



**EXCERPT FROM A MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES No. 37 / 09 March 2026**

Opinion Ref. No. 101-7/09.03.2026 issued by the Control Council of the Medical University of Varna regarding the draft budget of the Medical University of Varna for 2026.

Conclusion:

The Control Council adopts the following opinion:

1. The draft budget of the Medical University of Varna for 2026 is realistic and aligned with the priorities of the University. The planned revenues and the available funds in the accounts ensure the current maintenance, the development of activities, and the implementation of the University's strategy.
2. The Control Council issues a positive opinion on the draft budget for 2026 and proposes that it be adopted by the Academic Council and the General Assembly of the Medical University of Varna.

Regarding the adoption of the draft Budget of the Medical University of Varna for 2026, the budget of the Student Council, expenditure for representation purposes, and funds from own revenues for the "Scholarships, Grants and Awards Fund of the Medical University of Varna".

The Academic Council resolved:

1. Approves the draft budget of the Medical University of Varna for 2026, in accordance with the reasoning of this decision, by paragraphs, functions, and activities of the Unified Budget Classification, as per Annex No. 1 hereto.
2. Approves the draft budget of the Student Council for 2026 in the amount of EUR 232,717.
3. Approves a maximum amount of expenditure for representation purposes for 2026 in the amount of EUR 420,000.
4. Allocates funds to the "Scholarships, Grants and Awards Fund of the Medical University of Varna" in the amount of EUR 80,000.

Regarding the financial provision of the expropriation procedure for state needs of a property with project identifier 10135.2555.356, with an area of 1,641 sq. m, located at 1 Hristo Smirnenski Blvd., Sotira area, Varna.

The Academic Council resolved:

Approves the allocation of the amount of EUR 200,000 (two hundred thousand euros) from the budget of the Medical University of Varna for the financial provision of the expropriation procedure for state needs of the property with project identifier 10135.2555.356, with an area of 1,641 sq. m, located at 1 Hristo Smirnenski Blvd., Sotira area, Varna.

regarding the determination of application and tuition fees for students and doctoral candidates for the 2026/2027 academic year

The Academic Council resolved that the fees, the amount of which is determined pursuant to Article 9, paragraph 3, item 7 of the Higher Education Act, and which are to be proposed to the Minister of Education and Science for the admission and training of students and doctoral candidates at the Medical University of Varna for the academic year 2026/2027, shall be as specified in Annex No. 1 to this decision.

Annex No. 1: Fees for admission and training of students and doctoral candidates for the academic year 2026/2027, except in the cases under Article 21, paragraphs 2, 3 and 5 of the Higher Education Act.

Regarding the determination of a budget for the newly established “Science+” Fund at the Medical University of Varna for 2026

The Academic Council resolved:

Determines a budget for the “Science+” Fund for 2026 in the amount of EUR 300,000 (three hundred thousand euros), to be provided from the University’s own revenues.

Regarding the election to the academic position of “Chief Assistant”, competition announced in the State Gazette, Issue No. 102 / 28.11.2025

The Academic Council elects Desislava Plamenova Nedyalkova to the academic position of “Chief Assistant” in the field of higher education 4. Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Informatics, professional field 4.3 Biological Sciences, specialty “Molecular Biology”, for one full-time position at the Department of Biochemistry, Molecular Medicine and Nutrigenomics, Faculty of Pharmacy, Medical University of Varna.

Regarding the election to the academic position of “Chief Assistant”, competition announced in the State Gazette, Issue No. 102 / 28.11.2025

The Academic Council elects M.Pharm. Plamen Stefkov Bekyarov, PhD, to the academic position of “Chief Assistant” in the specialty “Clinical Pharmacy”, professional field 7.3 Pharmacy, field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports – one position (0.5 full-time equivalent) at the Training Sector “Assistant Pharmacist”, Medical College – Varna.

English-language training

The Academic Council resolved:

Determines the following fee for the use of the online testing platform in Chemistry and Biology, intended for the preparation of candidates for English-language training in the specialties “Medicine”, “Dental Medicine”, and “Pharmacy”, for the entire duration of the admission campaign (until 30.09.2026) – EUR 250.

The Academic Council determines the following distribution of revenues from the use of the electronic online testing platforms:

- 30% of the revenues from the module, after deduction of VAT – author’s remuneration for the entire team of authors of the collection of test items for candidates (“A Handbook of Biology and Chemistry Test Items”), distributed among the individual authors on the basis of declarations of authorship contribution;
- 70% of the revenues from the module, after deduction of VAT – for the Medical University of Varna.

