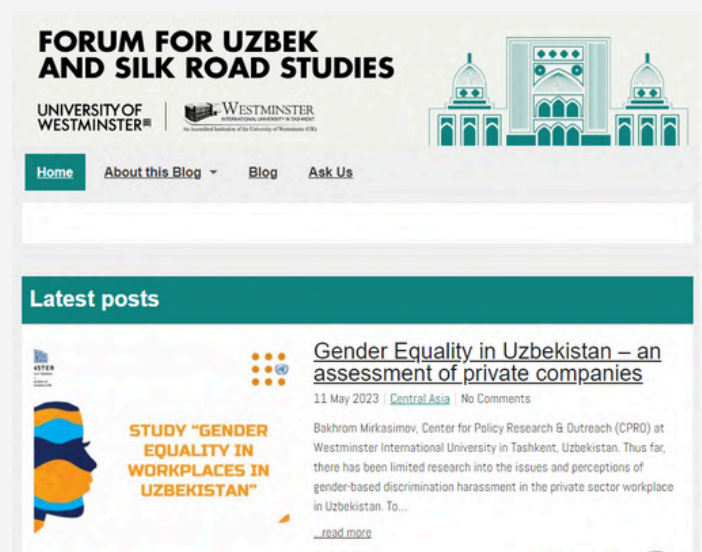
The Forum is a joint initiative between Westminster International University in Tashkent (WIUT) and the University of Westminster in London (UoW). These two institutions have enjoyed a fruitful and mutually beneficial partnership in which joint research activities have been developed.



The Forum was inaugurated in 2021 so as to profile this research collaboration more effectively and to share the synergies that derive from it with the wider research community.

The Forum exists in parallel in London and Tashkent and also comes together in shared research events during the course of the year. As well as focusing on Uzbekistan, the Forum explores issues relating to the wider Eurasia region, supported by the University of Westminster Press Silk Road Journal.

The Forum hosts talks, debates, workshops and conferences; visit our blog to learn more and stay up to date on our activity. WIUT undertakes collaborative research with faculty partners from the University of Westminster. This research support program promotes institutional cooperation and focuses on developing scholarly research helping WIUT faculty members develop their areas of specialisation.





Silk Road: A Journal of Eurasian Development

silkroadjournal.online

The journal exists to promote evidence-based scholarly research in social sciences and public policy studies that make the affairs of the Great Silk Road countries an area of significant interest, scholarship and impact.



The journal is intended for the reader from the academic, policy and private sectors with an interest in research specifically applied in the context of Silk Road countries. We welcome thematic clusters of articles on a topic, that have an analytical synergy interesting for wide audiences.

All research articles will undergo rigorous peer review, based on initial editor screening and anonymous double-blind refereeing by two referees. The journal intends to address readers, particularly young scholars, in Uzbekistan and the broader Silk Road region. It will keep its readership informed as to the latest trends and issues in economics, business and policy (e.g., demography, education, health, etc).

Article types:

- Research articles
- Commentaries
- Interview articles
- Policy papers
- Book reviews

Joint Editor-in-Chief

- Charles Becker, Professor of Economics, Duke University, United States
- Louise Grogan, Professor of Economics and Finance, University of Guelph, Canada

Managing Editor

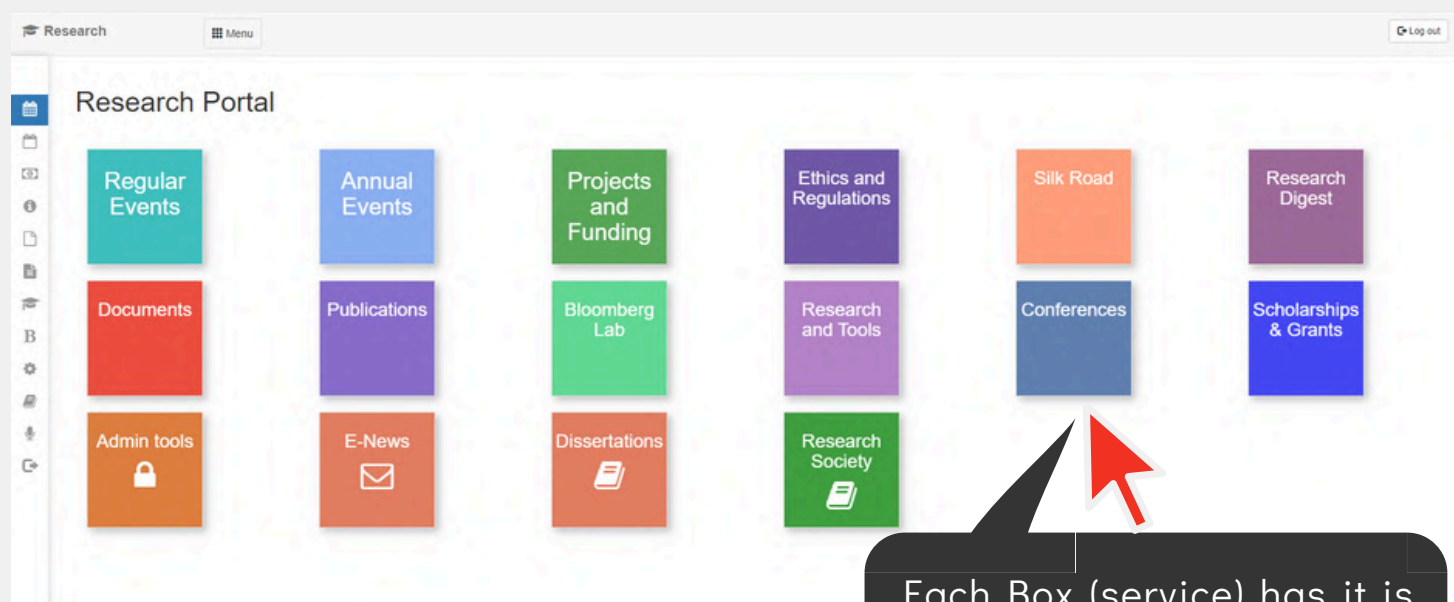
- Bakhrom R. Mirkasimov, Rector, Westminster International University in Tashkent

