



editorial

UMRE25

The most exciting breakthroughs rarely happen in isolation. They happen in hallways, between meetings, and over coffee. They happen when a data analyst's strategy meets a historian's archival knowledge, or when an occupational therapist's clinical need finds an engineer's solution.

'Research is part of our DNA as a University. The solutions to today's complex challenges often lie at the intersection of disciplines, so it is important that we promote interdisciplinary work by having faculties and institutes collaborate on projects. The wheel is already turning, but now we need to see it spinning.'

– Prof. Alfred Vella
(Rector of the University of Malta)

In May 2025, the University of Malta held its third Research Expo (UMRE25) at the Valletta Campus to encourage the cross-fertilisation of ideas and multidisciplinary collaboration for stronger, more effective results. The main objective of the research expo is to disseminate and promote the impressive spectrum of research activities carried out by UM's community of resident academics, researchers, and doctoral candidates.

'Very often, we researchers become so deeply engrossed in our project work that our colleagues' equally exciting research initiatives are overlooked or not given enough attention. The research expo gives our community members the opportunity to showcase their work alongside peers from various disciplines.'

– Prof. Ing. Simon Fabri
(Pro-Rector for Research and Knowledge Transfer, and Chair of UMRE)

With over 200 presentations and 450 attendees at UMRE25, our researchers reaffirmed their commitment to developing knowledge that benefits our region, our country, and society at large. As we move through 2026, last May's collaborations have found their way into our labs and classrooms, promising a fruitful UMRE26.

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