Regarding the signing of a framework agreement for academic cooperation between the Medical University “Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna and the Medical University of Innsbruck, Austria

The Academic Council gives its consent for the conclusion of a Memorandum of Cooperation between the Medical University of Varna and the Medical University of Innsbruck, Austria, for a period of five years.

Regarding the approval of participation fees and remuneration of lecturers in the specialised course for acquiring qualification to work with sources of ionising radiation (SIR)

The Academic Council approves, for the duration of Licence Series CO, Reg. No. 6629 / 28.01.2026, the following:

1. Participation fees for specialised training for acquiring qualification to work with sources of ionising radiation, organised by the Medical University of Varna, as follows:

1.1. Initial training:

- First group – 20 academic hours – participation fee: EUR 80 / BGN 156.47;
- Second group – 30 academic hours – participation fee: EUR 90 / BGN 176.02;

1.2. Refresher training:

- First group – 5 academic hours – participation fee: EUR 35 / BGN 68.45;
- Second group – 8 academic hours – participation fee: EUR 35 / BGN 68.45;

2. Remuneration of lecturers shall be determined as follows:

2.1. For each delivered and reported teaching hour, lecturers participating in the training shall be paid remuneration equivalent to the overtime hourly rate for the academic staff of the Medical University of Varna, which at the date of adoption of this decision amounts to EUR 6.

The remuneration shall be automatically updated upon any change in the overtime remuneration rate of the academic staff.

2.2. Remuneration for participation in examinations shall be calculated as follows:
(number of trainees × 0.2 = number of hours) × EUR 6 per hour.

3. The head of the specialised training shall be paid remuneration in the amount of EUR 46 per training course.

4. The revenues from participation fees for training for work with sources of ionising radiation shall be transferred to the account of the Medical University of Varna and distributed once annually, after deduction of the costs for remuneration and social security contributions of the lecturers conducting the training and the head of the training, as well as the costs related to the issuance, use, and renewal of the licence for specialised training of the Medical University of Varna, as follows:

- 70% of the amount shall remain for the Medical University of Varna;
- The remaining 30% shall be transferred by the Medical University of Varna to St. Marina University Hospital for Active Treatment EAD – Varna.

5. Employees under employment contracts with the Medical University of Varna, St. Marina University Hospital for Active Treatment EAD – Varna, or Diagnostic and Consultative Centre “St. Marina” EOOD – Varna shall be exempt from participation fees.

Regarding the establishment of a new Sector “Administrative and Facilities Activities” within the Faculty of Public Health

The Academic Council resolved to establish a Sector “Administrative and Facilities Activities” within the Faculty of Public Health with the following initial staffing structure: Head of Sector “Administrative and Facilities Activities” – 1 full-time position; Cleaning staff – 7 full-time positions; Technical Maintenance Worker – 1 full-time position, effective as of 01 April 2026. The sector shall be located in the building of the Regional Health Inspectorate – Varna.

Regarding the announcement of a competition for the academic position of “Assistant”

The Academic Council resolved to announce a competition for the academic position of “Assistant” – 1 position (1 full-time equivalent) in the specialty “Prosthetic Dental Medicine”, field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field 7.2 Dental Medicine, for the Department of Dental Materials Science and Prosthetic Dental Medicine, Faculty of Dental Medicine.

Regarding the extension of an employment contract after reaching the age of 65 pursuant to §11 of the Transitional and Final Provisions of the Higher Education Act

The Academic Council resolved to extend, after reaching the age under Article 328, paragraph 1, item 10 of the Labour Code, the employment contract of Prof. Boryana Borisova Varbanova, MD, PhD, as of 17 March 2026 (second extension).

Regarding the approval of participation fees and sponsorship packages for the scientific conference “65 Years of Medical Science in Varna”

The Academic Council approves a sponsorship fee for the scientific conference “65 Years of Medical Science in Varna”, to be held from 2 to 4 July 2026 in the First Auditorium of the Medical University of Varna, as follows:

Sponsorship package: EUR 2,500 (VAT excluded), including:

- Rental of an information stand with an area of 3 sq. m for the duration of the conference;
- Placement of company logos on promotional and other event materials.

