



<b>The Hashemite University (HU)</b>	
<b>Policy Management System</b>	
<b>Research Collaboration with Government Policy</b>	
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<b>Policy Name:</b>	Policy on Research Collaboration with Government Departments
<b>Handler:</b>	The Hashemite University President
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## **Background and Justification**

Research collaboration between Hashemite University and government departments plays a crucial role in advancing knowledge, addressing societal challenges, and supporting evidence-based policy development. Collaborative research activities promote academic excellence and contribute to the broader community and national development. This policy is established to provide a framework for research collaborations between the university and government departments to ensure transparency, accountability, and the successful achievement of shared objectives.

## **Scope and Purpose**

This policy applies to all research collaborations initiated by Hashemite University in collaboration with government departments. Its purpose is to outline the principles, definitions, responsibilities, and procedures necessary to govern and facilitate research collaborations effectively and ethically.

## **Principles of the Policy**

1. **Transparency:** Research collaborations should be transparent, with clear objectives, expectations, and responsibilities defined at the outset.
2. **Academic Independence:** Researchers must maintain their academic independence and integrity, ensuring that research findings are not unduly influenced by the government department.
3. **Shared Objectives:** Collaborations should have mutually agreed-upon objectives that contribute to the academic mission of the university and the goals of the government department.
4. **Ethical Conduct:** All research activities should adhere to ethical guidelines and respect the privacy, rights, and confidentiality of involved parties.

5. **Intellectual Property:** Ownership and control of research findings and intellectual property should be clearly defined in agreements, ensuring a fair distribution of rights.
6. **Budget and Funding:** Research projects should have a well-defined budget and funding arrangement, ensuring that financial resources are allocated and managed transparently.
7. **Publication and Dissemination:** Research findings should be published and disseminated to the public and academic community, while respecting any legitimate restrictions or privacy concerns.
8. **Data Sharing and Access:** Researchers should have access to the necessary data and resources from government departments to conduct their research effectively.
9. **Accountability:** Researchers and government department representatives are accountable for the quality and ethical conduct of research activities.

## **Definitions**

- **Research Collaboration:** Collaborative research activities between Hashemite University and government departments aimed at advancing knowledge and addressing societal challenges.
- **Academic Independence:** The freedom of researchers to conduct research without external interference or pressure that may compromise the integrity of the research.
- **Intellectual Property:** The ownership and control of research findings, inventions, and creative works resulting from collaborative research.

## **Responsibilities**

- **University Research Office:** Responsible for facilitating, coordinating, and monitoring research collaborations with government departments.

- **Researchers:** Faculty and staff conducting research are responsible for maintaining academic independence, adhering to ethical guidelines, and ensuring the quality of research.
- **Government Department Representatives:** Responsible for providing necessary data and resources for research, defining objectives, and collaborating transparently.
- **Ethics Review Committees:** Ensure that research activities adhere to ethical guidelines and protect the rights and privacy of involved parties.

### **Procedures for Handling Policy Violations**

1. **Identification of Violation:** Identify any violation of the policy through internal or external reports.
2. **Investigation:** Conduct an internal investigation to determine the nature and extent of the violation.
3. **Corrective Action:** Implement appropriate corrective actions, which may include revisions to the research collaboration, training, or other measures.
4. **Monitoring:** Continuously monitor compliance with the policy and the effectiveness of corrective actions.
5. **Reporting:** Notify relevant authorities, government departments, and stakeholders if the violation has a significant impact on the research collaboration or the university's reputation.

This Research Collaboration with Government Departments Policy is effective immediately upon approval and shall be reviewed periodically to ensure its relevance and effectiveness in supporting collaborative research efforts.