



Bahrain Polytechnic Quality Management System

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1. Policy Statement

Bahrain Polytechnic is committed to nurturing a culture of applied research and enterprise activity throughout the institution that is aligned with the Bahrain National Research Strategy, that contributes to the professions and industries which it serves and that supports and enhances teaching and learning within the institution.

2. Definition

Applied Research and Enterprise Activities include but are not limited to:

- **Applied research:** Original investigation undertaken to acquire new knowledge. It is directed primarily towards a specific practical aim or objective.
- **Experimental development:** Systematic work, drawing on existing knowledge gained from research and/or practical experience, which is directed to producing new materials, products or devices, to installing new processes, systems and services, or to improving substantially those already produced or installed.
- **Scholarship:** Work intended to expand the boundaries of knowledge and understanding within and across disciplines through the analysis, synthesis, interpretation and publication of ideas and information making use of a rigorous methodology
- **Creative Work:** The invention and generation of ideas, hypotheses, images, performances or artefacts (including design) in any field of knowledge, leading to the development of new products, knowledge, understanding or expertise.
- **Consultancy:** Work which involves the deployment of existing knowledge and the application of analytical and investigative skills to the resolution of problems presented by a client, usually in an industrial, commercial or professional context.
- **Enterprise Activity:** The process of creating and developing economic activity by blending risk-taking, creativity and/or innovation that is underpinned by sound management.

3. Application

People:

- This policy applies to all staff members and students of Bahrain Polytechnic and contractors and collaborators from industry and other academic institutions who engage in applied research and enterprise activities within the Polytechnic and that are supported by the Polytechnic.

Procedures:

- Research and Ethics Approval
- Reporting of Research and Enterprise Activity
- External Publication/Presentation of Research Output
- Recognition of Applied Research and Enterprise Activity

4. External Requirements

This policy helps Bahrain Polytechnic meet the following external requirements:

- Royal Decree No. 65/2008
- Higher Education Council Regulations
- National Research Strategy 2014-2024

5. What is Expected:

- Bahrain Polytechnic shall support an applied research and enterprise culture across the institution
- Research and enterprise activity conducted at Bahrain Polytechnic shall meet appropriate standards and be underpinned by sound ethical principles
- Outcomes of ethical research and enterprise activity conducted at Bahrain Polytechnic shall:
 - support Bahrain industry and professions and make a positive contribution to the national economy
 - enhance the quality of learning and teaching practice
 - improve academic standards of academic staff members, students, graduates and programmes.
 - contribute to the regional and international research community.

6. Key Dates

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7. Links and Related Documents

- Bahrain National Research Strategy 2014-2024
- Bahrain National Higher Education Strategy 2014-2024
- Bahrain Polytechnic Strategic Plan
- Maintaining Sustainability Policy
- Collaborative Educational Arrangements Policy
- Marketing and Communication Policy
- Academic Integrity and Honesty Policy
- Intellectual Property Policy
- Teaching and Learning Policy
- Guidelines: Applications Related to Surveys (Review, Evaluation and Improvement Policy C-QA-002)