The funds received in the account of the Medical University of Varna in relation to the event shall be used to cover the costs of organising the conference, and after its completion shall be allocated to the Department of Propedeutics of Internal Diseases and the Department of General and Operative Surgery.

Participation in the scientific event shall be free of charge for all attendees.

Regarding the approval of participation fees and sponsorship tariffs for the “Fourth Summer School on Stroke with International Participation”, 06–07 June 2026

The Academic Council approves the following participation fees for the “Fourth Summer School on Stroke with International Participation”, to be held on-site in the First Auditorium of the Medical University of Varna:

1. Participation fees:

- Specialists: EUR 50;
- Residents (specialising physicians): EUR 25;
- Free participation for all students, as well as employees of the Medical University of Varna and St. Marina University Hospital – Varna.

2. Forms of participation and sponsorship fees (VAT excluded):

Sponsorship with presentation – EUR 1,500, including:

- Plenary session time – 20 minutes;
- Exhibition stand in front of the conference hall;
- Company promotional video during coffee breaks;
- Logo in conference materials (proportional to sponsorship level).

Sponsorship without presentation – EUR 1,000, including:

- Exhibition stand in front of the conference hall;
- Company promotional video during coffee breaks;
- Logo in conference materials (proportional to sponsorship level).

The funds received in the account of the Medical University of Varna in relation to the event shall be used to cover the organisational costs.

Regarding the conclusion of civil contracts with part-time lecturers for the summer semester of the academic year 2025/2026 at the Veliko Tarnovo Affiliate of the Medical University of Varna

The Academic Council resolved that civil contracts shall be concluded with part-time lecturers for the summer semester of the academic year 2025/2026 for the training at the Veliko Tarnovo Affiliate in the specialty “Nursing”, as follows:

- Daniela Petrova Petkova – discipline “Clinical Practice” – Surgical Department, Year I, groups 1 and 3, curriculum 2025/2026, 84 hours (1×24 hrs + 1×60 hrs practicals);
- Margarita Nikolova Borisova – discipline “Philosophy and Introduction to Nursing Care. Theoretical Foundations, Part I”, Year I, group 2, curriculum 2025/2026, 20 hours (1×20 hrs practicals);
- Senior RN Tatyana Stefanova Georgieva-Ivanova – discipline “Clinical Practice” – Intensive Care Unit (ICU), Year III, group 2, curriculum 2023/2024, 36 hours (1×36 hrs practicals).

Regarding the approval of an individual study plan for a doctoral candidate

The Academic Council approves the Individual Study Plan for the doctoral candidate Zhaneta Rosenova Vasileva, enrolled in full-time doctoral studies in the doctoral programme “Nursing Care Management”, in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sports, professional field 7.4 Public Health, with a dissertation thesis entitled “*The Nurse as a Participant in the Process of Enhancing Parental Capacity for Early Childhood Development*”, under the supervision of Assoc. Prof. Stanislava Pavlova Peneva, MD.

Annex: Individual Study Plan for the doctoral candidate Zhaneta Rosenova Vasileva.

Consideration of a report by Prof. Krasimir Ivanov, MD, PhD, DSc, Chair of the General Assembly of the Medical University “Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna, regarding the update of the composition of the General Assembly

Dear Members of the Academic Council,

By letter Ref. No. 101-6 / 06.03.2026, Prof. Maria Negreva informed me that, in connection with a decision of the Academic Council to convene the General Assembly of the University on 16 March 2026, a verification of the validity of the mandates of the members of the General Assembly and the Academic Council had been carried out. The heads of the main structural units and the Chair of the Student Council were notified of the need to conduct partial elections.

At a meeting of the Mandate Committee, held on 05 March 2026, the submitted reports and extracts from the minutes of the meetings of the councils of the main structural units and the Student Council were reviewed. The Mandate Committee adopted the following decisions:

1. The elections of new members of the General Assembly were conducted lawfully, in accordance with the Procedure for the Election of Members adopted by a decision of the Academic Council (Minutes No. 80 / 10.01.2024), and in compliance with the quotas determined by the Academic Council.
2. The proposals for new members of the Academic Council comply with the established representation quotas.

The Student Council has proposed a new member of the Control Council, following a submitted request for withdrawal by a member from the quota of students and doctoral candidates.

Attached hereto are the lists of the newly elected members of the General Assembly. It is proposed that the documents from the conducted elections be submitted to the Control Council for a ruling on their legality.

Annex: Lists of the newly elected members of the General Assembly.

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