



Global Presence for Local Impact

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THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY

Collaboration with Partner Institutions for Research Initiatives in LMICs

About the Aga Khan University (AKU)

Who We Are:

AKU, a not-for-profit institution in the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN), improves quality of life through leading education, research & healthcare across Asia & Africa

Our Vision:

AKU will be an autonomous, international institution of distinction, primarily serving the developing world and Muslim societies in innovative and enduring ways.

AKU Research Pillars



Identifying & Cultivating Emerging Research Themes



Improving on Research Strengths, Coordination & Governance

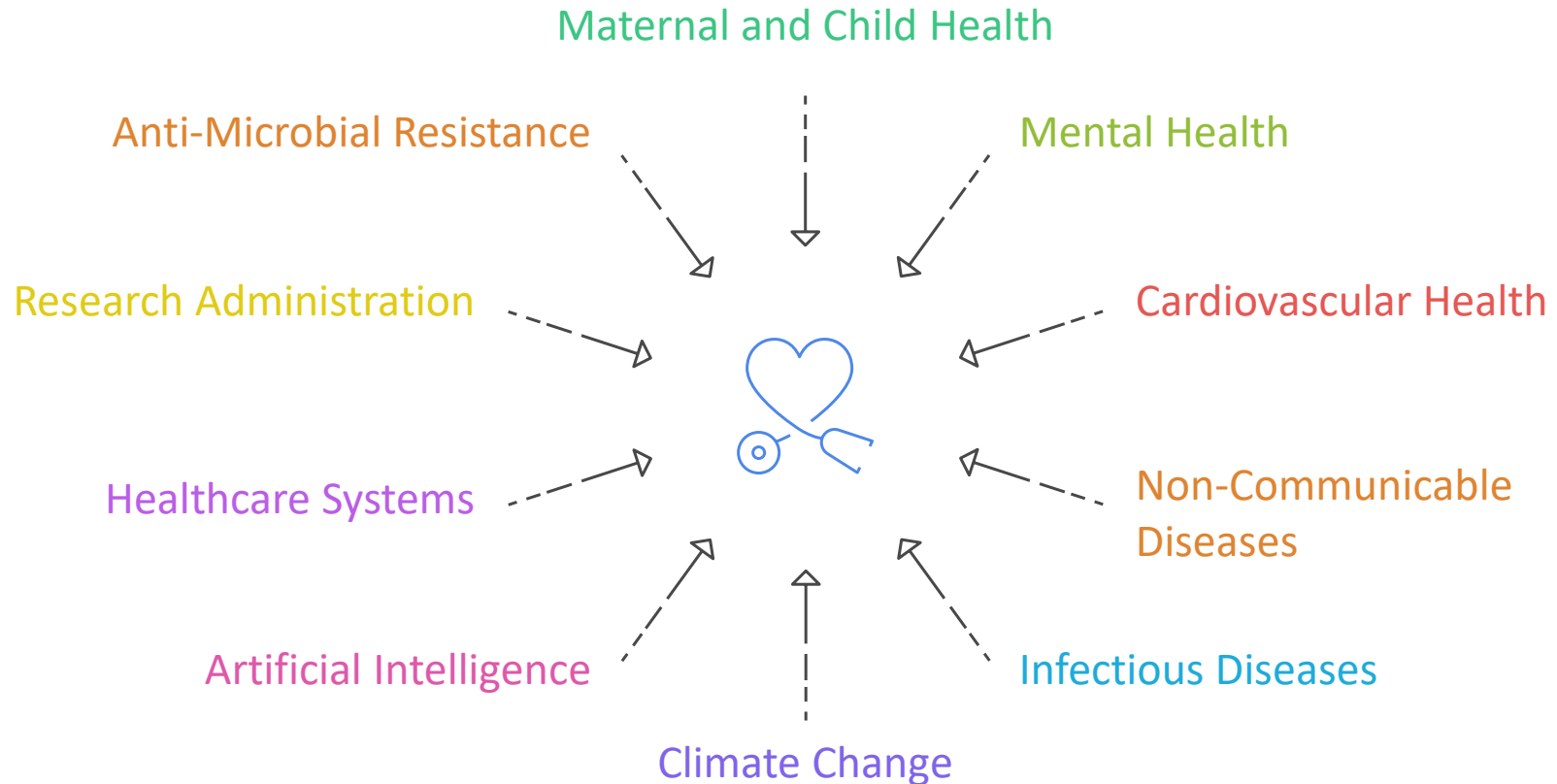


Establishing a supportive environment for next generation of researchers at AKU

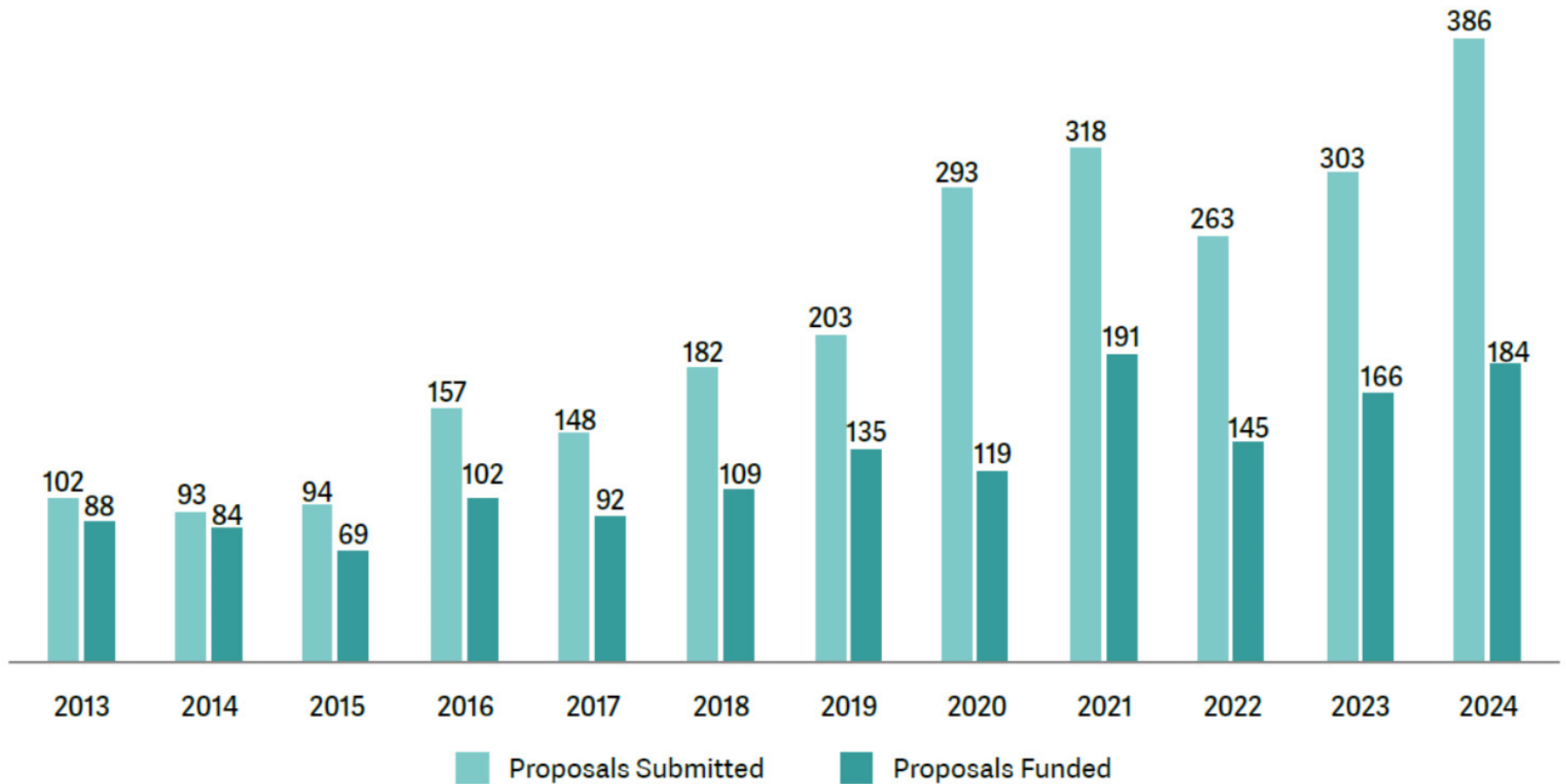


Enhancing AKU's impacting the Knowledge society by identifying contextually relevant research metrics and improving knowledge dissemination

