

# Advancing Equity in Education

## Student Financial Assistance, Uzbekistan

### Annual Report 2022



# "Bright Minds, Bold Futures: TSUULL's Investment in Students"

Alisher Navo'i Tashkent State University of Uzbek Language and Literature (TSUULL) upholds a commitment to ensure that the brilliance and potential of every student are recognized and nurtured, irrespective of their financial background.

At TSUULL, we firmly believe that economic constraints should never be a barrier to the pursuit of academic excellence and the realization of one's intellectual destiny. As a beacon of higher learning, we embrace the brightest and most innovative individuals – the emerging pioneers in various academic disciplines.

Our ethos is grounded in the conviction that education is a transformative force, one that should be accessible to the brightest minds, whether they hail from bustling city centers or the most secluded rural locales.

An education at TSUULL does more than just impart knowledge; it serves as a catalyst for change, empowering young individuals with the skills, insight, and vision required to leave an indelible mark on society. We are deeply grateful for the support that makes this transformation possible, aiding us in our mission to sculpt the leaders and innovators of tomorrow.

Aligning with the first Sustainable Development Goal, TSUULL is steadfast in its commitment to dismantle poverty by fostering academic accessibility and community support. SDG 1's ambitious aim is the eradication of poverty in all its manifestations across the globe. Currently, an estimated 10% of the global population lives below the poverty line, struggling to meet essential needs. This challenge spans beyond employment, with 8% of workers worldwide still living in poverty, and affects children disproportionately, with one in five children facing extreme poverty conditions.



# Access to Education and Accommodation

*In 2016, TSUULL opened new campus facilities that extend beyond educational spaces to offer affordable housing, significantly benefiting rural students who otherwise have limited educational access. The 672-bed dormitory is not just a residence but a nurturing environment that cultivates a close-knit student community, critical for those uprooted from their home for the first time. By providing such infrastructure, TSUULL creates educational inroads for those who face accommodation barriers.*

*Our experienced staff guide students through housing searches, assisting with legalities and documentation for rental agreements. Moreover, qualifying students can receive a rent subsidy, with the Uzbekistan government providing a state subsidy and TSUULL subsidizing **60%** of the rent.*

*TSUULL further eases the burden of accommodation costs for:*  
*Individuals with disabilities.*  
*Students who have lost family providers.*  
*Students from families listed in 'Temir Daftar', 'Women's Daftar', 'Yoshlar Daftar'.*

*Students with multiple siblings enrolled in fee-paying courses.*  
*Facilities are meticulously tailored for inclusivity, with accessible design for physically challenged students, ensuring that no one is left behind due to mobility issues.*





# The Impact of Your Gift

**450** Applicants to TSUULL Uzbekistan in

**220** Incoming students in 2022

**100** mln TSUULL disbursed in financial assistance in

**92%** Students on financial assistance in TSUULL,

**75%** Uzbekistan Average percentage of need met per student in TSUULL

**82%** Uzbekistan Percentage growth in our financial assistance programme in 7 years



# Cultivating the Pioneers of the Future

**At TSUULL, our collective mission across all faculties and departments is singular in its focus: to educate and graduate individuals of unwavering integrity, poised to significantly contribute to the progress and prosperity of developing regions and the wider global community. Our steadfast commitment is to nurture leaders who will leave a lasting impact on society's intellectual, cultural, and humanitarian dimensions.**

## **Community Support and Charity Initiatives**

TSUULL embodies the spirit of diversity and inclusion, cultivating a campus where every individual feels valued, regardless of background or belief. Our Charity Program is one such manifestation, aiming to shield students and staff from food insecurity. In 2022, we hosted traditional charity events, including a festive meal inaugurated by TSUULL Rector, Prof. Shuhrat Sirojiddinov, celebrating with local cuisine and cultural performances. This initiative is more than just sustenance; it's about community building and inspiring educational diligence.

## **Educational Grants for International Students**

Recognizing that poverty is both a lack of resources and opportunities, TSUULL has implemented free master's degree courses for individuals from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. For instance, following a memorandum with the Afghan Ministry of Higher Education, we welcomed 13 graduate students to our master's program for the 2021-2022 academic year, bolstering our commitment to educational equity.

Empowering the Student Body True to the ethos of SDG 1, we ensure all students, especially the impoverished and vulnerable, are granted equal rights and opportunities. Our Student Support Community proactively identifies and engages with new entrants from low-income families, providing immediate assistance once necessary documentation is validated.

Through these concerted efforts, TSUULL not only advances educational pursuits but also contributes to the global fight against poverty, empowering individuals to change their lives and, by extension, their communities.

# Student Profile

*As a determined student at TSUULL, while I embarked on the journey to pursue my master's degree, I shouldered the crucial role of being the main provider for my family. The daunting task of reconciling my financial duties with the aspiration for advanced studies in my chosen field loomed over me. The tension between sustaining my family's needs and advancing my academic ambitions was palpable.*

*Fortuitously, I was granted financial aid in my first year, which alleviated some of the burdens I faced. My academic diligence and exemplary performance led to a more promising turn of events—a full scholarship for my second year. This was not merely a monetary relief but a pivotal moment that bolstered my self-belief and ambitions.*

*The scholarship awarded to me by TSUULL was transformative beyond the financial liberation it provided. It instilled in me an unwavering belief in my capabilities and broadened my horizons on what I could achieve. This support fundamentally altered my outlook, imbuing me with the courage to seize opportunities across diverse fields, unbound by the constraints I once faced.*

**Vivek Kumar, India,  
Uzbek School Student**





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