

UNIVERSITY OF THE PUNJAB

NOTIFICATION

It is hereby notified that the Vice-Chancellor has been pleased to approve the ORIC Research Policy, University of the Punjab. Copy is attached.

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Quaid-i-Azam Campus,
Lahore.

Sd/-
Muhammad Rauf Nawaz
Registrar

No. D/ 7095 /Acad.

Dated: 8-9- /2022

Copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-

- 1 Director, Office of Research Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC)
- 2 Chairperson, DPCC
- 3 Treasurer
- 4 Resident Auditor
- 5 Secretary to the Vice-Chancellor
- 6 Secretart to the Pro-Vice Chancellor
- 7 Privae Secretary to the Registrar
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ORIC Research Policy

Preamble

21st century research and innovation has become extremely important for knowledge base economies. Vision 2025 acknowledges the forces of technology and knowledge which have entirely changed the way we conduct transactions, interact with each other, create value, and generate business. To overcome the national development challenges universities has to play their role. The vision of the University is *"Punjab University intends to be a leading public university in providing affordable educational opportunities to develop scientific, social culture, economic and political leadership, through learner-centered teach and research, while strengthening our identity at National and International level"*. The mission of the University is *"Our mission is to provide a holistic education as such an approach has a two-fold benefit. The first is that young people are nurtured to be sensitive, tolerant, humane and capable of thinking in a creative and critical way. The second is, that armed with a sense of history and equipped with knowledge and expertise, the graduates whom we send out into the world are in a better position to develop their leadership potential and make a positive contribution to public life. We hope that understanding as they do, their role in the wider community of human kind and responsible to it, their action and attitudes will reflect their education"*. In the era of Innovation and Commercialization, Research should feature prominently in the University's vision statement, which outlines the University's objectives. The goals of the University are:

- Improvement in quality and standard of education to conform to national / international needs.
- Promotion of development-oriented applied research.
- Accountability in finances and academic programs.
- Character development with emphasis on morality and growth of maturity.

The University chose to pursue specific values, particularly with regard to research. The University leadership is striving to impart quality education and significantly enhance research output. Therefore, this research policy draft is prepared to provide a policy framework to support research and innovation culture at the University campuses. The draft needs to be discussed at proper forums before approval by the competent authority.



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Office of Research, Innovation
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University of the Punjab, Lahore

1.1. In adopting a research Policy University of the Punjab wishes:

- 1.1 To emphasize the importance placed on research as a significant and integral part of our academic task.
- 1.2 To express its commitment to
 - a. Making a contribution to the National System of Innovation and to be knowledgeable about the relevant national policies.
 - b. Playing a role in the country and internationally by making such a contribution.
 - c. Building capacity in areas where there is a high level of research-based expertise.
 - d. Meeting international requirements and quality for research, with reference to the particular opportunities and limitations of the country's situation; and
 - e. Ensuring that all research at the University meets the requirements of generally accepted good governance.
- 1.3 To establish a framework that encourages, coordinates and manages the planning and execution of research activities on the level of University management as well as within individual faculties, departments, centres and institutions.
- 1.4 To adhere to the basic principles of research ethics as they apply to different disciplines, to continually adapt them to new circumstances and to ensure that they are applied consistently.
- 1.5 To ensure the importance of academic integrity and the pursuit of quality in all research.
- 1.6 To emphasize the need to focus the University's research activities on chosen themes within faculties, departments and institutions, amongst other things.

2. For the purpose of this policy, University of the Punjab understands the term "research" as all endeavors based on clearly formulated problems and the methodical gathering and systematic processing data:

- 2.1 To gain insights a) that will extend the body of scientific knowledge; and/or b) that will further the implementation of this knowledge; and
- 2.2 That represents an active involvement in finding solutions based on scientific knowledge in both the broader Natural Sciences, Health Sciences Social Sciences and Engineering.

3. University of the Punjab expects that goals are set for all academic staff:

- 3.1 To give research a high priority as part of their academic work;
- 3.2 To undertake research activities deliver quality research outputs and to be involved in service to the community to which their research relates;
- 3.3 To pursue the necessary interaction between research and tuition continuously;
- 3.4 To stay informed about new research techniques, the state of research results and research topics of relevance to their various specialties or fields of study;



To take cognizance of the research policies and programs of

- a) The various statutory research boards and other extra-university institutions in the country; and
- b) International institutions (of specific countries, of a bilateral nature or of multinational bodies) that relevant to Pakistan and/or the chosen focus areas of the University, and to make use of the opportunities that are provided by such plans and programs;

3.6 To seek and maintain connections and cooperation with other researchers in the country and internationally by creating and participating in research networks;

3.7 To obtain funds for research at the University in order to establish a sustainable financial basis for research;

3.8 To provide effective study assistance in accordance with the University's rules and guidelines for postgraduate study;

3.9 To defer to the University's policy on contract research, and to fulfil the accompanying contractual obligations conscientiously;

3.10 To handle intellectual property and expertise according to the University's policy and to take advantage of opportunities for the commercialization of research;

3.11 To participate in appropriate mentoring programmes to strengthen the capacity of other researchers;

3.12 To publicize research results by means of lectures at national and international subject conferences, and as publications in scientific journals or other media (e.g. the publication of books); and

3.13 To enhance the reputation of University of the Punjab by the quality of their research work and publication.

4. University of the Punjab expects faculties, departments and institutes/centres:

4.1 To take the necessary organizational measures to simplify the planning, execution and management of research activities, in order to lay a firm and justifiable foundation for controlling such activities, including maintaining standards of performance;

4.2 To continuously encourage academic staff to initiate and develop individual and/or team research activities;

4.3 To pay special attention to the possibilities and opportunities that multi-, inter- and transdisciplinary research present;

4.4 To organize and present under- and postgraduate courses in a way that fosters interest in research;

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