

**EXCERPT FROM THE DECISIONS OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
Protocol No. 33 of 15 December 2025**

regarding the approval of an update to the budget of the Medical University of Varna for 2025

The Academic Council approves the update of budget 2025 of the Medical University of Varna by paragraphs and activities under the Unified Budget Classification, as follows:

1. An increase in transfers in the amount of BGN 7,187, in accordance with Appendix 1.
2. An increase in expenditure in the amount of BGN 7,187 and internally compensatory changes by paragraphs of the Unified Budget Classification, in accordance with Appendix 1.
3. Approves a maximum amount of expenditure for representational purposes for 2025 in the amount of BGN 700,000.

regarding the update of basic monthly salaries (BMS)

The Academic Council decided as follows:

1. With effect from 1 December 2025, the basic monthly salaries (BMS) for a full-time position of the staff shall be increased by BGN 300.
2. The basic monthly salaries shall be determined as whole numbers in euros, in favour of the employee, so that as of 1 January 2026 the agreed basic monthly salary of each employee shall be a whole number in euros. The amount shall be rounded up to the next higher unit if, after the increase and currency conversion, there is a digit greater than zero after the decimal point.
3. For employees appointed to less than a full-time position, the basic salary shall be determined proportionally to the indexed basic salary for a full-time position, rounded to a whole number, in compliance with the principle described in item 2.
4. The basic monthly remuneration of employees whose employment contracts are subject to a probationary period shall be updated in accordance with items 1 and 2, and after the expiry of the probationary period – with the increases applied during the probationary period up to the amount set for the respective position within the structure.
5. Approves basic salaries for the academic staff positions at the Medical University of Varna, in accordance with Appendix No. 1 hereto.
6. The new amounts of the basic salaries of the staff shall be determined with effect from 1 December 2025 for all persons who are in an employment relationship with the Medical University of Varna as of the date of this decision. For employment contracts concluded after 1 December 2025, the increased basic salary amounts shall apply from the date of conclusion of the respective individual employment contract.
7. The remuneration of employees working under a primary employment contract and/or a contract for additional work for the implementation of activities under projects and programmes shall not be updated.
8. Authorises the Rector, in cases where the calculated basic salary of an employee does not correspond to the decision adopted under item 2, to determine the basic remuneration in accordance with its wording.

II. Authorises the Rector, in the event of amendments or supplements to the regulatory framework related to the above decisions, to determine individual remuneration in accordance with labour legislation.

III. Appendix 1 to the Internal Rules for Salaries at the Medical University of Varna, entitled “*Minimum Basic Salaries by Position and Staff Category*”, shall be updated in accordance with Article 16, paragraph 6 of the Internal Rules for Salaries. In this regard, a new § 35 shall be created with the following wording:
“*The Internal Rules for Salaries have been amended and supplemented by a decision of the*

Academic Council adopted under Minutes No. 33/15 December 2025 and shall enter into force with effect from 1 December 2025.”

regarding the approval of the results of the 2025 Competitive Session of the Science Fund at the Medical University of Varna

The Academic Council decided as follows:

I. Approves the decision of the Expert Committee regarding the ranking of project proposals submitted to the 2025 Competitive Session of the Science Fund, as follows: **11 Small Research Projects** and **13 Large Research Projects**.

II. Approves the decision of the Expert Committee to fund the first **nine Small Research Projects** with the highest scores in the ranking from the 2025 Competitive Session of the Science Fund, as follows:

1. **Project No. 25005** “*Study of the effects of plant extracts in an imiquimod-induced model of psoriasis in experimental animals*”, Project Leader: Assoc. Prof. Silvia Gancheva Marinova, MD, PhD, total budget **BGN 11,954.48**, score – **96.67%**;
2. **Project No. 25009** “*Study of the effect of extracts and oils from Bulgarian medicinal plants with phytoestrogenic activity on the sex hormones of experimental animals*”, Project Leader: Prof. Kaloyan Dobrinov Georgiev, MSc Pharm, DSc, total budget **BGN 11,959.46**, score – **94.58%**;
3. **Project No. 25008** “*Qualitative and quantitative identification of the amino acid composition of protein fractions of Bulgarian rice with a view to their use in dietary supplements*”, Project Leader: Prof. Svetlana Fotkova Georgieva, PhD, total budget **BGN 12,000**, score – **90.42%**;
4. **Project No. 25007** “*Study of the enzymatic activity of extracts from Pelargonium radula and Geranium macrorrhizum*”*, Project Leader: Assoc. Prof. Iliya Zhelev Slavov, PhD, total budget **BGN 11,976.46**, score – **90.00%**;
5. **Project No. 25006** “*Study of the enzyme-inhibiting potential of representatives of the genus Thymus (Lamiaceae)*”, Project Leader: Assoc. Prof. Iliya Zhelev Slavov, PhD, total budget **BGN 11,976.46**, score – **87.50%**;
6. **Project No. 25011** “*Investigation of markers of necroptosis and pyroptosis in patients with pneumonia*”, Project Leader: Assoc. Prof. Valentina Dimova Dimitrova, MD, PhD, total budget **BGN 8,829.66**, score – **83.75%**;
7. **Project No. 25014** “*Predictors of survival and treatment compliance in patients with interstitial pulmonary fibrosis*”, Project Leader: Prof. Diana Petkova Gospodinova-Valkova, MD, PhD, total budget **BGN 11,240.25**, score – **81.67%**;
8. **Project No. 25016** “*Serum inflammatory biomarkers in patients with acute exacerbation of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease*”, Project Leader: Assoc. Prof. Valentina Dimova Dimitrova, MD, PhD, total budget **BGN 10,629.06**, score – **78.33%**;
9. **Project No. 25018** “*Comparative study of materials for regeneration of bone defects following apical osteotomy*”, Project Leader: Assoc. Prof. Tsvetelina Iliyanova Borisova-Papancheva, MD, PhD, total budget **BGN 12,000**, score – **77.92%**.

III. Approves the decision of the Expert Committee to fund the first **eight Large Research Projects** with the highest scores in the ranking from the 2025 Competitive Session of the Science Fund, as follows:

1. **Project No. 25021** “*Identification of genetic variants in miRNA genes with biomarker value in colorectal carcinoma through next-generation sequencing in a Bulgarian cohort*”, Project Leader: Prof. Maria Atanasova Radanova, PhD, total budget **BGN 80,000**, score – **100%**;
2. **Project No. 25017** “*Study of the antidotal potential of Intralipid 20% in amphetamine intoxications*”, Project Leader: Prof. Petko Penkov Marinov, MD, PhD, total budget **BGN 78,344.27**, score – **99.17%**;
3. **Project No. 25004** “*Pharmacological study of Levisticum officinale extract in experimental models of oxidative stress and inflammation in experimental animals*”, Project Leader: Assoc. Prof. Antoaneta Borisova Georgieva, MD, PhD, total budget **BGN 80,000**, score – **98.75%**;

4. **Project No. 25013** “*Light and electron microscopic phenotyping of progenitor cell populations expressing transcription factor ZBTB20 in the human subpallium during foetal development*”, Project Leader: Chief Assistant Prof. Dimo Stoyanov Stoyanov, MD, PhD, total budget **BGN 79,998.02**, score – **98.75%**;
5. **Project No. 25015** “*Pharmacological preclinical studies of plant extracts*”, Project Leader: Assoc. Prof. Maya Petrova Radeva-Ilieva, MSc Pharm, PhD, total budget **BGN 79,981**, score – **98.33%**;
6. **Project No. 25022** “*Dietary supplements with Omega-3 fatty acids: a comparative study of content and correlation with lipid profile in clinically healthy volunteers*”, Project Leader: Chief Assistant Prof. Ivelin Rosenov Iliev, MSc Pharm, PhD, total budget **BGN 80,000**, score – **97.50%**;
7. **Project No. 25024** “*Study of the activity of peptides and proteins of natural origin and their potential for application in combination therapy with conventional microbial inhibitors*”, Project Leader: Assoc. Prof. Neli Mitkova Ermenlieva, PhD, total budget **BGN 80,000**, score – **97.50%**;
8. **Project No. 25001** “*Prognostic in silico modelling for the assessment of the activity of natural molecules contributing to public health*”, Project Leader: Assoc. Prof. Silvia Georgieva Mihaylova, PhD, total budget **BGN 79,997.06**, score – **96.67%**.

