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Dear colleagues and students,

Welcome to the September issue of the Office of the Provost -Research (OVPR) newsletter. We hope that you enjoyed your summer holidays and return refreshed and revitalized. In this issue, we present NU's research performance evaluation; the structure, organization and operations of the OVPR; the latest British Council's call for grant applications, as well as 53 other, current, potential funding opportunities.

If you are aware of any additional funding scheme that you would like to share with your colleagues, please [contact us](#).

Special Points of Interest:

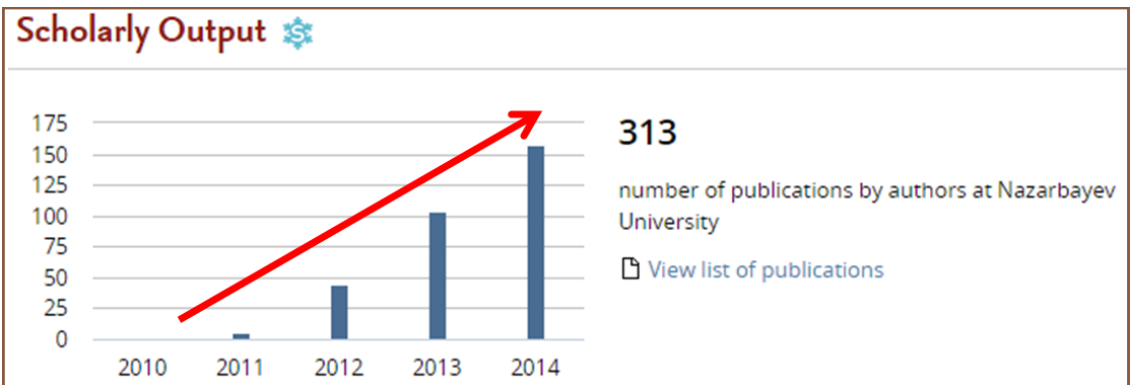
Interest:

- NU Research Evaluation
- Office of the Vice-Provost for Research: Structure, Organization and Operations
- New Funding Opportunities for NU scholars
- British Council workshop and travel grants

NU Research Evaluation: A Brief Overview

Aiman Temirova, Manager for Research Monitoring and Assessment, presented an overview of Nazarbayev University research performance at the Research Council of August 4, 2015.

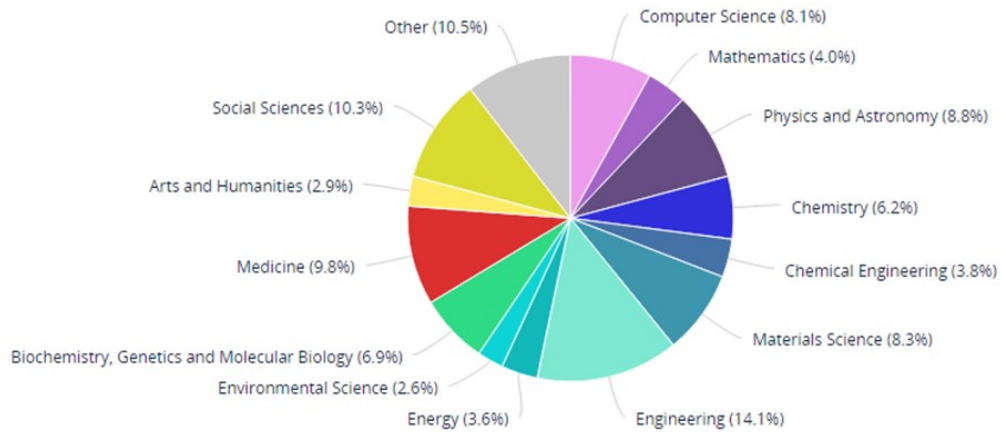
The presentation drew attention to the fact that, since its inception, Nazarbayev University has steadily increased both the quantity and quality of its research output. Overall, 250 NU faculty members and researchers have produced 313 internationally-refereed publications between 2011 and 2014, 9.6% of which are ranked among the world's top 10% most highly-cited papers. It was also worth noting that 68.4% of these have been co-authored with international collaborators.



