



# UZDOC 2.0.

FURTHERING THE QUALITY OF DOCTORAL  
EDUCATION IN UZBEKISTAN

## AGREEMENT of UZDOC 2.0 project partners



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We the undersigned,

- Karakalpak State University

Represented by: Reymov Akhmed Mambetkarimovich, Rector;

- Karshi State University

Represented by: Shoimkulov Bakhodir Allaberdievich, Rector;

- Namangan State University

Represented by: Esanov Muzaffar Hoshimovich, Rector;

- Samarkand Institute of Economics and Service

Represented by: Pulatov Mukhiddin Egamberdievich, Rector;

- Tashkent Financial Institute,

Represented by: Azizov Ulugbek Uktamovich, Rector;

- Tashkent Chemical-Technological Institute

Represented by: Mutalov Shukhrat Akhmadjonovich, Rector;

- State Institute of Arts and Culture of Uzbekistan

Represented by: Yuldashev Ibrohim Juraevich, Rector

declare the following:

1. We agree that the attached Joint Doctoral Centre (JDC) Strategy Document, an outcome of the UZDOC 2.0 project experience, is accepted for implementation to develop doctoral education at our institutions as well as to ensure the project's sustainability.
2. We confirm that we received equipment (total amount 71125 euro) within the UZDOC 2.0 Erasmus+ capacity building project to establish a virtual doctoral studies network amongst the 7 above mentioned partners and we also confirm that the resources will be used to foster the doctoral centers.

**Signatures:**

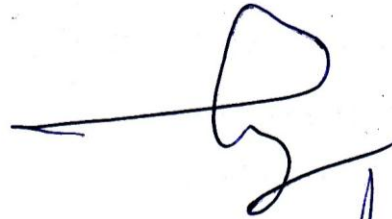
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# JOINT DOCTORAL CENTRE

## STRATEGY DOCUMENT

### **Overall mission statements**

The JDC pledges to support and develop all doctoral candidates and their supervisors

The JDC will ensure the quality of both the PhD process and the experience of the Doctoral candidates<sup>1</sup>

The JDC will strive to improve the doctoral education based on the latest research and knowledge and exploiting close collaborations with society, industry and public sectors.

### **Priorities:**

To identify the potential candidates for doctoral studies and supervisor needs

To establish a training panel

To establish a quality assurance panel

To develop appropriate discipline-specific and generic training for doctoral candidates

To provide training for supervisors

To select an Institution with overall responsibility for coordinating the JDC agenda

To create doctoral schools in respective departments and faculties based on existing scientific potential.

### ***Tasks with timelines:***

To provide methodological and technical support for doctoral candidates (ongoing)

To provide systematic, up-to-date and high-quality education to all researchers (ongoing)

To provide an online platform to share the experiences between students and supervisors by creating the web-site (immediate)

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<sup>1</sup> Doctoral candidate – all full-time, part-time, individual researchers at PhD levels.

To increase motivation for early intention to start research among the teaching staff by organizing the info-seminars.

**Objectives with timelines:**

To agree the coordinating Institution to take responsibility for establishing and developing the JDC (immediate)

To establish or form the training panel with members of relevant expertise and background (within one month after signed this agreement)

To establish the quality assurance panel with members of appropriate experience (within one month after signed this agreement)

To send out a question set (training panel) to identify needs of the doctoral candidates and supervisors (within one month)

On the basis of answers to generate the content of the training courses (within 3 months)

To propose / decide who is to deliver the training (within 3 months).

To agree and establish a programme of training with a timetable (within 6 months)

To generate a feedback question set and to carry out analysis of feedback from students and supervisors (every 6 months)

**Additional functions, roles or responsibilities of DOCTORAL CENTERS**

Full operation the network of virtual doctoral center within the UZDOC 2.0 project

To organize the training courses for PhD candidates (research methodology and research design, statistical analyses, academic writing),

Online discussion of research proposals prepared by individual researchers,

Online participation in pre-defense dissertation seminars, (for instance, between similar departments and peers committees).

