

Saint King Tamar University of Georgian Patriarchate Institutional Strategy for Research Development

1. Implementation of University education is inconceivable without the development of research activities within the University. Increasing the potential of the University academic staff and the competitiveness of its students and alumni is impossible without increasing the degree of relevance, transparency, objectivity and applicability of scientific findings within the University, its academic body and its educational programs.

2. The purpose of this Strategy is to define the organization and support measures of scientific research activities at the University, the circle of persons involved in research and those responsible for research support and development, mechanisms for supporting University research activities, structural units conducting research and general research implementation policy.

3. The effectiveness of research activities and involvement in scientific research is one of the important indicators for assessing the quality of the activities of the academic staff of the University.

The University research support system includes the introduction of research-supporting organizational structures, research evaluation indicators, the University grant system, anti-plagiarism policies, and informational support.

Organizational support of research activities

Organizational support for research activities at the University is provided by the Quality Management Service, the University Multidisciplinary Research Institute and the Head of Research and Scientific Direction. They jointly provide support for the development of academic and scientific research at the University, coordinate the planning-evaluation processes of the scientific research component within the University educational programs, organizational support, as well as monitoring the protection of academic integrity within the scopes of research.

Also:

- Develop a plan of research activities for the University
- Organize the University research activities (conferences, seminars, workshops, etc.);
- Participate in the process of reviewing research papers and staffing the review process with relevant personnel;
- Administer University research grants;
- Prepare a report on the research work of the academic staff and develop recommendations for the development of academic research at the University;
- Ensure the protection of academic integrity within the University and participate in the introduction of anti-plagiarism measures;
- Develop and administer research activities for internationalization in the process of international cooperation;
- Provide coordination of joint grant, scholarship and research projects on behalf of the University;
- Takes care of inviting foreign researchers to the university.
- Independently conducts research in the relevant field, in accordance with the research budget obtained by itself, allocated by the University or approved within the framework of the University grant and the research plan approved by the University Academic Council.

Internal funding system of the University for scientific research

The University - for the development and encouragement of research activities - during the financial planning, considers the budget set for the financing of research projects and establishes the rules, procedures and authorities for research funding, co-funding and refusal of funding.

Sources of funding for research activities at the University are: planned funding allocated to the University budget research unit; funding received under the University grant; funding received from external sources. This funding can be used for both full and co-financing of the research project. The amount of budget allocated for the research should be maintained or increased for each subsequent year.

Informational support for University research

In order to increase the University's involvement in international and local research projects, the University seeks to increase the level of awareness of academic staff and researchers about research projects and opportunities for participation, as well as informing the academic community about the University's scientific and research achievements.

The Multidisciplinary and Intercultural Research Institute and the Quality Management Service will provide information to the University staff and students about local and international scientific grants, consult with interested parties and assist them find the desired grant.

Condition for the University to participate in the administration and coordination of the research grant is the involvement of the academic staff in the project on behalf of the University.

In order to increase the awareness of the academic staff and their involvement in international research projects, the University conducts annual trainings on the following topics:

- Writing a research project, science grant management, scientific academic skills.

In order to increase the public awareness about the research activities of the academic staff, the University takes care of raising the rating and credibility of its publications, as well as their indexing in the database of world scientific publications.

Academic integrity and the fight against plagiarism

The University reserves the right to be a guarantor of the protection of academic integrity in the educational and research process conducted within or on its behalf; to identify and respond appropriately to violations of the norms of academic integrity; pursue anti-plagiarism policies, introduce the mechanism disciplinary response to the violations and take strict measures in case of plagiarism and its recurrence.

Increase the involvement of academic staff in research

The University - prior to all subsequent academic competitions, while extending the contract for academic staff or lecturers - considers their scientific research potential and involvement in scientific research. The University Human Resources Management Service, in conjunction with the Research Development Service, evaluates the research work of the University staff according to their involvement in the research and the involvement of the research component in the teaching process.

Both professors and students will take part in the research.

The results of the research form the basis of the action plans for the development of scientific research at the University. Assessment of academic staff is carried out by special questionnaires that determine their productivity.

Research Quality Assessment Indicators:

University indicators for the evaluation of scientific research of academic and scientific staff are: scientific publications in Georgia and abroad, publications in editions with impact factor; University grants; research grants; participation in scientific conferences; published textbooks and monographs; number of citations.