

# **POLICY FOR NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LINKAGES**



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## 1. Purpose

The purpose of the policy is to provide principles and procedures for the establishment of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and agreements with national and international Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), Organizations, Associations, Trade Bodies, NGOs, etc.

## 2. Scope

This policy applies to all national and international linkages that require a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) / agreements at Institutional, Departmental, Individual, Organizational, and Exchange Programs.

## 3. Definitions In this policy:

- a) **“Approval Authority”** means the Vice Chancellor of Government College University Hyderabad, Sindh (GCUH) Hyderabad.
- b) **“Recommending Officer”** means the Dean, Registrar, Director, or Head of any Department of Government College University Hyderabad.
- c) **“Formal Linkage”** means a legal inter-institutional agreement between the Government College University Hyderabad (GCUH) or (any of its administrative units / Departments) and a university, government, institution, organization, trade body, Non-profit organization, or agency in Pakistan or another country involving the commitment of institutional resources in such matters as collaborative research, joint academic and scholarly activities, exchange of publications, student and/or staff exchange programs, and collaborative degree programs.
- d) **“Informal Linkage”** means a collegial relationship among individual faculty members, administrators, and/or students that involve no commitment to institutional resources.
- e) **“Institutional Resources”** refers to the resources of Government College University Hyderabad (GCUH), and its administrative units/departments considered institutional entities. “Institutional resources” include not only human and financial resources, but courses, academic programs, degrees, diplomas, or the content produced/written by someone using GCUH

resources.

- f) **“Proponent”** means the GC University administrative unit(s) / departments proposing a formal linkage.

#### **4. Policy Statement:**

- a) Informal Linkages are a widespread, normal, and desirable feature of academic life, and will often suffice to achieve the desired collaborative ends.
- b) Formal Linkages should be considered only when need to provide the framework and support activities/programs for commitments of institutional resources.
- c) Duplication and redundancy in formal agreements should be avoided.
- d) Proponents of a Formal Linkage must demonstrate the value of the linkage and the availability and appropriateness of any institutional resources.

#### **5. Responsibilities:**

##### **a) Approval Authority**

This means a person/department/unit has the authority to ensure appropriate rigor and due diligence/certain standards in the development of the National and International Linkages policy of GC University to give permission for further proceeding (Vice Chancellor).

##### **b) Recommending Officer(s)**

Recommending officer(s) means a person/department/unit who has the responsibility to plan the execution of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) / Agreement while keeping in view the principles/rules defined by the Federal / Provincial governments attached as Annexure A and B and give suggestions/recommendations to the approval authority.

**c) Director / Manager Linkages:**

A person who is responsible:

- To develop, maintain, and update templates and checklists for formal linkage MoUs / agreements.
- To work closely with departments/units in developing proposed MoU / agreements.
- To work with the Consulates at national and international levels to secure necessary legal clearance from both sides.
- To submit the completed proposal, with appropriate recommendations, to the approval authority of Government College University Hyderabad (GCUH) – Sindh.
- To ensure that University staff are aware of and understand the implications of this policy and related procedures fully.
- To monitor compliance with the policy and related procedures.
- To regularly review the policy and related procedures to ensure consistency in practice.
- To sponsor the revision of this policy and related procedures when necessary and assign this task to the concerned person who manages these activities.

**d) Departments / Offices / Proponents:**

Which are responsible:

- To consult with the Director Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) of Government College University Hyderabad (GCUH) about the necessity and appropriateness of a Formal Linkage; and
- To work closely with the Director / Manager Linkages - Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) of Government College University Hyderabad (GCUH) in developing a necessary linkage proposal.

**e) Limitations for informal linkages:**

There is no restriction for developing informal linkages, but it will be the moral duty of the individual/department to keep the authorities in loop while taking any action/step/advancement.

**6. Procedure**

- a) The departments/Office(s) of formal linkages shall work with the Director/Manager Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) of Government College University Hyderabad (GCUH) in developing a proposal. Maintains and updates templates and checklists for the wide variety of such linkages entered by the University.
- b) The most relevant and convenient approval officer (Dean, Registrar, and Head of Department) is determined during the development of the proposal by the Director/Manager Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) of Government College University Hyderabad (GCUH).

**7. Policy on National Linkages**

National Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) / agreements endorse collaboration with national business and economic scholars or institutes, universities, organizations, companies, financial institutions, and trade bodies including chambers, associations, and small traders which provides a unique environment in which to meet the University's vision and mission of teaching, research, and public service.

Government College University Hyderabad (GCUH) has an official position regarding the development of these linkages and agreements with the following entities and extended through selective involvement of students, faculty, and staff with academic, governmental, or private institutions across the country.

**a. Institutional Linkages-**

A comprehensive institutional linkage reflects a formal understanding between individual institutions or groups of institutions. An institutional linkage agreement must be based on administrative decisions and commitments at all levels.

**b. Departmental Linkages** - Linkage with counterpart departments of national institutions may involve faculty, student, and/or collaborative research or other scholarly activities. Department-level linkages are formalized through the department chair and require approval of the Vice Chancellor (VC) of Government College University Hyderabad (GCUH).

**c. Organizational / Corporate Linkages** – Organization / Corporate Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) and agreements endorse collaboration with businesses and organizations, which provides a unique environment in which to meet the University's vision, the mission of teaching, research, and public service.

**d.** Linkages between institutions across the country and Government College University Hyderabad (GCUH) are established through mutual agreement and provide mutual benefit and require a mutual investment of resources. The emphasis is on mutual collaboration.

## **Policy**

The following criteria/procedures are provided to departments and offices for national MoU or agreements with the above three slabs:

Any agreement under the scope of this policy, prior to being executed in accordance with Government College University Hyderabad (GCUH), must be reviewed by the recommending officer(s) at the developing stage through whose units such proposed agreements arise; and by any other university official having jurisdiction over the resources involved, if any. Later, for final approval, it will be submitted to the approval authority.

## **8. Policy on International Linkages**

Formal International Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) / Agreements are

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approved by the Vice Chancellor of Government College University Hyderabad (GCUH) by keeping in view the guidelines provided by Higher Education Commission (HEC) for Public Sector Universities Letter No. 4(8)2015/E-III dated the 27th June 2016 in which it has placed the procedure and Circular No. 1 (8) EA / Progress / 2016. However, the copy of the above letters is attached as **(Annexure-A)** and **(Annexure-B)** respectively.

**Note:**

- a) The public sector universities when entering into an MoU / Agreement with a foreign University, must consult Higher Education Commission (HEC) first, and then in case of concurrence of the HEC bring it to the notice of its parent Ministry for endorsement. If the MoU / Agreement is to be signed, all relevant stakeholders like the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Law and Justice Division, and Security Agency may be consulted wherever required.
  
- b) The Director / Manager, Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) ensures that all formal linkage agreements are finalized after due process and approval of the Vice Chancellor of Government College University Hyderabad (GCUH).