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1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

External funding, especially on a competitive basis, is not just a necessity but a significant opportunity for high-quality research and education at the International European University (from now on referred to as the University). This increases the university's recognition, popularity, reputation, and attractiveness and improves its budget performance. This policy regulates finding and using external academic funding for research, paving the way for exciting new opportunities and advancements.

2. FORMS OF EXTERNAL FINANCING

2.1. External financing is provided in three primary forms:

- **Academic grants** are earmarked funds from government agencies and foundations, which are usually awarded due to competitive selection and are dedicated to fulfilling *specific academic goals*.
- **Consulting contracts** are funds awarded for the performance of a specific research activity in the interest of a client (public or private body). Unlike academic grants, contracts serve the client's interests rather than broadly defined public and educational interests.
- **Donations** are funds individuals, foundations, and corporations typically provide to support the University's operations and mission. A donation may be an unlimited gift to the University, or its use may be limited to a specific academic area, unit, or activity.

3. COMMITMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY TO ATTRACT EXTERNAL FUNDING

3.1. The University's commitment to attracting external funding is unwavering. We encourage our structural units and employees to seek external funding to support high-quality academic research activities by the University's mission. The management, administration, and academic units of the University undertake to help the search and management of external funding in the following ways:

- Fulfillment of the necessary legislative and other conditions that give the University the right to attract and use various types of external funding.
- Providing information, advice, and support in the process of preparing applications and proposals, in the negotiation of grant agreements, and the management of external financing;
- Establishment of effective administrative procedures related to the provision and administration of academic grants and donations.
- We are supporting the development of proposals and applications for academic grants through the Department of Strategic Development and International Programs.
- Encouragement and motivation of scientific and scientific-pedagogical staff of the University to search for external academic funding;
- Positioning and advertising of the University as a prudent, reliable, and effective recipient of external scientific funding.

3.2. The University is academic, legal, financial, ethical, and ethically responsible for all educational activities it engages in, including those related to external funding. We take this responsibility seriously and ensure that all our activities are in line with our ethical standards and the law.

4. CONDITIONS FOR ATTRACTING EXTERNAL ACADEMIC FUNDING

- 4.1. The University seeks and accepts external academic funding provided that:
- The funded activities are in line with the University's mission and strategy.
 - The University has the resources and capacity to implement funded activities;
 - The origin of the funding is not illegal, unethical, or related to a conflict of interest.
- It is not related to activities or organizations that may damage the reputation of the University or that impose unrelated or inappropriate restrictions or expectations on the University and its staff (this is assessed on a case-by-case basis by the Guidelines for the Search and Management of External Academic Funding at the International European University (from now on referred to as the Guidelines).
- 4.2. All external academic programs must be submitted, accepted, and administered only by these Policies and Guidelines.
- 4.3. If externally funded research includes requests for exemptions from teaching or other modifications to an academic employee's job description, the principles set out in the Research Field Teaching Waiver and Research Reward Policy should be followed.
- 4.4. The Department of Strategic Development and International Programs is a key resource for the University's community in finding and managing academic grants. This Department maintains a register of educational grants for the university's research activities and applications for such grants submitted on behalf of the university. It also prepares annual reports on successful academic research grants, including the educational and financial profile of projects and the University staff involved, thereby providing transparency and accountability in the use of external funding.

The Department of Strategic Development and International Programs also coordinates the processes of applications, reports, and relations management with private sources of donations. This includes identifying potential donors, preparing and submitting applications for donations, providing regular reports to donors on the use of their funds, and maintaining positive relationships with donors. The Department keeps records of all applications and donations of private support to the University, and prepares annual reports on private contributions to the University, ensuring transparency and accountability in the use of private donations.