Research Themes in Healthcare

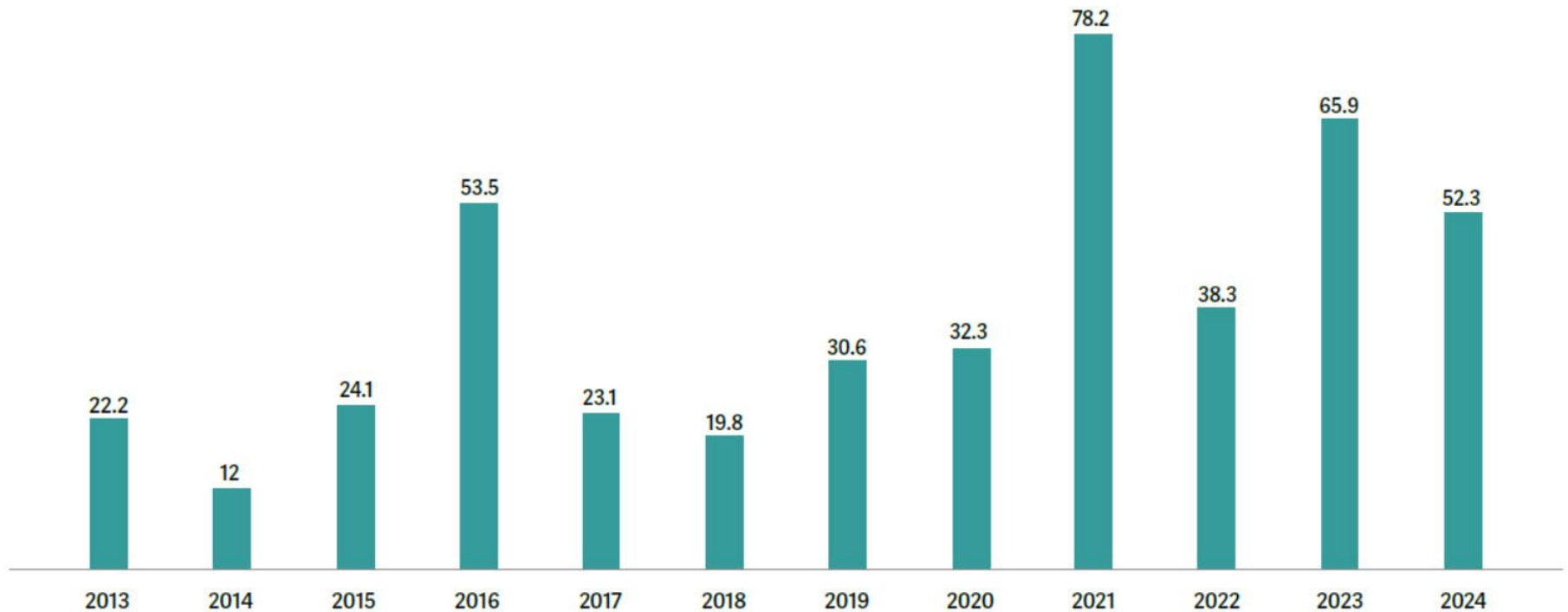


Extramural Grants Submitted and Received | 2013-2024



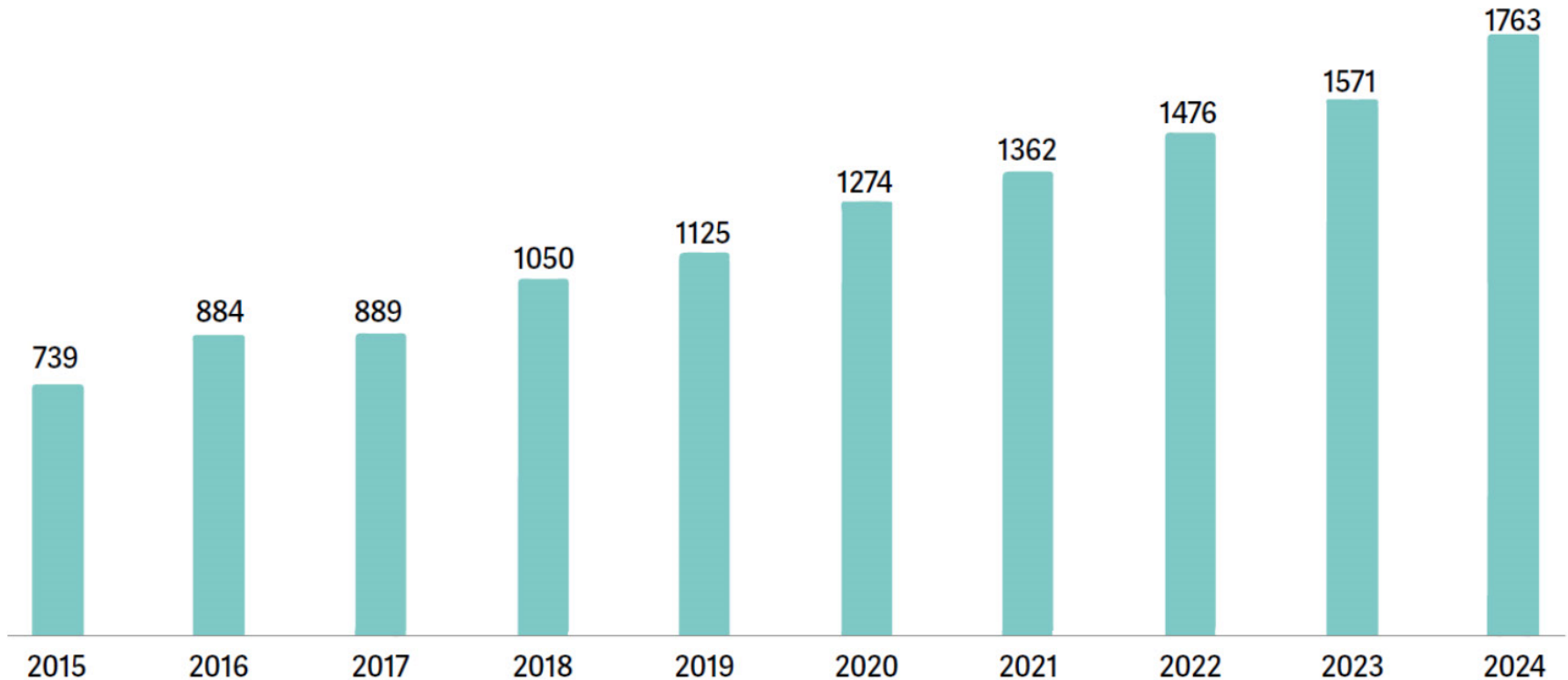
From 2013-2024, AKU received funding for 1,484 extramural grants.

