



From the DVC's Desk

Research, Innovation and Partnerships

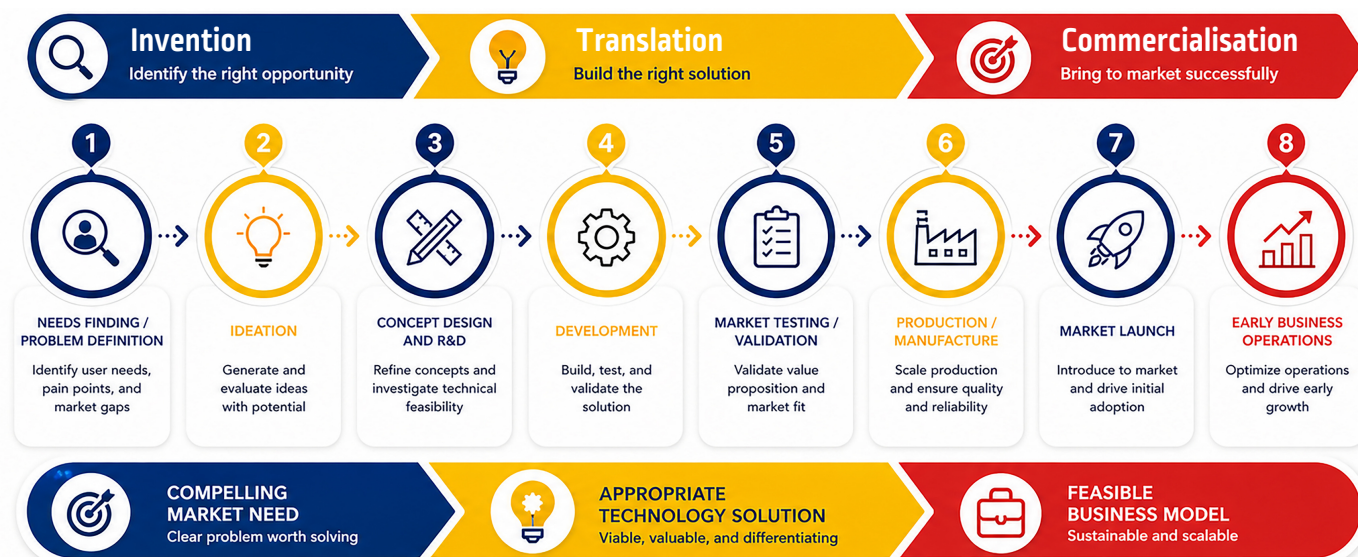
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Dear NUST Research Community,

As Namibia advances its NDP6 ambitions, NUST has a vital role to play in converting knowledge into practical solutions that create real impact. Research and innovation development must therefore move from isolated ideas to structured pathways that respond to market needs, produce appropriate technology solutions and grow into feasible business models.

Our Faculties provide a strong multidisciplinary base for this work. Together, they can generate solutions that are technically sound, socially relevant, commercially viable and aligned to Namibia's development priorities using the below model that depicts NUST's Research and Innovation Value Chain



Compelling Market Need

Starting with real problems

NUST's innovation process helps Student, Staff and Faculties identify real problems from industry, communities, government priorities and national development needs. The Office of the DVC-RIP supports this by enabling stronger engagement between Faculties, external partners and end-users, so that research ideas are grounded in actual demand.

In essence scientific discovery must have a route to application. This is how NUST research becomes relevant beyond the laboratory and contributes meaningfully to national impact.



Feasible Business Model

Turning solutions into sustainable impact

A solution creates lasting value when it can be adopted, funded, protected, scaled and sustained beyond the initial research phase. Through the Technology Transfer Office, NUST is strengthening this pathway by scouting research with commercial and societal potential and supporting researchers to disclose innovations early.

To date, **67 IP disclosures** have been recorded, including **27 prototypes**, **2 proof-of-concepts**, **9 IP applications** filed for protection, and **6 registered IP assets**. Submit your innovations through the IP disclosure form [Innovation/IP Disclosure Form \(July 2025\) – Fill out form](#) or contact: tto@nust.na for guidance.



Appropriate Technology Solution

Designing solutions that fit the context

Through Faculty expertise, postgraduate research, laboratories, innovation support structures, industry partnerships and internal funding mechanisms, ideas move from concept design and research and development into testing, validation and early implementation. Seed funding, including support through IRPC and related institutional mechanisms, can help bridge the gap between promising concepts and workable solutions.

Intellectual property protection also forms part of the process utilising the relevant institutional support structures to assess type of protection required ahead of time.



INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK – 08 - 12 JUNE 2026

As part of Innovation and Entrepreneurship Week, NUST will host a All-4-One Faculty Innovation Competition. Each Faculty will present a faculty-based innovation with strong potential for real-world application

Proof of Concept period 12 May - 12 June 2026
T&C's Apply

All-4-One Challenge Faculty Innovation Competition

Can your faculty demonstrate an innovation that responds to a clear market need, to win your share of

N\$100 000

For more info contact: all4one@nust.na