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Research Policy for Collaboration with Government Agencies

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1. Introduction

Amity University Rajasthan (AUR) is a research-intensive institution committed to fostering innovation, discovery, and knowledge creation to address regional, national, and global challenges. In alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, India's Science, Technology & Innovation Policy, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), AUR emphasizes strategic partnerships with Government agencies, public research institutions, and policy bodies to strengthen the nation's research and innovation ecosystem.

This **Research Policy for Collaboration with Government Agencies** provides a framework for initiating, managing, and sustaining research collaborations, ensuring compliance, accountability, and national relevance. The policy applies to all AUR faculty members, research scholars, students, and administrative units engaged in collaborative research projects with Government and allied organizations.

2. Vision and Mission

Vision:
To position Amity University Rajasthan as a leading partner in national research programs and public policy initiatives through impactful collaborations with Government agencies.

Mission:

- To align institutional research priorities with national missions and societal needs.
- To promote multi-disciplinary, translational, and policy-driven research for nation-building.
- To strengthen institutional capacity for high-quality externally funded research and innovation.

3. Scope of the Policy

This policy applies to all collaborative research, consultancy, capacity-building, and technology transfer projects funded or co-funded by:

- Central & State Government departments (e.g., DST, DBT, ICMR, ICSSR, DRDO, etc.)

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- Statutory councils and commissions (e.g., UGC, AICTE, CSIR, ICAR, NITI Aayog)
- Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs)
- Government-linked missions (e.g., Digital India, Atal Innovation Mission, IndiaAI, Swachh Bharat Mission, National Health Mission, etc.)

4. Objectives of the Policy

- To establish structured frameworks for research collaboration with Government agencies.
- To promote transparency, integrity, and ethical conduct in all externally funded projects.
- To enhance institutional participation in national missions and policy-driven research programs.
- To ensure effective utilization of research grants and resources.
- To encourage interdisciplinary and translational research addressing national priorities.
- To develop strong administrative and financial governance for managing Government-funded projects.

5. Guiding Principles

AUR's collaboration with Government agencies shall be governed by the following principles:

- **Accountability:** Adherence to all financial and technical guidelines of the funding agency.
- **Transparency:** Open sharing of project progress, fund utilization, and research outputs.
- **Ethics and Integrity:** Compliance with ethical standards in research, human/animal studies, and data management.
- **Mutual Benefit:** Ensuring that both AUR and the Government partner derive tangible academic, scientific, and societal benefits.
- **Sustainability:** Promoting long-term partnerships that lead to policy impact, technology commercialization, or capacity-building.

6. Collaborative Framework

6.1. MoUs and Agreements

AUR shall enter into formal *Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs)* or *Collaborative Agreements* with Government organizations to define the scope, objectives, deliverables, and intellectual property (IP) ownership for each project.

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6.2. Project Development and Submission

Faculty members and research teams may submit project proposals to Government funding agencies such as *Principal Investigators (PIs)* or *Co-Investigators (Co-PIs)*.

- All proposals must be routed through the **Office of Research & Development (ORD)** for institutional approval.
- The University shall assist in identifying suitable funding calls, preparing proposals, and ensuring compliance with agency norms.

6.3. Project Implementation

- All Government-funded research shall be executed as per the approved objectives, timelines, and budgets.
- Procurement, expenditure, and reporting shall follow both University and Government financial regulations.
- The PI shall maintain detailed records of all transactions, progress reports, and deliverables.

6.4. Equipment and Asset Management

- Equipment purchased under Government-funded projects shall be properly tagged and entered in the central inventory.
- The PI shall ensure periodic maintenance, calibration, and utilization records.
- Disposal of obsolete equipment shall comply with both Government and institutional norms.

7. Ethical and Regulatory Compliance

All collaborative research must adhere to applicable statutory and ethical standards:

- *Institutional Human Ethics Committee (IHEC)* for biomedical and health research.
- *Institutional Animal Ethics Committee (IAEC)* for animal studies.
- *Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBSC)* for recombinant DNA work.
- Compliance with other relevant Government regulations.

8. Research Capacity Building

To promote excellence in Government-linked research:

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- AUR shall organize *Faculty Development Programs (FDPs)*, *Workshops*, and *Proposal-Writing Clinics* on Government funding opportunities.
- Faculty and researchers shall be encouraged to collaborate with Government labs for internships, training, and joint publications.
- The University will maintain a database of ongoing and completed Government-funded projects for knowledge sharing.

9. Incentives and Recognition

- Faculty members securing Government-funded projects shall be recognized under the *AUR Faculty Incentive Scheme*.
- Incentives shall also be provided for patents, technology transfers, and policy contributions arising from Government collaborations.
- Successful projects leading to start-ups or policy outcomes shall receive institutional support through the *Amity Innovation & Incubation Centre (AIIC)*.

10. Monitoring, Reporting, and Review

- The **Office of Research & Development (ORD)** shall monitor all ongoing Government-funded research for compliance and progress.
- PIs shall submit quarterly, and annual reports including fund utilization and milestones achieved.
- The **Research Advisory Committee (RAC)** shall conduct an annual review and prepare a *Government Collaboration Performance Report* summarizing achievements, challenges, and recommendations.
- The policy shall be reviewed biennially to incorporate new national guidelines, funding mechanisms, and institutional priorities.

11. Expected Outcomes

Through this policy, AUR aims to:

- Enhance participation in national and State research missions.
- Strengthen institutional research infrastructure and capacity.
- Increase the number of Government-funded projects, patents, and publications.
- Contribute to national innovation, sustainable development, and policy frameworks.
- Build a strong reputation as a trusted partner for Government research collaborations.

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12. Policy Enforcement

This policy shall be implemented under the supervision of the **Dean (Research & Development)** and the **Director (IQAC)**, in coordination with the **Research Advisory Committee (RAC)** and respective *Principal Investigators (PIs)*.

Any deviation or non-compliance with this policy shall be reported to the University Administration for appropriate action.