

DU slightly raises research budget

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Dhaka University yesterday proposed a Tk 664.37 crore budget for the fiscal year 2017-18, keeping 2 percent for research.

Although the allocation was increased in the sector to Tk 14 crore from Tk 8.56 crore in the previous budget, it was seen as insufficient. Last year, the university allocated 1.83 percent in the proposed budget of Tk 664.11 crore.

Talking to The Daily Star, Director of Business Research Bureau at DU Prof Md Akkas Ali said the increase would surely improve research in terms of both quality and quantity but for international standard research, the university should allocate more.

According to the proposed budget, Tk 548.15 crore, or 78.59 percent, will be spent for salaries, allowances, and pensions of teachers and employees.

Treasurer Prof Kamal Uddin Ahmed placed the budget at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban with Vice Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique in the chair.

The deficit stands at Tk 11.72 crore.

Last year, the revised budget was Tk 667.19 crore.