The journal's publisher, University of Westminster Press, focuses on making content discoverable and accessible through indexing services.



Research Portal & Friday Newsletter

Research Portal is a centralized record of the research output of the University's academic community. Most of the services provided by the Graduate School (Research) are accessible through the portal (some services are at the development stages).



Each Box (service) has its own feature such as application forms to research support schemes, or database of publications. All of the services are integrated with a user's WIUT email and Intranet account.

WIUT staff receive a weekly Newsletter, where they can find information on the call for papers, events hosted during a past week, publications of other colleagues, and other information.

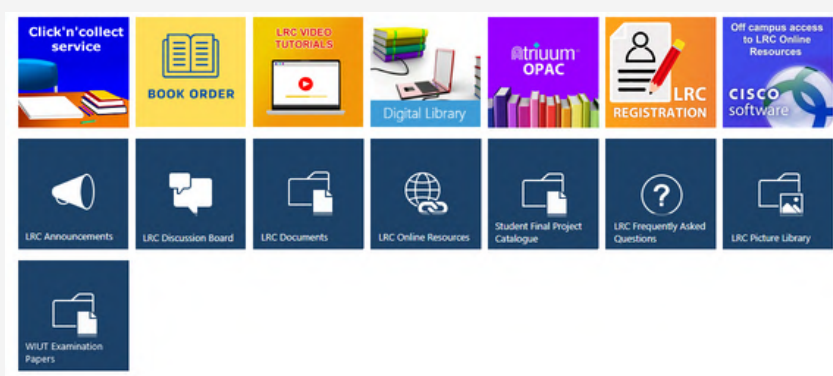


Library (lrc.wiut.uz) & Spaces

Learning Resource Centre

Learning Resource Centre (LRC) of WIUT provides quality and reliable print and electronic resources and innovative services to stimulate creativity, intellectual inquisitiveness and to facilitate learning and research processes. It is an essential component of the academic life of the University because of its accessibility, sustainability and credibility.

The LRC provides access to research databases such as Web of Science, Springer, and others. It also provides research capacity building opportunities for staff and students - such as academic writing and referencing.



The LRC hosts open dissertation repository. It allows students and staff members to read best final projects (dissertations). Beyond academic and research activities, the LRC hosts the Book Club which provides students and staff opportunities to be involved into the world of non-fiction readings. Library Catalogue which is known as OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue) allows LRC users to search journals and books held in the Library.



LRC's new library system

WIUT integrated a new library self-check-in/out system. This state-of-the-art equipment has made borrowing and returning books easier than ever before.



Research Governance



Research Ethics

Research in social sciences is often concerned with collecting data from people. This raises questions about the way in which people who provide data should be treated by researchers, and such questions are often ethical in nature.

The University has policies and procedures in place relating to Research Ethics. WIUT's Research Ethics Panel is a part of the University Research Development Standing Committee. Its primary focus is to consider general ethical issues concerning research activities (such as primary data collection, surveys, focus group discussions, etc) undertaken by University staff, students, other individuals or organizations working with the University, in accordance with the Research Ethics Policy.

Any research involving human participants, personal data or human tissue applications must be submitted via the online system for ethical approval. Each application form for Research Ethics Panel consideration shall be reviewed by at least three members of Panel and response to applicant the result of the review shall be provided within a specific period in the policy.

Applications from undergraduate and postgraduate students are reviewed by respective supervisors / subject area experts.

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