# NATIONAL PEDAGOGICAL UNIVERSITY OF UZBEKISTAN NAMED AFTER NIZAMI
# SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT POLICY

## 1. Introduction and Core Principles

The National Pedagogical University of Uzbekistan named after Nizami (NPUU) places long-term sustainability and responsible governance at the forefront of all financial decisions. This Sustainable Investment Policy defines the procedure for directing the university's capital resources based on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) criteria.

The Policy is grounded in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Republic of Uzbekistan's Green Economy Strategy, and ESG investment standards developed for international higher education institutions.

The Policy rests on three core principles:

| Environmental Responsibility | Social Benefit | Transparent Governance |
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| Investment in projects that minimise environmental impact | Decisions that serve the interests of the community, staff and students | All investment decisions are made in an open and accountable manner |

## 2. Investment Directions

NPUU directs capital resources towards the following strategic areas:

### 2.1. Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

1. Expansion of solar panel systems and installation in new buildings.
2. Introduction of LED lighting and smart energy management systems.
3. Improvement of thermal insulation and modernisation of heating systems.
4. Installation of digital systems for monitoring energy consumption.

### 2.2. Green Infrastructure and Campus Greening

5. Funding tree and plant planting programmes on campus grounds.
6. Installation of rainwater collection and reuse systems.
7. Construction of cycle paths and electric vehicle charging stations.
8. Compliance with ecological construction materials and Green Building standards.

### 2.3. Digitalisation and Innovation

9. Investment in digital education platforms that reduce paper consumption.

10. Development of remote learning infrastructure to reduce transport emissions.
11. Support for scientific research and innovative projects on sustainability.

### 2.4. Social Investments

12. Improving campus infrastructure for persons with disabilities.
13. Programmes to enhance sustainability literacy among staff and students.
14. Scholarship and support funds for socially vulnerable students.

## 3. Divestment Criteria

NPUU strictly refrains from direct or indirect investment in the following activities:

| No. | Prohibited Investment Area |
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| 1 | Production and extraction of fossil fuels (coal, oil, gas) |
| 2 | Industrial enterprises that violate environmental standards |
| 3 | Organisations that violate human rights and labour legislation |
| 4 | Production of single-use plastics and environmentally harmful products |
| 5 | Production of chemicals harmful to the environment |

## 4. ESG Evaluation System

All investment proposals are assessed through a three-dimensional ESG scoring system:

| No. | Dimension | Evaluation Criteria | Maximum Score |
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| 1. | E – Environmental | Impact on $CO_2$ emissions, energy saving, water and waste management | 40 |
| 2. | S – Social | Jobs, safety, community benefit, inclusivity | 30 |
| 3. | G – Governance | Transparency, reporting, legal compliance | 30 |

Projects with an ESG score of 70 or above are recommended for priority funding. Projects scoring below 50 are referred for revision or rejection.

## 5. Financial Planning and Budget

| Annual Sustainability Budget | At least 15% of total capital budget allocated to sustainability projects |
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| Renewable Energy | No less than 40% of energy infrastructure investment |
| Social Projects | At least 25% for social infrastructure and education |
| Innovation | At least 20% for digitalisation and scientific research |
| Reserve Fund | 5% reserve fund for environmental emergencies |

## 6. Monitoring and Reporting

| Monitoring Type | Content | Frequency |
|---|---|---|
| Internal Audit | Compliance of investment projects with ESG criteria is verified | Quarterly |
| Financial Report | Sustainability investments and their outcomes are published | Annual |
| Performance Analysis | $CO_2$ reduction, energy saving and social benefit are measured | Annual |
| Policy Review | Policy updated based on international standards and new legislation | Every two years |

## 7. Targets (2025–2030)

| Strategic Target | Indicator | Deadline |
|---|---|---|
| Double solar panel capacity | 574,562 kWh/year | 2027 |

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| Reduce campus emissions by 30% | Down to 1,444 $tCO_2e$ | 2030 |
| Build all new buildings to green standards | 100% of new construction | 2026 |
| Fully adapt infrastructure for persons with disabilities | 100% of buildings | 2027 |
| Full implementation of digital learning platform | 100% of courses | 2026 |

## 8. Approval and Signatures

This Sustainable Investment Policy has been reviewed and approved by the administration of the National Pedagogical University of Uzbekistan named after Nizami. The Policy is mandatory for all structural units.