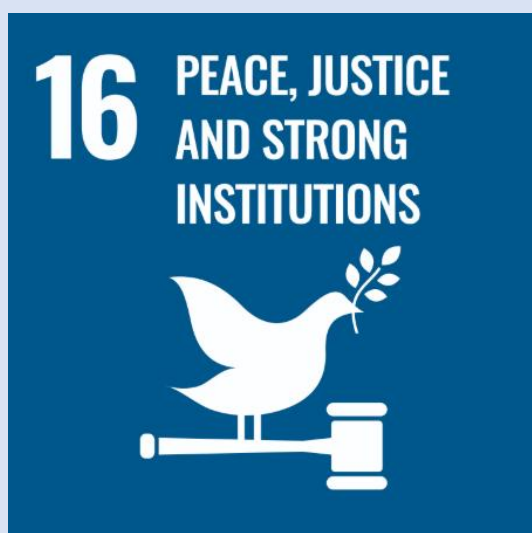




TERMEZ STATE UNIVERSITY

POLICY-FOCUSED RESEARCH IN COLLABORATION WITH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS



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1. Purpose

Termez State University acknowledges the vital role that universities play in shaping effective, evidence-based public policies that benefit society, drive economic development, and promote social well-being. This policy establishes the principles and procedures for conducting policy-focused research in collaboration with government departments, ensuring that the university's scholarly work contributes meaningfully to governance and public service. The university is committed to fostering partnerships that leverage academic expertise to address societal challenges, provide reliable data and insights for decision-making, and support the development of sustainable and inclusive policies at local, regional, and national levels. Through these collaborations, Termez State University aims to ensure that its research activities not only advance knowledge but also have practical, positive impacts on the communities and populations served by government institutions.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all faculties, academic departments, research centers, and affiliated units engaged in research projects that are directed toward informing government policies, programs, or regulatory frameworks. It encompasses partnerships with local, regional, and national government agencies, ministries, and public institutions, and covers all stages of research, including project conception, design, funding, data collection, analysis, reporting, and the dissemination of actionable policy recommendations. The policy also applies to collaborative research initiatives that involve both university researchers and government officials working jointly to address challenges, evaluate programs, or provide evidence to guide decision-making.

3. Principles

Termez State University upholds several fundamental principles in its policy-focused research collaborations. Academic independence is preserved, allowing researchers to pursue rigorous investigation while ensuring that research objectives remain aligned with societal and governmental priorities. Transparency and accountability are essential in all phases of research planning and execution, and research activities are conducted with strict adherence to ethical standards, data integrity, and evidence-based methodology. Confidentiality, privacy, and the protection of sensitive government information is strictly observed, particularly in projects involving policy deliberation, regulatory review, or sensitive public data. These principles ensure that collaborations are credible, trustworthy, and productive, and that research outcomes are both academically rigorous and practically useful.

4. Collaboration and Partnership

The university actively seeks structured partnerships with government departments to jointly identify priority research areas, define project objectives, and develop research programs that address pressing societal issues. Formal collaboration agreements define the roles and responsibilities of each party, including governance arrangements, financial and administrative support, timelines, and expected outputs. Researchers work closely with government stakeholders to ensure that the research addresses relevant policy questions, provides timely insights, and is actionable in the context of existing programs or regulatory frameworks.

Collaborative projects may involve joint study design, technical and methodological support, policy evaluation, impact assessments, and the development of strategic recommendations. Engaging government stakeholders from the earliest stages of research ensures that projects respond to real-world challenges, enhance the applicability of research findings, and foster a sense of shared ownership of outcomes. Through sustained collaboration, the university contributes both scholarly knowledge and practical solutions to inform and improve public policies.

5. Research Governance and Oversight

All policy-focused research projects conducted in partnership with government departments are subject to rigorous internal governance and review. Project proposals undergo assessment by the university's Research Ethics Committee to ensure compliance with ethical standards, research integrity, and alignment with institutional priorities. The Office of Research and Innovation coordinates collaboration with government agencies, monitors progress, and ensures that research outcomes meet both academic and policy-related objectives. Regular reporting, including interim progress updates and final deliverables, ensures transparency and accountability, and provides opportunities for reflection and adjustment to enhance research relevance and impact.

6. Dissemination and Impact

Research findings generated through these collaborations are communicated to government partners in formats that are clear, actionable, and practical, including policy briefs, technical reports, presentations, and workshops. When appropriate, findings are disseminated in academic journals and public forums to contribute to broader knowledge sharing. The university encourages researchers to translate findings into evidence-based recommendations that can inform policy design, program implementation, and public administration. Mechanisms are established to evaluate the influence of research on policy decisions and public programs, ensuring that the university's contributions have measurable and meaningful impact.

7. Responsibilities

The university provides institutional support to ensure the success of policy-focused research initiatives, including access to research infrastructure, funding mechanisms, technical resources, and administrative assistance. Faculty and researchers are responsible for conducting research with methodological rigor, adhering to ethical standards, maintaining transparent communication with government partners, and delivering high-quality outputs within agreed timelines. Government departments are responsible for facilitating access to relevant data, supporting collaboration, and considering research findings in policy deliberation and implementation. Both parties share a commitment to mutual respect, transparency, and a focus on outcomes that benefit society.

8. Monitoring and Evaluation

The Office of Research and Innovation, in coordination with academic departments, monitors all policy-focused research collaborations to assess effectiveness, relevance, and impact. Key indicators include the number and scope of active partnerships, the quality and usability of research outputs, the extent to which findings are applied in policymaking, and demonstrable improvements in public programs or services. Lessons learned from each collaboration are documented to refine future research strategies, strengthen the university's engagement with government partners, and enhance the overall effectiveness and societal relevance of research activities.

9. Conclusion

Termez State University is dedicated to advancing knowledge that informs and improves public policy, governance, and societal well-being. By fostering structured collaborations with government departments, the university ensures that its research is rigorous, evidence-based, and directly applicable to the development of effective policies and programs. This policy guarantees that all collaborations are conducted with integrity, transparency, and a shared commitment to societal benefit, thereby strengthening the university's role as a key contributor to regional and national development. Through these partnerships, Termez State University reinforces its mission to generate knowledge, support informed decision-making, and contribute positively to the communities it serves.

10. Entry into force and review

The policy is effective from 1 January 2025.

It shall be reviewed every three years, or within six months following any relevant legislative change.

11. Responsible unit and contact

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