

Call for Applications

PhD Students and Junior Faculty Members Joint Program of Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (TSU) and the University of Texas at Dallas (UT Dallas)

Application period: 25 November 2025 – 30 January 2026 (inclusive)

Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (TSU), in partnership with the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD), announces a **Call for Applications** for **PhD students** and **junior faculty members** from accredited public research universities in Georgia. The program aims to strengthen participants' research skills, academic writing capacity, and professional networks.

Eligible Academic Fields

- Biology
- Business / Management
- Chemistry
- Computer Sciences
- Economics
- Electronic Engineering
- Geography
- Geology
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Social Psychology
- Water Science

Eligibility Criteria

PhD Students

At the time of application, and throughout participation in the program, applicants must:

- a) hold **active student status** at a public higher education institution in Georgia;
- b) have a **GPA of at least 2.5**.

Junior Faculty Members

At the time of application, and throughout participation in the program, the applicants must:

- a) be **employed by a public higher education institution in Georgia** for teaching and/or research purposes;
- b) have defended their PhD **no earlier than January 1, 2020**.

Application Timeline

- **Application deadline:** 30 January 2026, 23:59 (Tbilisi time)
- **Application link:** https://utdallas.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_79w07ct3l6xiES2
- **Interviews:** First week of March 2026 (in person, in Tbilisi; **online interviews are not possible**)

Program Details

Selected participants will travel to **Dallas, USA** at the beginning of June **2026** for an **8-week program** at UT Dallas.

The program includes:

- International round-trip travel
- Accommodation and meals
- A Dallas public transport card
- Per diem allowance

The program will begin with **intensive English-language training**, followed by modules on **academic and grant writing, dissertation preparation**, and **presentation skills**.

Important:

- The program duration **cannot be modified**. Inability to participate fully will result in cancellation of the grant.
- Participation is contingent upon securing the appropriate **U.S. visa**.
- **Pre-acceptance letters from UT Dallas faculty are *not* required** at the application stage.
- Successful candidates must attend **mandatory virtual orientation sessions** two months before departure.

Required Application Documents

For PhD Students

1. Application form
2. CV
3. Letter of support from the scientific supervisor
4. Brief outline of current research and planned activities at UT Dallas
5. Proof of active student status at a public Georgian higher education institution
6. Proof of English-language proficiency (valid tests/results):
 - TOEFL iBT: 90
 - IELTS: minimum average score 6.5
 - Cambridge FCE
 - CERTUS (B2)
 - Duolingo: 120
 - Proof of university-level, face-to-face teaching in English

For Junior Faculty Members

1. Application form
2. CV
3. Letter of support from the Head of Department/Academic Unit
4. A sample of a scientific article published in English within the last 5 years
5. Proof of English-language proficiency (valid tests/results):
 1. TOEFL iBT: 90
 2. IELTS: minimum average score 6.5
 3. Cambridge FCE
 4. CERTUS (B2)
 5. Duolingo: 120
6. Proof of university-level, face-to-face teaching in English

Additional Information

Further details about the program and the application form are available on the designated website.

Two virtual information sessions will be held by UT Dallas to assist interested applicants:

- [**8 December 2025 - 9am Dallas CST, 7:00pm Tbilisi Time**](#)
- [**15 December 2025- 9am Dallas CST, 7:00pm Tbilisi Time**](#)

- [12 January 2026- 9am Dallas CST, 7:00pm Tbilisi Time](#)

Registration for these sessions can be completed via the provided link.

Contact

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