Grants Received (US\$ in Millions) | 2013-2024



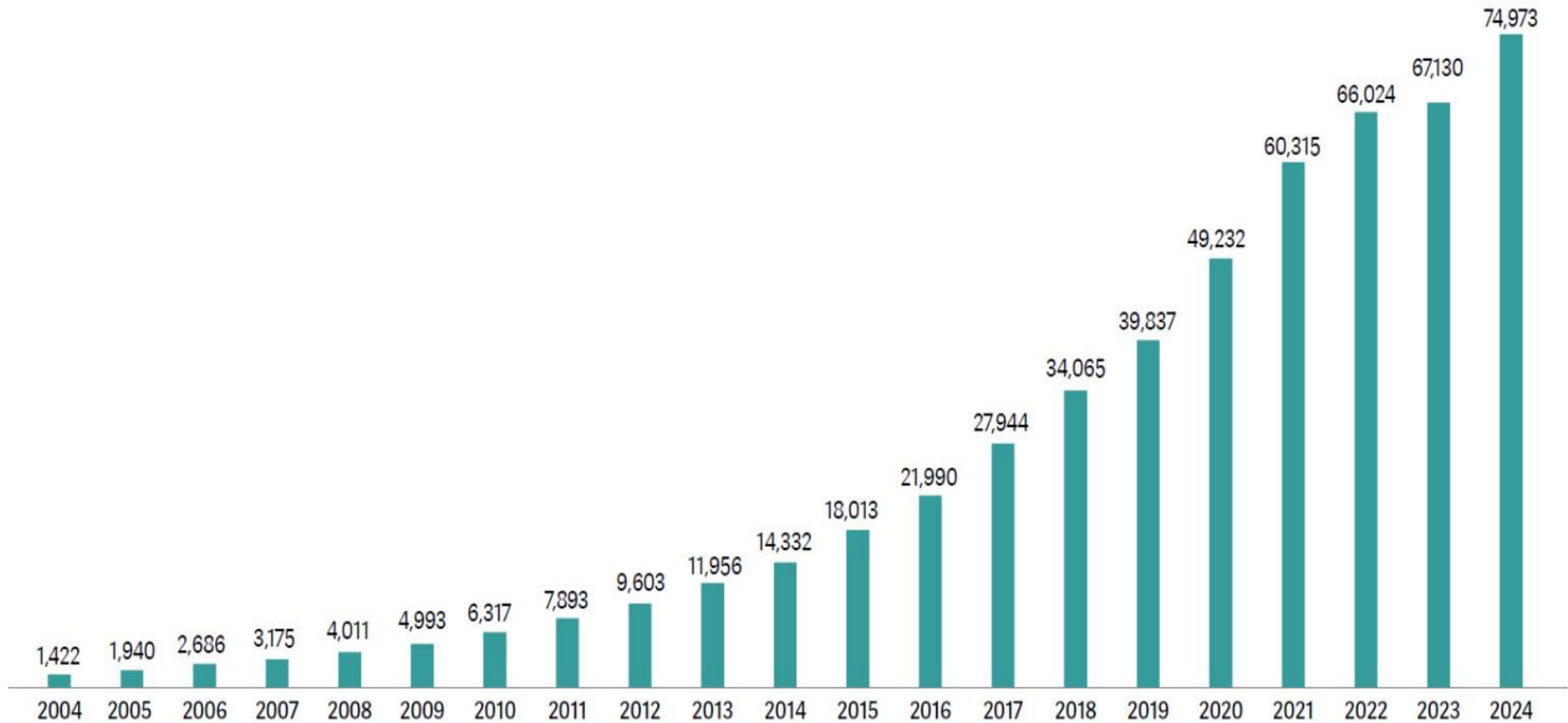
AKU received extramural grants worth \$452.3 million from 2013-2024.

