

THE IMPACT OF RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND INNOVATIVE MANAGEMENT ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF NEW UZBEKISTAN

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In the era of accelerated globalization and knowledge-based economies, the role of scientific research and innovation has become a key driver of national competitiveness and sustainable development. As New Uzbekistan embarks on a path of comprehensive reforms, the integration of research activities with innovative management practices emerges as a crucial factor in the transformation of the country's entrepreneurial landscape.

Entrepreneurship is no longer driven solely by access to capital or market conditions; instead, it is increasingly shaped by the quality of knowledge, research capabilities, and managerial competencies embedded within the national innovation system. In this regard, Uzbekistan has placed growing emphasis on the development of scientific potential, digital governance, and private sector dynamism - all of which contribute to a more innovative and responsive entrepreneurial ecosystem.

The current stage of development in New Uzbekistan demands a rethinking of traditional approaches to entrepreneurship. This includes creating effective mechanisms for transforming research outcomes into practical innovations, fostering collaboration between universities, research institutions, and businesses, and building management models that are adaptable to rapidly changing economic conditions. Innovative management, underpinned by data-driven strategies and knowledge integration, serves as a bridge between research insights and market-oriented entrepreneurial outcomes.

The intersection of research, innovation, and entrepreneurship has become a

key theme in the academic literature on sustainable economic development. Scholars such as Audretsch and Thurik (2001) have emphasized the shift from managed economies to entrepreneurial economies, where knowledge production and innovation act as primary drivers of growth. In such economies, the ability to commercialize research outcomes through entrepreneurial ventures is regarded as a measure of national competitiveness.

The role of higher education institutions in fostering entrepreneurial ecosystems is explored by Etzkowitz and Leydesdorff (2000) through the Triple Helix model, which conceptualizes the interaction between university, industry, and government. Their work suggests that the integration of academic research with business practices leads to the formation of innovation-oriented enterprises and regional development hubs. Similar conclusions are drawn by Guerrero and Urbano (2012), who highlight the importance of entrepreneurial universities in generating economic impact beyond traditional teaching and research functions.

Innovative management, as a distinct discipline, has been examined in terms of its capacity to adapt organizational behavior, leadership styles, and strategic decision-making to dynamic environments. According to Drucker (1985), innovation is not only a technical function but a managerial one, where the ability to recognize opportunities and manage change effectively determines entrepreneurial success. Contemporary scholars such as Chesbrough (2003) have introduced the concept of open innovation, arguing that firms can accelerate innovation by leveraging external ideas and collaborative networks.

In the context of transition economies, including Uzbekistan, the literature points to the need for institutional reforms that support the commercialization of research and incentivize innovation. According to World Bank (2022) reports on Central Asia, barriers to entrepreneurship often stem from weak linkages between research institutions and the private sector, outdated management practices, and limited access to innovation infrastructure. National development strategies, such as Uzbekistan's "Strategy for Innovative Development 2019–2021," recognize

these challenges and emphasize the integration of science, education, and entrepreneurship as a national priority.

Moreover, scholars like Acs, Szerb, and Autio (2017) have developed the Global Entrepreneurship Index to measure how institutional quality and innovation capacity affect entrepreneurial outcomes. Their findings support the view that innovative governance models, supported by empirical research and digital tools, play a crucial role in enabling entrepreneurs to thrive in rapidly evolving markets.

The analysis confirms that the integration of scientific research and innovative management practices plays a vital role in accelerating entrepreneurship development, particularly in the context of New Uzbekistan's ongoing reforms. In an increasingly knowledge-based and digital global economy, entrepreneurship must be supported by evidence-based policymaking, dynamic management models, and a robust research and innovation ecosystem.

The shift from traditional management to innovation-driven governance highlights the importance of fostering collaborative linkages among universities, research institutions, and businesses. Furthermore, empowering higher education institutions to act as entrepreneurial hubs contributes to a more agile, responsive, and sustainable national economy. Innovative management serves not merely as a support mechanism but as a strategic tool for converting research outputs into practical entrepreneurial solutions. This becomes especially relevant in Uzbekistan, where structural modernization and institutional reforms are laying the groundwork for a new generation of knowledge-based entrepreneurs.

To strengthen the role of research and innovative management in entrepreneurship development in Uzbekistan, the following measures are recommended:

Educational institutions should establish innovation centers, startup incubators, and accelerators to promote student-led entrepreneurial activities and the practical application of research findings.

Curricula should be updated to include subjects such as innovation

management, digital transformation, design thinking, and data analytics, in order to equip students with future-oriented entrepreneurial competencies.

The Triple Helix model of collaboration between academia, industry, and government should be institutionalized through co-funded research projects, innovation clusters, and public-private partnerships.

Higher education institutions should adopt performance-based management tools such as KPI and Balanced Scorecard to evaluate the effectiveness of entrepreneurship-related activities and outcomes.

Policy frameworks should promote data-driven management at all institutional levels, allowing for more transparent, adaptive, and strategic decision-making.

To foster innovation commercialization, legal and financial mechanisms must be improved to support intellectual property protection, seed funding, and R&D incentives for startups.

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