Overall research performance

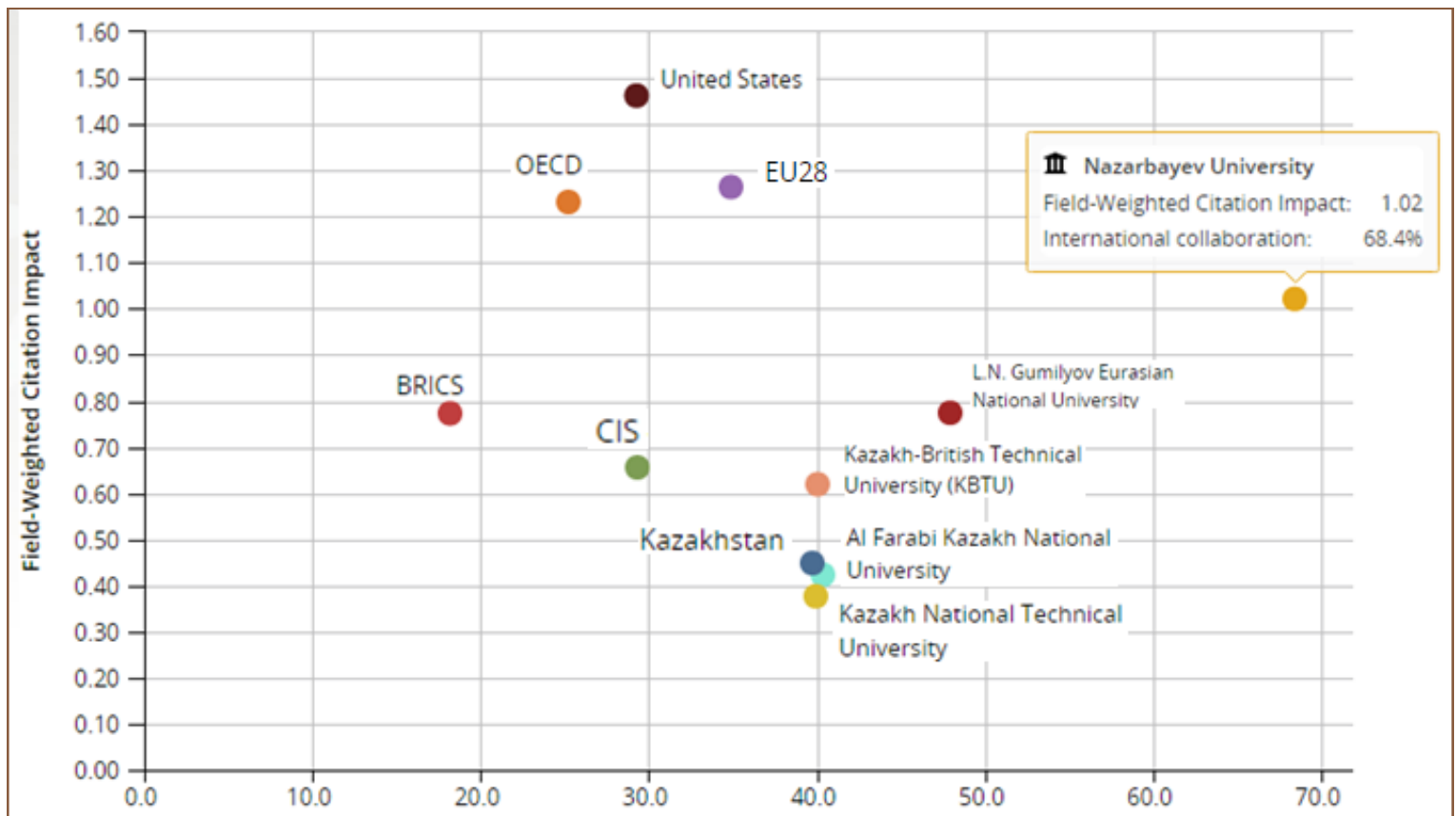
Publications **313** ▲ Citations **733** Authors **250** ▲ Field-Weighted Citation Impact **1.02** Citations per Publication **2.3**

View list of publications



Compared with other major Kazakhstani universities, Kazakhstan as a whole, the US, EU, OECD, BRICS and CIS countries, NU has the highest rate of international co-authorship and ranks third in terms of research quality (just after the US and OECD).

