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RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY

Istanbul Okan University adopts the principle of conducting independent, innovative, and sustainable research activities in basic and applied fields, embracing an approach that supports social development and produces and disseminates competitive knowledge with the participation of all stakeholders within the framework of ethical values. Research and development activities are planned in alignment with the University's Strategic Plan; they are monitored in line with the defined objectives, targets, and performance indicators and developed through a continuous improvement approach. Our University embraces the promotion of interdisciplinary studies that generate solutions to global and societal problems by determining its research priorities in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Policy Core Actions;

- To ensure the sustainability of research processes by strengthening physical infrastructure as well as digitalization, data management, and artificial intelligence-based research capacity through research and application centers in accordance with the requirements of universal science and technology.
- To ensure the development of innovative and holistic studies by expanding interdisciplinary approaches in research activities.
- To increase and develop contributions to the research and innovation ecosystem by structuring collaborations with external stakeholders, particularly international and national institutions and public institutions, in line with the vision of an entrepreneurial university.
- To ensure the effective and efficient use of resources in line with strategic objectives by managing research and development activities at the institutional level through an integrated approach.
- To ensure scientific integrity and reliability by observing compliance with national and international ethical principles in research processes and scientific outputs.
- To develop institutional research capacity by determining research priorities in line with scientific and technological developments, national policies, and societal needs.
- To ensure the accessibility of research data and publications within legal and ethical boundaries in accordance with the principles of open science and open access.
- To ensure that scientific activities are conducted impartially and objectively by safeguarding academic freedom and researcher autonomy.
- To strengthen the entrepreneurship and innovation ecosystem by supporting the transformation of research outputs into economic value in line with the entrepreneurial university approach.
- To increase the generation of societal benefit by ensuring that research activities contribute to local, regional, and national development.
- To promote the dissemination of a research culture by encouraging the active participation of undergraduate and graduate students in research processes.
- To ensure continuous improvement by monitoring research performance through measurable indicators and evaluating the data obtained within the framework of the Plan–Do–Check–Act (PDCA) cycle.



- To develop research and project development capacity by supporting the professional development of academic staff and researchers