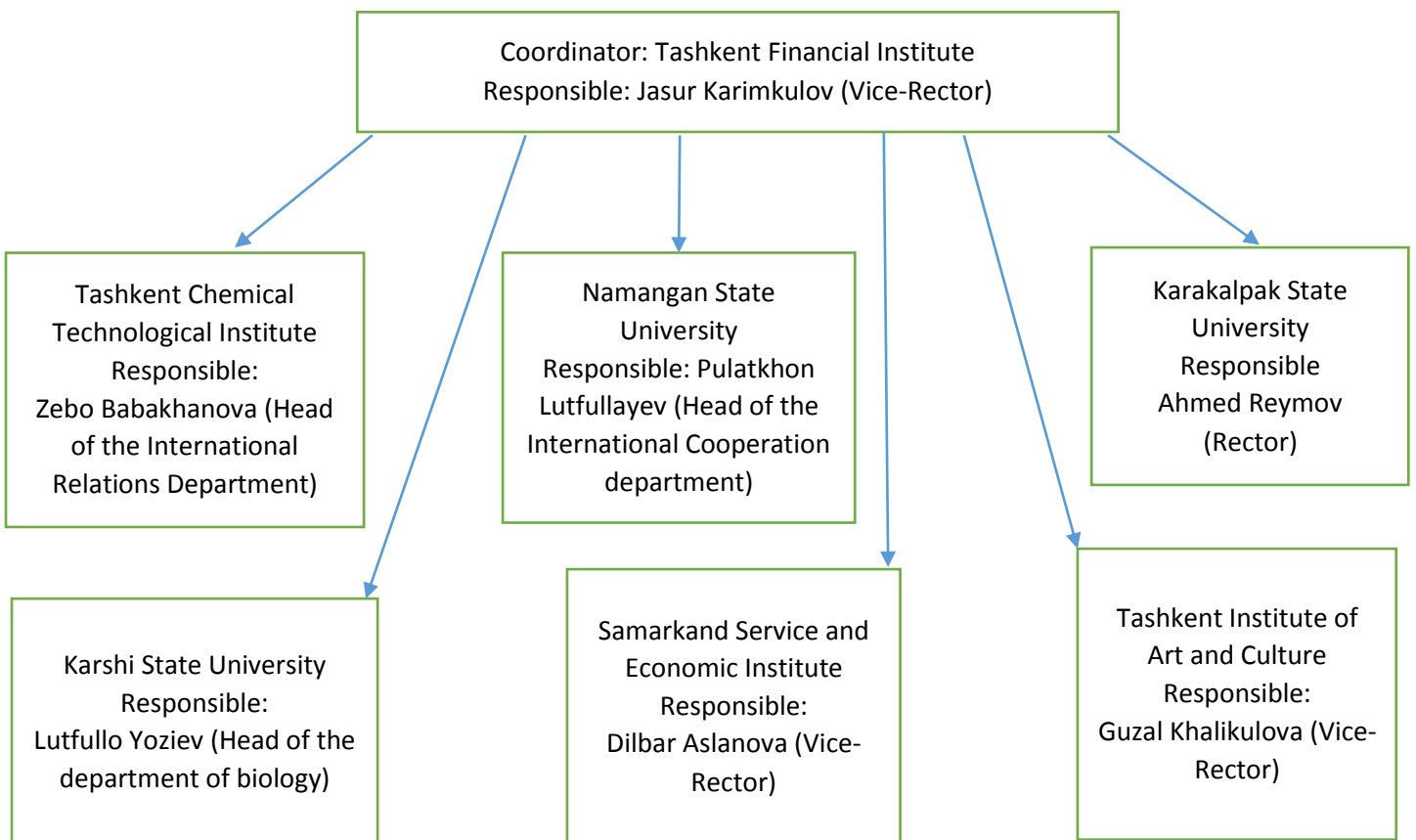
Distance presentation of the dissertation results to fulfill the “Leading institution” examination before the defense session.

Organizing the distance education and videoconference discussion with European partners.

## The proposed courses at the doctoral centers

- Research methodology and research design
- Ethics and research integrity
- Qualitative and quantitative research
- Statistical analyses (SPSS training)
- Academic writing
- Public speaking
- Defense and viva process

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## KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

- Number of articles in high impact factor journals,
- Number of participants in international conferences,
- Number of supervised defended dissertations (for supervisors)

- Number of defenses of PhD dissertations,
- Number of positive feedbacks
- Number of “New comers” to the PhD degree programme who start the dissertation
- Number of courses organized for PhD researchers,
- Number of online seminars and webinars for PhD researchers.

**Coordinating board (7 partners), chairperson: Jasur Karimkulov,  
assistant: Ulugbek Khalikulov**

**Programme Teams:**

TFI: Jasur Karimkulov  
 NamSU: Pulatkhon Lutfullayev  
 TCTI: Zebo Babakhanova  
 UzSIAC: Guzal Khalikulova  
 SamIES: Dilbar Aslanova  
 KarakalpakSU: Ahmed Reymov  
 KarSU: Lutfullo Yoziyev

**Skills Development and training  
(Chairperson: Guzal  
Khalikulova), responsables:**

TFI: Abdunabi Pardayev  
 NamSU: Murodilla Yakubbaev  
 TCTI: Anvar Narimov  
 UzSIAC: Utkur Islamov  
 SamIES: Samiddin Tashnazarov  
 KarakalpakSU: Atabek Alimov  
 KarSU: Bakhodir Karimov

**Assuring and enhancing PhD  
quality and experience  
(Chairperson: Dilbar  
Aslanova), responsables:**

TFI: Jasur Karimkulov  
 NamSU: Bakhrom Urinov  
 TCTI: Khasan Qodirov  
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 SamISE: Dilbar Aslanova  
 KarakalpakSU: Batir  
 Kaipberganov  
 KarSU: Abdulaziz Kurbanov

***Skills Development and training group tasks (Chairperson: Guzal Khalikulova, Technical staff&: Maksim Savochkin):***

- To identify the student population and supervisor needs
- To identify trainers
- To develop timetable for courses
- To develop appropriate discipline-specific and generic training for doctoral candidates
- To provide training for supervisors
- To organize the training courses for PhD candidates
- To organize the online discussion of research proposals prepared by individual researchers,
- To organize the online participation in pre-defense dissertation seminars, (for instance, between similar departments and peers committees).
- To organize the distance presentation of the dissertation results to fulfill the “Leading institution” examination before the defense session.
- To organize the distance education and videoconference discussion with European partners.
- To analyze results of feedback (from PhD candidates and supervisors)
- To analyse the number of course participants (uptake)

(The above panel meets every 6 month)

***Assuring and enhancing PhD quality and experience (Chairperson: Dilbar Aslanova):***

- *To accomplish the scheduled activities (define these)*
- *To analyses progress of dissertation works*
- *To monitor the annual reports of PhD students*
- *To examine the supervisor’s activity*
- *To meet with members every 6 months*

***Schedule of JDC coordinating board meetings***

- Board meeting: *every 6 months*



- Face to face meeting: *every 1 year*
- Online meeting: *based on mutual agreement*
- Ad hoc meeting: *based on needs and urgency*

*Each meeting will have a protocol or agenda and note-taking (minutes made).*