Regarding the authorization of companies assisting in attracting foreign applicants for studies at Medical University – Varna, the Academic Council decided:

1. Approves, for the upcoming 2026/2027 academic year admission, the authorization of companies assisting in attracting foreign applicants for studies at Medical University – Varna, in accordance with Annex 1 to this decision.
2. Approves the template of the authorization letter for the upcoming 2026/2027 academic year (Annex 2).
3. The companies approved under item 1 shall be issued an authorization letter according to the relevant template, granting them the opportunity to promote and advertise the university, including through the use of promotional materials provided by Medical University – Varna (photos, videos, brochures, etc.), and to present the admission conditions to prospective foreign applicants.
4. Medical University – Varna does not enter into contracts with intermediary companies and does not pay any remuneration, including commissions, for applicants referred by them.

Annexes:

Annex 1 – List of companies requesting authorization and renewal thereof for the 2026/2027 academic year.

Annex 2 – Template of the authorization letter for the 2026/2027 academic year

Here is a **carefully structured, formal UK English translation**, fully consistent with academic and administrative practice at Bulgarian medical universities:

regarding the announcement of competitions for the academic position of “Assistant Professor”

- The Academic Council decided to announce a competition for the appointment to the academic position of **Assistant Professor: 1 position – 1 full-time post** in the specialty *Oral Surgery*, field of higher education **7. Health and Sport**, professional field **7.2. Dental Medicine**, for the *Department of Oral Surgery*.
- The Academic Council decided to announce a competition for the appointment to the academic position of **Assistant Professor: 1 position – 0.5 full-time post** in the specialty *Electronics*, field of higher education **5. Technical Sciences**, professional field **5.2 Electrical**

Engineering, Electronics and Automation, for the *Department of Dental Materials Science and Prosthetic Dental Medicine*, Educational Unit *Dental Materials Science*, Faculty of *Dental Medicine*.

Additional requirement: candidates must hold a Master's degree in Electronics with a specialisation in *Medical Electronics*.

regarding the announcement of a competition for the academic position of “Associate Professor”

The Academic Council decided to announce a competition for the appointment to the academic position of **Associate Professor – 1 position, 1 full-time post** in the specialty *Oral Surgery*, field of higher education **7. Health and Sport**, professional field **7.2 Dental Medicine**, for the *Department of Oral Surgery, Faculty of Dental Medicine*. **Additional requirements:** candidates must have acquired a recognised specialty in *Oral Surgery* and a minimum of **three years of professional experience** after obtaining the specialty.

regarding the announcement of a competition for the academic position of “Chief Assistant Professor”

The Academic Council decided to announce a competition for the appointment to the academic position of **Chief Assistant Professor – one full-time post** in the specialty *Disaster Medicine*, field of higher education **7. Health and Sport**, professional field **7.1 Medicine**, for the *Department of Disaster Medicine and Maritime Medicine, Faculty of Public Health*. **Requirements for candidates:** higher education, Master's degree in *Medicine*, and proficiency in the English language.

regarding the approval of the composition of a Scientific Jury, as well as the date, time and venue in connection with an announced competition for the academic position of “Chief Assistant Professor” for the Educational Sector “Pharmacy Technician” at the Medical College – Varna

The Academic Council decided to approve the **composition of the Scientific Jury**, as well as the **date, time and venue** for the conduct of the competition procedure for the academic position of **Chief Assistant Professor**, field of higher education **7. Health and Sport**, professional field **7.3 Pharmacy**, specialty *Clinical Pharmacy – one position, 0.5 full-time post*, for the *Educational Sector “Pharmacy Technician” at the Medical College – Varna*, in accordance with the announcement published in the **State Gazette, issue No. 102 of 28 November 2025**, as follows:

Internal members:

1. Assoc. Prof. Maya Petrova Radeva-Ilieva, PhD – **Chair**
2. Assoc. Prof. Nadezhda Rumenova Hvarchanova (Kirkesselian), PhD
3. Assoc. Prof. Anna Hristova Todorova, MD, PhD

Alternate internal member: Assoc. Prof. Nadya Vasileva Agova, PhD

External members:

1. Prof. Valentina Boyanova Petkova-Dimitrova, DSc – Medical University of Sofia
2. Assoc. Prof. Kalina Gocheva Andreevska, PhD – Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”

Alternate external member: Assoc. Prof. Sava Ognyanov Georgiev, PhD – Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”