To find out more, please click [here](#)



Funding Opportunities by Discipline

Aiman Temirova presented a document on funding opportunities for NU scholars at the Research Council meeting of August 25, 2015.

We identified **53 funding opportunities** available to you.

If you want us to find more funding opportunities for you, please send us an email with your research field and key words of your research interests, and fill out the columns "Citizenship", "Research Area" and "Key Words" in the document. We will find the right funding scheme for you!

Download the document

British Council Workshop and Travel Grants

Deadline: 28 September, 2015

The British Council and JSC Science Fund have opened a call for proposals for travel grants and joint UK-Kazakhstan workshops under the Newton – Al-Farabi Partnership Program.

Workshop grants

Leading Researchers are invited to propose themes for bilateral workshops, which will bring together early career researchers from the UK and Kazakhstan to discuss their research and start to build international relationships. Successful workshops will receive funding, and the applicants will be responsible for organizing the workshop.

Travel grants

The *Researcher Links Travel Grants* provides financial support for early-career researchers to undertake an international research placement in order to strengthen links for future collaboration, build research capacity in developing economies, and enhance the researcher's career opportunities.

Find out how to apply

Find out more

Office of the Vice-Provost for Research: Structure, Organization & Operations

Assel Narymbetova, Senior Manager for Research Operations, presented the "Structure, Organization and Operations" of the office of the Vice-Provost for Research at the Research Council meeting held on 25 August, 2015.

The presentation highlighted the main documents on research development at Nazarbayev University: Nazarbayev University's vision as a Research University, Nazarbayev University Research Strategy 2014-2020, and the Implementation Plan for 2014-2020. It also drew attention to NU's Thematic Pillars (key multidisciplinary research areas) and action items in these documents that will help Nazarbayev University fulfill its mission as a world-class, 21st Century Research University, and reach its strategic targets.

Three main strategic documents for research development at NU

I. Nazarbayev University's vision as a Research University

- ◆ The document defines the characteristics of a successful recognized and world-class 21st Century Research University and the vision for Nazarbayev University to reach that goal.
- ◆ After five years of existence we have now reached the point at which it has become necessary to develop proper enabling conditions to establish world-class research, to integrate teaching with research and to integrate and balance our current and future resources and assets.

II. Nazarbayev University Research Strategy 2014-2020

- ◆ The document allows us to foresee and identify the challenges facing our university over the next seven years and to evaluate their implications in terms of scientific priorities, collaborative initiatives, human capital development and resource management.
- ◆ In order to become a competitive international research institution, we must focus our research activities on a relatively small number of flagship programs where we can assemble sufficient pools of researchers with complementary expertise to compete internationally and address large-scale problems of both local and global significance.

III. Implementation plan 2014-2020

- ◆ Effective strategy required effective implementation. The realization of the plan will thus be driven by a series of specific measures and action items that we have compiled through an institution-wide consultative process.



