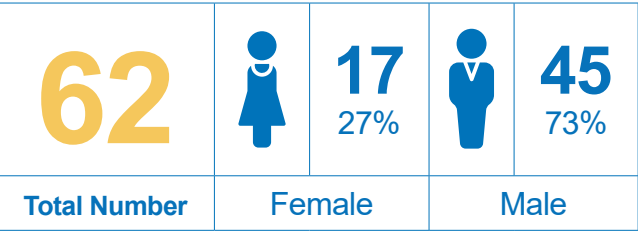


UCA RESEARCH ACADEMICS 2024

Total Research Academics



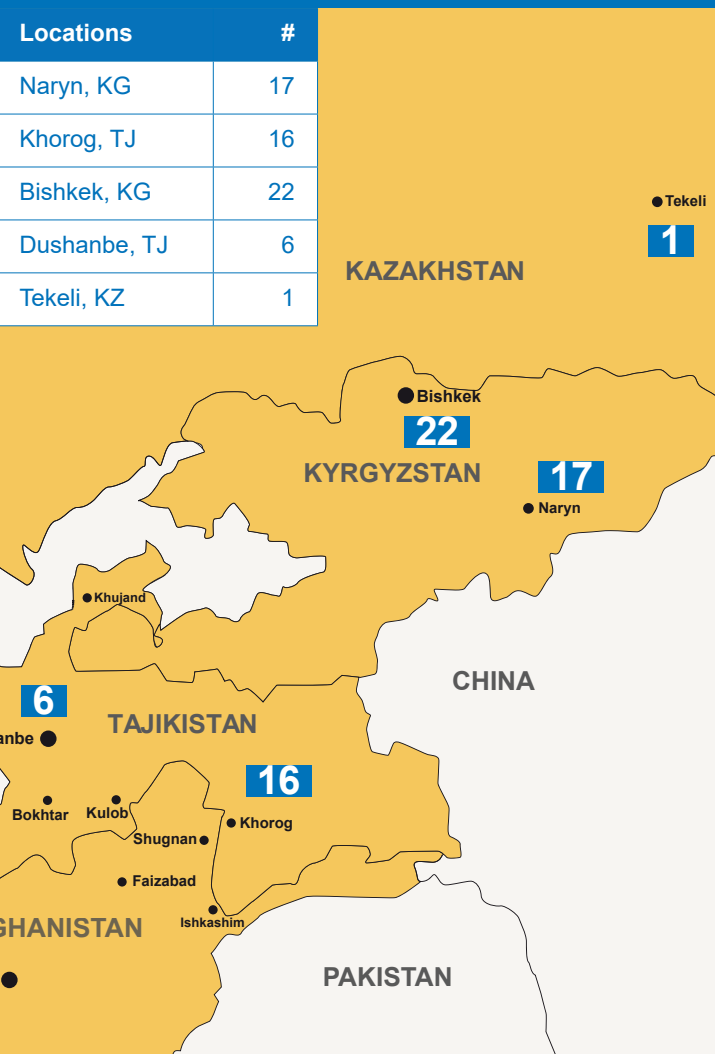
76% have doctoral degrees (PhD)

Countries Represented by Research Academics - 18



- 40% (25) International
- 28% (17) Tajikistan
- 28% (17) Kyrgyzstan
- 4% (3) Kazakhstan

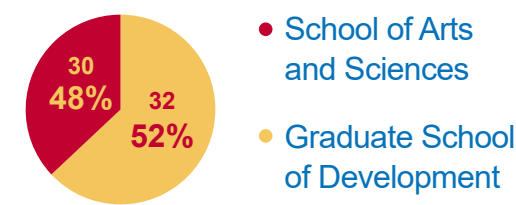
Research Academics by Locations



Research Staff - 62

Senior Research Fellows/Unit Directors	12
Research Fellows	12
Associate Professors	12
Assistant Professors	10
Senior Lecturers	7
Research Associates	4
Professors	3
Post-Doctoral Fellows	2

Research Producing Schools - 2



Academic Units - 13

Faculty at the School of Arts and Sciences		#
1	Social Sciences and Humanities	10
2	Communications and Media	4
3	Maths and Natural Sciences	4
4	Computer Science	4
5	Global Economics	4
6	Earth and Environmental Sciences	3
7	Preparatory Programme	1
Researchers at the Graduate School of Development		#
1	Institute of Public Policy and Administration	11
2	Mountain Societies Research Institute	10
3	Cultural Heritage and Humanities Unit	5
4	Civil Society Initiative	3
5	Aga Khan Humanities Project	2
6	Afghan Research Initiative	1

UCA RESEARCH GRANT CAPTURE IN 2024

\$1,071,808  
Awarded






 \$10,661,851  
Submitted


Funding Agencies - 11






Type of Funding Agency




Bilaterals		\$357,428
	Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs	15%
	USAID via Democracy International	14%
	Erasmus +	5%

Private Foundations		\$312,979
	Gates Foundation	29%
Research component of a larger grant from the Gates Foundation.		

