

Announcement on the “Uzbekistan-Azerbaijan” Joint International Scientific Competition

Within the framework of cooperation in the field of scientific activity between the State Agency for Science and Higher Education under the Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Innovative Development Agency operating under the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovations of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the call for submission of scientific projects for the “Uzbekistan-Azerbaijan” Joint International Scientific Competition is hereby announced.

Projects submitted within the competition will be accepted in the following scientific fields:

- Energy, petrochemistry, and materials science;
- Agriculture and biotechnology;
- Information technologies, artificial intelligence, and digital transformation;
- Ecology and environmental protection, climate change, and water resources management;
- Architecture, construction, design, and urban planning sciences;
- Pharmacology and pharmaceutical sciences.

Scientists wishing to participate in the competition must identify a partner for project implementation (Azerbaijani scientists from Uzbekistan, and Uzbek scientists from Azerbaijan) and submit a joint project on the same topic in accordance with the competition requirements announced by both parties. At all stages of the competition, only projects that receive positive evaluations from both parties will be admitted to the next stage.

On the Azerbaijani side, the submission of scientific projects will be carried out until March 15, 2026, by completing the relevant project application form ([link](#)) and sending it to science@eatda.edu.az.

Competition Conditions

1. Scientific entities possessing the scientific and technical capacity and potential to conduct applied research are eligible to participate in the competition.
2. Each project leader may submit only one project to the competition.
3. For applied research projects, an extract from the minutes of the meeting of the Scientific (Scientific-Technical) Council of the implementing institution must be provided, specifying and justifying the significant scientific outcome expected to be achieved as a result of the project implementation (final product, new technology, high-quality publication, patent).
4. Projects with an implementation period not exceeding three (3) years are accepted.

5. The average age of the research team must not exceed 45 years. The average age is calculated as the arithmetic mean of the ages of all project participants.
6. Information on the joint implementing institutions operating in the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Republic of Uzbekistan, as well as details regarding the joint implementer's involvement in the project application, must be attached.
7. On the Azerbaijani side, the selection of five (5) winning scientific projects is envisaged, with funding in the amount of 50,000 (fifty thousand) AZN allocated for each project.
8. If the implementation of research projects involves the development of information systems, software products for integrated use, web platforms, or mobile applications, the following requirements shall apply:
 - If the obtained research result has commercial potential, an application must be submitted to the Intellectual Property Agency for patenting the product;
 - Ensuring the continuous operation of the software product after the completion of the project and updating data when necessary;
 - Inclusion of “hosting” and “domain” costs (in the case of mobile applications, placement in mobile application stores) for a minimum period of three (3) years under Clause 5.4 “Other Similar Project Costs” of the project application form.

For questions regarding the preparation of project applications, it is recommended to contact the responsible staff members of the State Agency for Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Innovative Development Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan:

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