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## UGC plans to increase research allocations for public univs by Tk 10cr

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The University Grants Commission has planned to somewhat increase the research allocation for public universities in the coming 2026–2027 financial year.

It has planned to add Tk 10 crore more to the research budget for the next financial year making it around Tk 200 crore.



The research community in the public universities has long been dissatisfied over a lack of funding, while data from different years show that research allocations remained underutilised.

In the outgoing FY2025–26, the allocations for research was Tk 190.65 crore out of total Tk 13,000 crore budget allocated for the public universities.

In FY2024–25, research allocations were Tk 188.65 crore out of the proposed budget of Tk 11,690.04 crore for the public universities, and in FY2023–24, it was Tk 144 crore of the proposed budget of Tk 12,262.78 crore.

UGC member Professor Abdullah-AL-Mamun told New Age on Wednesday that the commission planned to provide the fund to the public universities with higher research capacity.

‘Our objective is to provide these funds to universities with the capacity for high-quality research,’ he said, adding, ‘our goal is to promote outcome-based and action-based research that aligns with the government policy and benefits the nation.’

Dhaka University pro-vice-chancellor (academic) Professor Abdus Salam termed the research allocations as very low and far from their demand.

UGC annual reports show that the revised budget for research for the public universities was Tk 121.05 crore in the FY2022–23, Tk 100.79 crore in FY2021–22 and Tk 75.39 crore in FY2020–21.

In FY2014–15, total research allocations for the public universities were just Tk 2.87 crore.

These reports also show that research funds were not fully utilised—the actual expenditures were—Tk 103.2 crore in FY2022–23, Tk 85.82 crore in FY2021–22, Tk 53.54 crore in FY2020–21, and Tk 2.84 crore in FY2014–15.

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