AKDN		\$152,336
	Aga Khan Foundation	14%

Other (NGO, Academia, etc)		\$128,893
	Economic Fundamentals Initiative	6%
	BankWatch	2%
	ORCID	2%
	University of Oxford	1%
	Eurasia Foundation Japan	1%

Multilaterals		\$120,172
	UNDP	11%

UCA RESEARCH OUTPUTS IN 2024

Scopus<sup>®</sup> Research Outputs Recorded in Scopus - 93

 UCA's Self-Reported Scholarly Outputs - 222

Self-Reported Traditional Research Outputs - 185

Conference Outputs (Papers and/or Presentations)	64
Articles in Peer-reviewed Journals	61
Other Types of Outputs	28
Chapters in Edited Volumes	16
Conference Proceedings	16

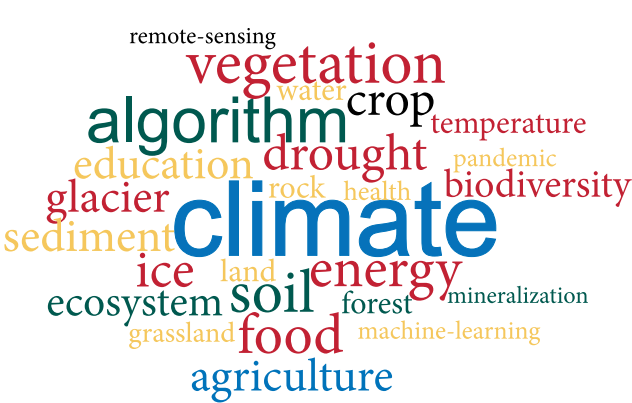
Self-Reported Non-Traditional Research Outputs - 37

Media Interviews and Articles	18
Exhibitions, Design Competitions and Festivals	14
Films, Videos and Podcasts	5

Key Research Grant Themes



Key Scopus Publication Themes





Campus in Naryn, Kyrgyzstan

## About UCA

The University of Central Asia (UCA) is one of the world's few regional, internationally chartered, fully residential institutions with a mission to improve the quality of life of mountain societies. It was founded in 2000 as a private, not for profit, secular university through an International Treaty signed by the Presidents of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, and His Late Highness Aga Khan IV; ratified by their respective parliaments and registered with the United Nations. The Presidents are the Patrons of the University, and His Highness Prince Rahim Aga Khan V is the Chancellor.

UCA's mission is to promote the social and economic development of Central Asia, particularly its mountain communities, by offering an internationally recognised standard of higher education, and enabling the peoples of the region to preserve their rich cultural heritage as assets for the future.

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## KEY RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2024

- The Graduate School of Development provided UCA's first-ever presence at a "COP", the 29th United Nations Climate Change Conference in Baku, Azerbaijan. Madina Junussova, Senior Research Fellow of the Institute of Public Policy and Administration and Vitalii Zaginaev and Maksim Kulikov, Research Fellows from the Mountain Societies Research Institute contributed to the event.
- In 2024, the "Life in Kyrgyzstan" (LiK) Conference marked its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a premier platform for scholars, policymakers, and development practitioners worldwide. The data from LiK includes the survey of 8,000 individuals and 3,000 households.
- In 2024, with the support of the Afghanistan Research Initiative grants and fellowships, 19 publications were published in various peer reviewed journals.
- UCA's Cultural Heritage and Humanities Unit's traveling exhibition "Guardians of the Silk Road's Heritage: Women of the Mountains of Central Asia" was visited by more than 15,000 visitors.
- UCA organized the 3<sup>rd</sup> international "Festival of Nomad: The Infinite Sky" in Naryn featuring an academic symposium, film festival, and multimedia exhibitions, with over 1,000 attendees.
- The Aga Khan Humanities Project's documentary film on the Tajik cultural heritage along the Wakhan route of the Silk Road (in Tajik) was nominated for the prestigious Tajik National Film Prize "Tojik Somon" in the Best Documentary category.
- In 2024, the "ORCID Community: KG Initiative," funded by ORCID's Global Participation Programme, successfully convened researchers from 35 universities throughout Kyrgyzstan. This initiative facilitated extensive training sessions, resulting in the registration of thousands of local scholars for ORCID accounts, thereby enhancing the visibility and accessibility of their research outputs within the global academic ecosystem.
- The Mountain Societies Research Institute's Senior Research Fellow Dr. Asel Myrzakulova excelled in collaborating with esteemed institutions in the USA, delivering lectures at Harriman Institute of Columbia University, Fletcher Institute of Tufts University, and Davis Center at Harvard University.
- Dr. Soheil Ashrafi, Associate Professor of UCA's Communications and Media programme co-edited the book "The Nomadic Image: Explorations at the Intersections of Art, Science, and Culture", Victorian College of the Arts, University of Melbourne, Southbank VIC 3006, 2024.
- Anisa Sabiri, Senior Lecturer from the Communications and Media programme received the "Developing Your Creative Practice Award" by Arts Council England and was a co-award recipient of Canada Council for the Arts Tighrope, Documentary Film.
- Zalina Elikeeva, Research Fellow of the Institute of Public Policy and Administration received a Visiting Research Fellowship at the CAREC Institute to investigate e-commerce trade between Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and China with a case study of trade via Urumqi.
- Dr. Arnaud Caiserman, Senior Research Fellow at the Mountain Societies Research Institute, with the support of UNDP, developed a post-graduate climate change adaptation programme covering six key areas of energy, water, agriculture, transport, forestry and industry and construction. This is designed to support staff capacity building of the newly established Climate Change Centre in Tajikistan's Agency of Hydrometeorology, with the goal of building long-term national capacity in Tajikistan.
- In 2024, UCA concluded the recruitment for its first Dean of Research. Professor Eran Edirisinghe was selected as the finalist and appointed to commence in January 2025.



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