Date of the final meeting: **4 March 2026**, starting at **11:00 a.m.**

regarding the conclusion of a contract with a visiting associate professor

The Academic Council decided to conclude a contract with **Assoc. Prof. Dobrin Nikolaev Paskalev, MD, PhD**, as a **Visiting Associate Professor** for a fixed term (**from 2 February 2026 to 31 July 2026 inclusive – the end of the regular examination session**), for the *Educational Sector “Medical Laboratory Technician”* at the *Medical College – Varna*.

regarding the approval of the election to the position of “Head of Department”

The Academic Council approves the election of **Assoc. Prof. Svetlin Varbanov Varbanov, MD, PhD**, as **Head of the Department of Health Care, Sliven Branch**, with effect from **15 December 2025**.

regarding the attestation of doctoral candidates at the Department of Health Care – Sliven Branch

The Academic Council approves the positive attestation results of the following doctoral candidates enrolled at the *Department of Health Care – Sliven Branch*:

- **Elka Dancheva Kostova** – full-time doctoral study mode, Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. Svetlana Peneva Angelova, PhD – **one (1) attestation form** for the period **September 2024 – September 2025**;
- **Denislav Krasimirov Ivanov** – independent doctoral study mode, Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. Silvia Filkova, PhD – **one (1) attestation form** for the period **September 2024 – September 2025**.

regarding the conclusion of contracts with hourly paid lecturers for the purposes of education at the Sliven Branch

The Academic Council decided that, for the purposes of teaching and clinical practice in the specialties *Nursing* and *Midwifery* at the Sliven Branch during the **summer semester of the 2025/2026 academic year**, contracts shall be concluded with **hourly paid lecturers**, in accordance with the attached list.

regarding the announcement of a competition for the academic position of “Assistant Professor” in the specialty “Health Care Management”

The Academic Council decided to announce a competition for the appointment to the academic position of **Assistant Professor – 1 full-time post** in the specialty *Health Care Management*, field of higher education **7. Health and Sport**, professional field **7.4 Public Health**, for the *Department of Health Care at the Sliven Branch*. **Requirements for candidates:** higher education, Master’s degree in *Health Care Management*, and professional qualification *Nurse*.

regarding enrolment in a full-time doctoral programme

The Academic Council decided that **Zhaneta Rosenova Vasileva** shall be enrolled in **full-time doctoral training** in the field of higher education **7. Health and Sport**, professional field **7.4 Public Health**, doctoral programme *Health Care Management*, at the *Department of Health Care, Shumen Branch*, with a dissertation topic entitled “*The Nurse as a Participant in the Process of Enhancing Parental Capacity for Early Childhood Development*”. **Supervisor:** Assoc. Prof. Stanislava Pavlova Peneva, MD, PhD.

regarding the attestation evaluation of a doctoral candidate enrolled at the Department of Health Care at the Shumen Branch of the Medical University of Varna

The Academic Council accepts the **positive attestation evaluation** of the doctoral candidate **Yuliyana Hristova Georgieva**, enrolled at the *Department of Health Care* at the *Shumen Branch* of the University, in an **independent mode of study**, with a dissertation topic entitled “*Clinical*”

regarding deregistration with the right to defence and approval of a Scientific Jury for a doctoral candidate enrolled at the Department of Health Care at the Shumen Branch of the Medical University of Varna

The Academic Council decided as follows:

1. **Yuliyana Hristova Georgieva** shall be deregistered **with the right to defence**.
2. The following **composition of the Scientific Jury** for the defence of the doctoral dissertation of Yuliyana Hristova Georgieva shall be approved:

Internal members (Medical University of Varna):

1. Prof. Sonya Koleva Toncheva, PhD, DSc
2. Assoc. Prof. Teodora Nikolaeva Evtimova, PhD

Alternate internal member: Assoc. Prof. Anna Petrova Georgieva, PhD

External members:

1. Prof. Ivanka Kostova Stambolova, MD, PhD – Medical University of Sofia
2. Assoc. Prof. Daniela Konstantinova Draganova, PhD – Angel Kanchev University of Ruse
3. Assoc. Prof. Evgeniya Kuncheva Dimitrova, PhD – Medical University of Pleven

Alternate external member: Assoc. Prof. Despina Prodanova Georgieva, PhD – Angel Kanchev University of Ruse

The **final meeting of the Scientific Jury** for the defence of the doctoral dissertation shall be held on **13 February 2026 at 10:00 a.m.**

regarding the announcement of a competition for the academic position of “Associate Professor” and the establishment of a teaching position in the specialty “Social Pharmacy”

The Academic Council decided to announce a competition for the academic position of **Associate Professor** in the field of higher education **4. Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Informatics**, professional field **4.2 Chemical Sciences**, specialty *Physical Chemistry with Colloid Chemistry* – **one position, one full-time post**, for the *Department of Chemistry* at the *Faculty of Pharmacy* of the Medical University “Prof. Dr Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna.