Research Strategy

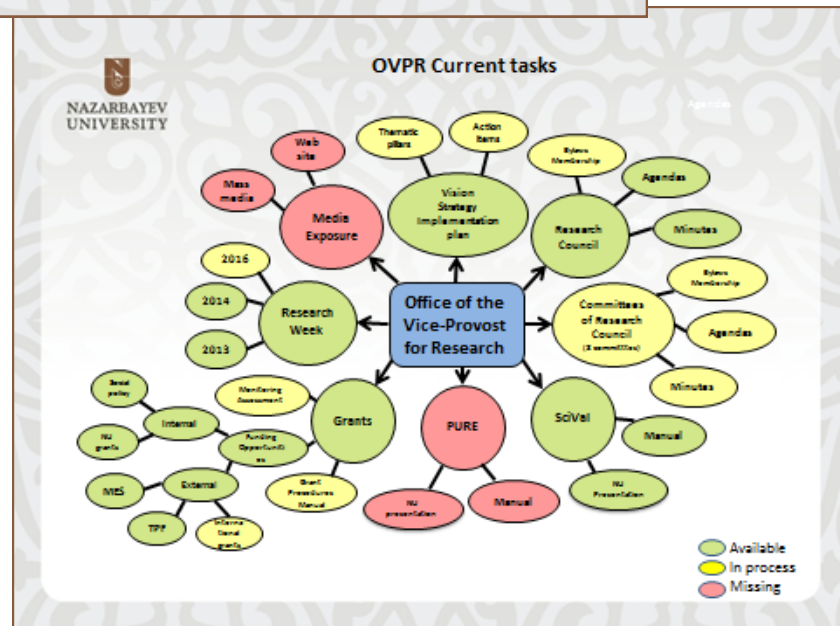
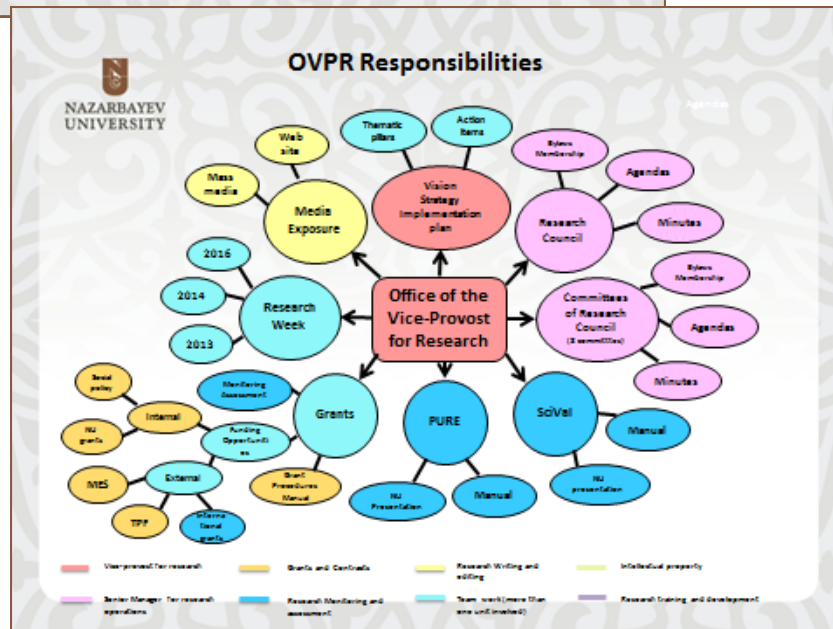
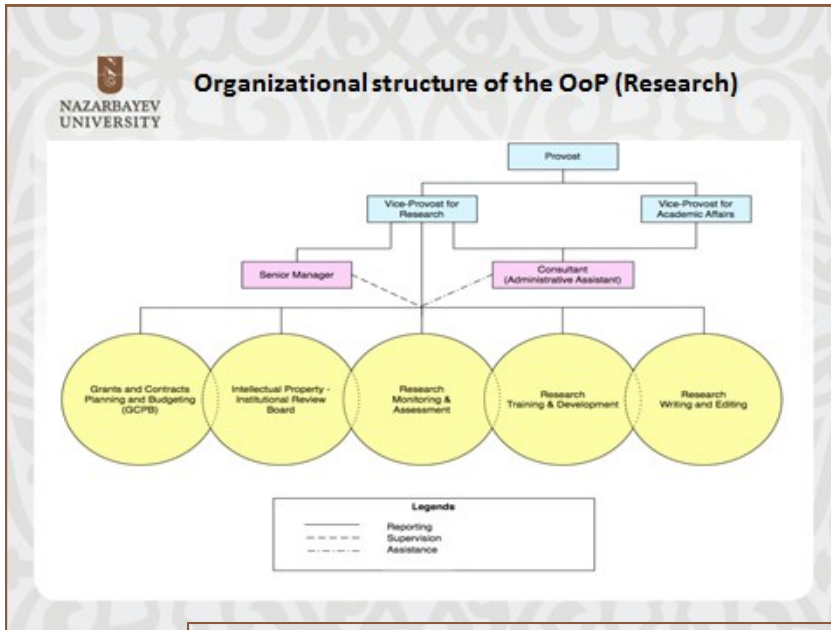
1) Become a well-positioned world-class research university by 2020;
2) Serve as a model institution to lead scientific reforms;
3) Contribute to spearhead the socio-economic development of the country.

Thematic pillars

- Healthier and longer life
- Earth observation, exploration and conservation
- Socio-economic development



Assel Narymbetova also presented the organizational structure of the research part of the Office of the Provost (OoP) and defined the current tasks and zones of responsibility of each OVPR team member.



Find out more

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