AKU Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals | 2015-2024



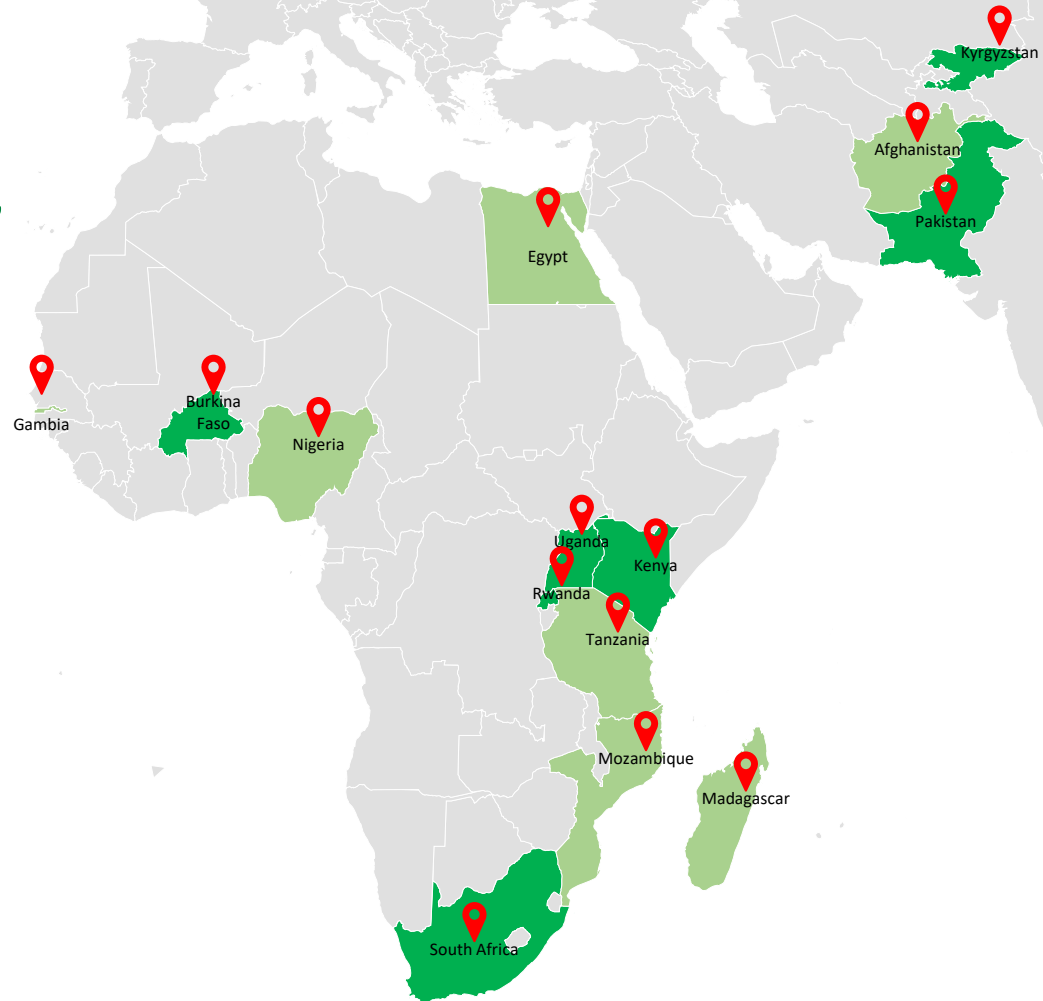
AKU faculty and staff published 12,133 articles in peer-reviewed journals from 2015-2024.