Additional requirements:

1. Awarded educational and scientific degree *Doctor* in professional field **4.2 Chemical Sciences**;
2. Acquired specialty in the field of health care.

The Academic Council also decided to **establish a position of “Lecturer in the specialty ‘Social Pharmacy’”**, field of higher education **7. Health and Sport**, professional field **7.3 Pharmacy** – **one position, one full-time post**, for the *Department of Organisation and Economics of Pharmacy* at the *Faculty of Pharmacy* of the Medical University “Prof. Dr Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna.

regarding the approval of participation fees and sponsorship fares for a scientific conference

The Academic Council approves the **participation fees and sponsorship tariffs** for the scientific conference “*Varna Pharmacological Days*”, to be held from **29 to 31 May 2026**, as follows:

1. Participation fees (VAT included):

- Participant (doctoral candidates, medical residents, lecturers and other medical professionals): **BGN 107.57 / EUR 55;**
- Participant (student): **BGN 48.90 / EUR 25.**

The fee includes participation in the scientific programme, publication of abstracts in *Scripta Scientifica Pharmaceutica* (journal of the Medical University of Varna), promotional materials, coffee breaks, a cocktail reception and a formal dinner.

2. Forms of participation and fees for companies (VAT included):

- **Bronze package** – company product presentation (up to 15 minutes + 5 minutes discussion), company logos on promotional and other event materials: **BGN 782.33 / EUR 400;**
- **Silver package** – three-day rental of an information stand up to 3 sq.m. or an equivalent company-owned stand, company logos on promotional and other event materials: **BGN 1,075.71 / EUR 550;**
- **Gold package** – three-day rental of an information stand up to 3 sq.m. or an equivalent company-owned stand, company product presentation (up to 15 minutes + 5 minutes discussion), company logos on promotional and other event materials: **BGN 1,271.29 / EUR 650.**

Funds received in the account of the Medical University of Varna in connection with the event shall be used to cover the costs of organising the conference.

regarding the announcement of competitions for the academic position of “Assistant Professor” and the establishment of a teaching position

- The Academic Council decided to announce a competition for the academic position of **Assistant Professor** in the field of higher education **7. Health and Sport**, professional field **7.1 Medicine**, specialty *Psychiatry* – **one position**, comprising **0.5 full-time post** at the *Department of Psychiatry and Medical Psychology, Faculty of Medicine*, Medical University of Varna, and **one full-time post** at the *Second Psychiatric Clinic* of St Marina University Hospital, Varna.
- The Academic Council decided to announce a competition for the academic position of **Assistant Professor** in the field of higher education **7. Health and Sport**, professional field **7.1 Medicine**, specialty *Psychiatry* – **one position**, comprising **0.5 full-time post** at the *Department of Psychiatry and Medical Psychology, Faculty of Medicine*, Medical University of Varna, and **one full-time post** at the *First Psychiatric Clinic* of “St Marina” University Hospital, Varna.
- The Academic Council decided to announce a competition for the academic position of **Assistant Professor** in the field of higher education **7. Health and Sport**, professional field **7.1 Medicine**, specialty *Nuclear Medicine* – **one position**, comprising **0.5 full-time post** at the *Department of Nuclear Medicine, Metabolic Therapy and Radiotherapy*, Educational Unit of Nuclear Medicine and Metabolic Therapy, *Faculty of Medicine*, Medical University of Varna, and **0.5 full-time post** at the *Clinic of Nuclear Medicine and Metabolic Therapy* of “St Marina” University Hospital, Varna.
- The Academic Council decided to announce a competition for the academic position of **Assistant Professor** in the field of higher education **7. Health and Sport**, professional field **7.2 Dental Medicine**, specialty *Anatomy, Histology and Cytology* – **one position**, for the *Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology* at the *Faculty of Medicine*, Medical University of Varna.

Requirements: higher education, Master’s degree in *Dental Medicine*.

- Chair of the Academic Council:**
Prof. Dimitar Raykov, MD, DSc – **Rector**