



**University President Decision No. (5) of 2024
In Issuance of the
Research Bylaw at the University of Khorfakkan***

We, Sultan bin Mohammad Al Qasimi, Ruler of the Emirate of Sharjah, President of the University of Khorfakkan,

After the perusal of:

- Decree-Law No. (1) of 2022 concerning the organization of the University of Khorfakkan and its executive bylaws;
 - Amiri Decree No. (40) of 2022 concerning the establishment of the University of Khorfakkan;
 - And based on the approval of the Board of Trustees, and upon public interest,
- We hereby issue the following decision:

Article (1)

This decision shall be named the “Research Bylaw at University of Khorfakkan.”

Definitions

Article (2)

In the Application of the provisions of this decision, the following terms and expressions shall have the meanings assigned to them unless the context requires otherwise:

The University:	University of Khorfakkan.
The Chancellor:	Chancellor of the University.
The Deans Council	Council of Deans of the University
The Vice Chancellor:	Vice Chancellor for Academic affairs.
The Research Board:	Research Board at the University.

Research Board

Article (3)

By decision of the Chancellor, a board shall be established called the “Research Board,” under the chairmanship of the Vice Chancellor, and its membership shall include:

1. Deans of colleges;
2. A representative from each academic college with the rank of professor or associate professor.

Article (4)

The mandate of the Research Board shall be to:

1. Supervise, review, and monitor the implementation of the University research policy in accordance with the strategic plan.

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2. Review and approve research activities at the University.
3. Recommend the establishment of research centers, units, laboratories, and groups.
4. Recommend the establishment of various research chairs, according to need.
5. Review performance reports on the research activities of research centers, groups, institutes and the different colleges at the University and make recommendations to the Chancellor in this regard.
6. Recommend to the Chancellor the approval of funding for research projects presented to the Board.
7. Recommend to the Chancellor the approval of applying intellectual property rights in accordance with the University bylaws.
8. Establish mechanisms for cooperation with external research funding institutions and attract external funding.

Research Board Meetings

Article (5)

1. The Research Board shall convene its meetings in the attendance of the absolute majority of its members and upon invitation from the chairperson once a month and whenever necessary. It shall take its decision by the majority vote of those in attendance.
2. The Research Board may invite any person concerned with the affairs of research to participate in its meetings without voting privileges.

College Research Committees

Article (6)

By decision of the concerned college dean, each college shall form a committee called the "Research Committee," which shall be chaired by a full professor or associate professor, and its membership shall include other professors in the college. The mandate of the committee shall be to:

1. Study various research projects and activities and make recommendations in this regard.
2. Submit reports regarding research activities and outcomes in the colleges and forward them to the University Administration.
3. Follow up on the implementation of the strategic plan for research in the colleges, in cooperation with the relevant research institute.

Researchers, Research Assistants, Research Grants and Research Groups

Article (7)

1. Researchers at the University shall consist of the following:
 - a. Members of faculty according to their rank.
 - b. Researchers appointed according to the rank of fellow faculty members to work in research institutes for research purposes.
 - c. Researchers appointed to the rank of a research professor under the funding of any of the research chairs at the University.

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- d. Researchers appointed according to the rank of fellow faculty members for post-doctoral research purposes.
 - e. Visiting researchers appointed for research purposes for a period of no more than one year.
2. Research assistants may be appointed in accordance with instructions issued by the Chancellor for this purpose.

Article (8)

The Chancellor may reduce the teaching load of researchers from among faculty members or those outside the faculty by no less than three credit hours.

Article (9)

1. The University of Khorfakkan provides support for research projects conducted by faculty members as follows:
- a. Faculty members working at the University: The support is granted for seed projects, competitive projects, collaborative research and targeted research in accordance with the detailed regulations of the executive regulations for research at the University.
 - b. Students: support is granted for bachelor and graduate student research as well as student exchange with external research institutions for the purposes of research.
 - c. Appropriate support for visiting summer researchers, summer research residencies, researchers attending recognized scientific conferences, hosting researchers and carrying out research activities through the research institutes.
2. The University encourages the formation of research centers, groups and laboratories as well as workshops and facilities in research institutes, which seek to activate research in the various research fields and contribute to social, economic and scientific development. The University provides appropriate support for their success and continuity.
3. The University contributes to supporting and organizing internal and international conferences that focus on scientific and literary research in order to raise the University level globally.

Publishing Research and the University of Khorfakkan Journal

Article (10)

The University shall support research publications in the form of authored and refereed books, specialized scientific and literary journals, specialized research event proceedings, and technical reports published by the Research Publishing Unit in accordance with the bylaws and regulations in this regard.

Article (11)

The University publishes a scientific refereed periodical entitled “The University of Khorfakkan Journal.” The Chancellor shall issue a decision to form its editorial board and

issue the relative executive regulations.

Research Cooperation Agreements

Article (12)

The University is committed to strengthening cooperation in the field of research with local, regional and international research institutes and shall sign cooperation agreements with external institutions in accordance with the University bylaws.

Final Provisions

Article (13)

The University shall ensure that research activities do not contradict with the teachings of Islam, general and research ethics, intellectual property rights, and the legislation in effect in the Emirate of Sharjah and in the United Arab Emirates.

Article (14)

Specialized research centers and colleges shall be responsible for implementing research policies in accordance with the University bylaws.

Article (15)

The Deans Council shall take decisions on matters not stated in this decision or any issues arising from its implementation.

Article (16)

The Chancellor shall issue the decisions, procedures and regulations required for the implementation of the provision of this decision.

Article (17)

This decision shall become effective as of the date of issue, and all parties concerned shall act in its accordance. Any provision that contradicts with this bylaw shall be repealed to the extent required, and this decision shall be published in the Official Gazette.

Issued by us on:

Monday, Rajab 17, 1445 AH

Corresponding to: January 29, 2024, AD

**Sultan bin Mohammad Al Qasimi,
Ruler of the Emirate of Sharjah
President of the University of Khorfakkan**