Annual Citations of AKU Publications 2004-2024

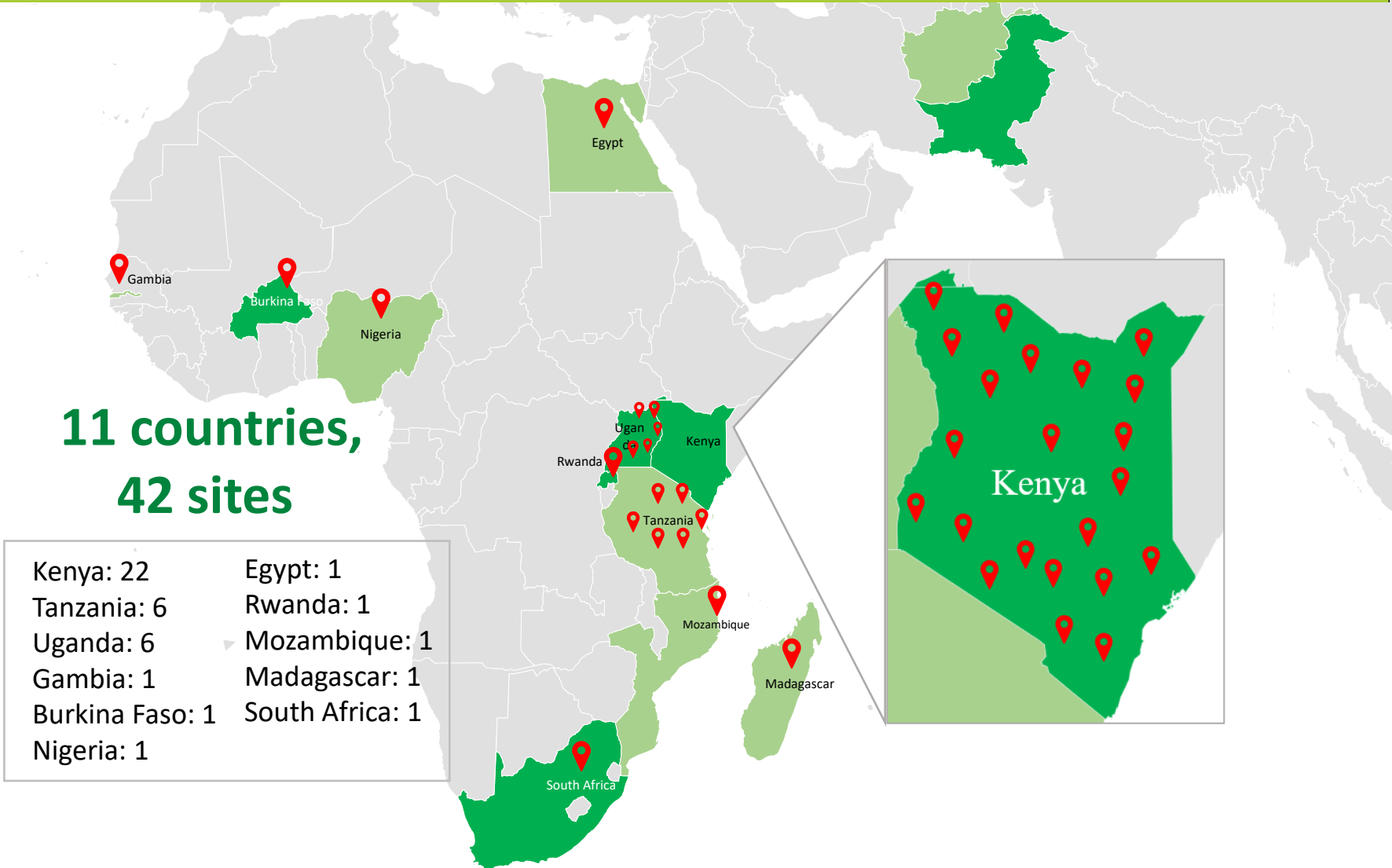


Global Research Sites

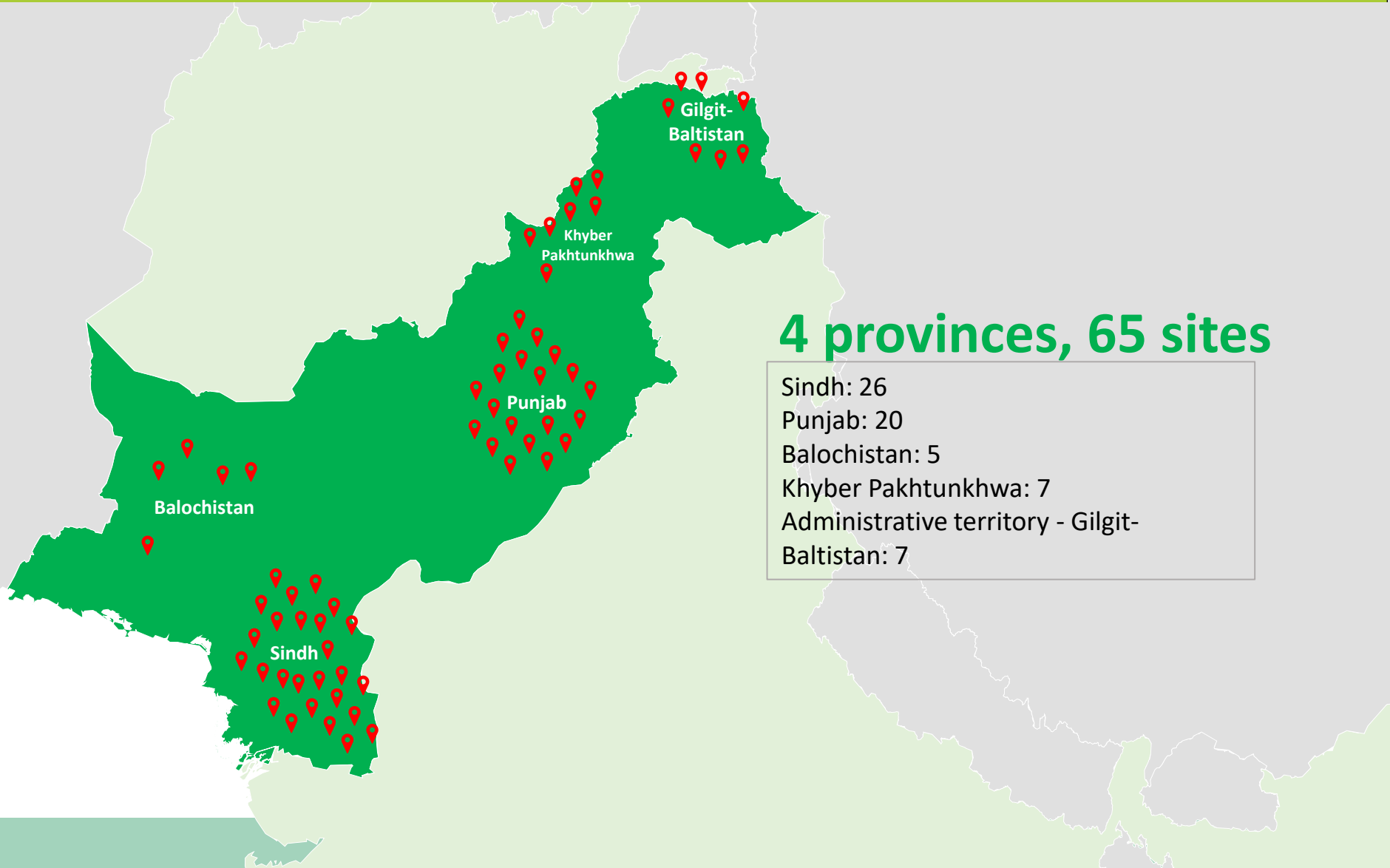
14 Countries,
107 Sites



Research Sites in Africa



Research Sites in Pakistan



Integration of Artificial Intelligence in Research

1

Arts and Sciences

8

Brain and Mind

5

Community and Public Health

1

Education and Educational Development

2

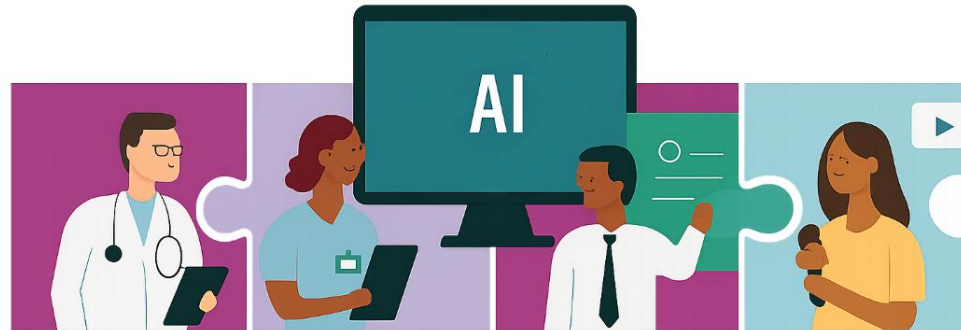
Media and Communications

14

Women and Child Health

3

Trauma and Emergencies



12

Medicine

5

Oncology

64 Digital Intelligence-related Projects

3

Surgery

2

Research Administration & Facilitation

1

Pharmacy

4

Nursing

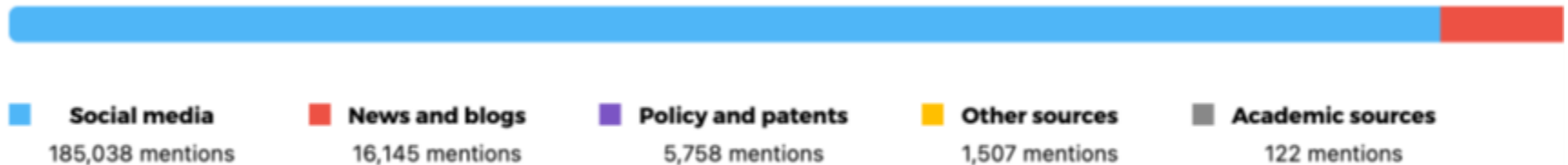
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Pathology & Laboratory Medicine

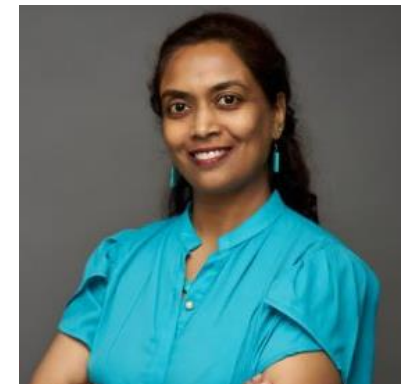
Societal Impact/Public Discourse: Summary of Research Impact (Inception till 2024)

Aga Khan University research has been **mentioned over 208,500 times online** in a variety of places.

- Our research has been mentioned in over **14,500 news stories in 113 countries**, including:
 - 201 stories in The Conversation
 - 49 stories in BBC News
 - 45 stories in New York Times
 - 42 stories in CNN News
- AKU faculty members have published at least **148 books** since inception
- Aga Khan University research has influenced **5,347 policy documents in 25 countries**, including:
 - 3,603 documents from WHO
 - 511 documents from World Bank
 - 275 documents from Food and Agriculture Organisation
 - 82 documents from National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine
 - 72 documents from NICE
 - 70 documents from UNICEF



Milestones and Accomplishments in Research Administration



**Platinum certification
under the Good
Financial Grant
Practice (GFGP)
for AKU RO in East
Africa (Awarded)**

**Gold certification
under the Good
Financial Grant
Practice (GFGP)
for AKU RO in
Pakistan (Awarded)**

NAVROZ NAZAR ALI
*Manager, Grants and Contracts,
Finance Division*

Society of Research
Administrators International
(SRAI)'s *Future of the Field*
honoree 2025

ADNAN ALTAF
Senior Manager, Research Office

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MELAINE D'CRUZE
Director, Research Office

Emerging Excellence in Research
Administration Award from the
National Council of University
Research Administrators (NCURA)
SRAI JRA Author Fellowship
Programme 2025

European Research Funding

Jan-Dec 2025

Project Title	Funder
AI in Journalism: Exploring AI Circles in Journalism (J-AIC)	German Research Foundation
Tungiasis in East-Africa - an interdisciplinary approach to understand the interactions between parasite and host - Project Phase II“	German Research Foundation
BRIDGE NETWORK: Scaling Up Research in SSA Countries in Infectious Diseases: African-European Training Network in Integrated Health Informatics and Data Sciences	Horizon Europe
Transforming the Story of the Arabic Book, 700-1800: Knowledge, Information Technology, and the Arabic Book-Transform (KITAB TRANSFORM)	European Research Council
Effects on cardiometabolic diseases in adolescents and young adults residing in food streets in Karachi, Pakistan: A mixed methods study	Wellcome Trust
Birthing at burning places: An ethnographic exploration of intersections among climate-linked risks, maternal nutritional health, and cultural practices in Sindh Pakistan	Wellcome Trust
Correlate of Protection against Paratyphoid (CoP-PT)	Wellcome Trust
Impact of Green Energy for Cooking	Wellcome Trust

AKU Researchers Named Among World's Top 2% Scientists

- 28 Researchers from AKU have been recognised by Stanford University
- 12 faculty have been listed for **Career-long Impact**
- 19 faculty were recognised in the 2023 listing



Funders AKU Has Worked With



**UK Research
and Innovation**

**Gates
Foundation**



National Institutes of Health
Turning Discovery Into Health



**Deutsche
Forschungsgemeinschaft**
German Research Foundation



European Research Council
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