

Regulations for the Establishment of Research Center

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Article 1 For the integration of academic research personnel and resources and the promotion of research characteristics, Kaohsiung Medical University (hereinafter "KMU") hereby establishes the Regulations for the Establishment of Research Center (hereinafter "the Regulations").

Article 2 In the Regulations, a "research center" refers to a unit integrated based on the nature of academic research or technical services.

Article 3 KMU's research centers are categorized as follows:

1. University-level Academic Research Centers: Interdisciplinary academic research centers at the university level, established in accordance with the school's key research policies and development goals. The Office of Research and Development coordinates administrative management and auditing.
2. University-level Task-oriented Research Centers: Interdisciplinary key task-oriented and distinctive research centers at the university level, established as needed for university affairs or phased research. The Office of Research and Development coordinates administrative management and auditing.
3. College-level Research Centers: Research centers of a business nature at the college level are established as needed according to the academic research policies and development goals of each college.

Article 4 When applying for the establishment of a research center, a detailed plan must be attached and processed according to the following procedures:

1. University-level Academic Research Centers: Assigned by the President or applied for by full-time professors of KMU, initially reviewed by the Academic Research Committee, and agreed to be established after deliberation in the Administrative Meeting.
2. University-level Task-oriented Research Centers: Established upon assignment by the President, and agreed to be established after deliberation in the Administrative Meeting.
3. College-level Research Centers: Agreed to be established after approval by the College Affairs Meeting, the General Education Center Meeting, and deliberation in the Administrative Meeting.

Article 5 The contents of the Plan should include the following items:

1. Purpose.
2. Mission.
3. Organization.
4. Source of funding.
5. Expected objectives to be achieved.
6. Establishment regulations.

Article 6 The organizational structure of each research center is as follows:

1. University-level Academic Research Centers: A Center Advisory Committee shall be established, which should meet at least semi-annually, responsible for the oversight of the center's affairs and finances. Members of the Advisory Committee are appointed by the President from scholars and experts within and outside the school. The chairperson is elected by the members themselves, and a vice-chairperson may also be appointed. An Executive Director is appointed to oversee the center's operations, selected by the President from among full-time professors. Additionally, Deputy Executive Directors or Directors of Research Teams or Platforms may be appointed upon the recommendation of the Executive Director and the President's approval.
2. University-level Task-oriented Research Centers: A Center Advisory Committee shall be established, which should meet at least semi-annually, responsible for the oversight of the center's affairs and finances. Members of the Advisory Committee are appointed by the President from scholars and experts within and outside the school. The chairperson is elected by the members themselves, and a vice-chairperson may also be appointed. A Director and possibly several Deputy Directors are appointed to oversee the center's operations, selected by the President from among full-time faculty or attending physicians.
3. College-level Research Centers: A Director is appointed to oversee the center's operations, selected by the Dean of the College or the Director of the General Education Center from associate professors or higher, and appointed or jointly appointed by the President upon request.

The members of the Center Advisory Committee, Executive Director, Deputy Executive Directors, and Directors serve a one-year term, which may be renewed upon expiration, as unpaid positions. Each center may additionally appoint Deputy Directors, researchers, technical staff, administrative staff, etc., as needed. Each university-level academic research center should consist of at least 20 KMU and affiliated institutions' researchers eligible to serve as project managers, with at least one-third being young scholars (assistant professors, attending physicians, or researchers under the age of 45).

Article 7 Researchers appointed by each research center must meet the qualifications set forth in KMU's Regulations for the Appointment of Research Personnel.

Article 8 The remuneration for personnel employed by the research center may be determined

in accordance with the standards for the faculty and staff of KMU or in line with the relevant regulations of the Ministry of Science and Technology or similar authorities and must be specified in the employment contract.

- Article 9 The required funds and workforce for the research center should primarily be self-raised. When necessary, research projects and budgets may be formulated based on the center's operations, with financial support provided by both the school and the affiliated units. Expense reimbursements must be processed in accordance with the relevant regulations of KMU.
- Article 10 Each research center in conducting continuing education classes, undertaking research projects, and providing technical and testing services, shall allocate a proportion of its administrative management fees in accordance with the relevant regulations of KMU.
- Article 11 Research centers at all levels that have been established for two years must undergo annual evaluations. University-level research centers as mentioned in Article 3, Paragraphs 1 and 2, are evaluated annually by the Research Center Evaluation Meeting, with results submitted to the Academic Research Committee for recordation. The criteria for evaluating these centers are separately established. College-level research centers, as referred to in Article 3, Paragraph 3, are evaluated by their respective colleges, which may either create their evaluation methods or refer to the directives for evaluating research centers. These evaluations are conducted by the College Affairs Meeting and the General Education Center Meeting, with results also submitted to the Academic Research Committee for recordation.
- Article 12 If a research center fails to submit the relevant operational results report within the stipulated timeframe of the previous article, or if the evaluation result is "to be disbanded" or "to be observed" for two consecutive times, or if the mission of the center is completed, the evaluation result will be submitted to the Academic Research Committee for recordation, and the center will be discontinued following the establishment procedures. Research centers at all levels that are resolved to be disbanded by the meeting that originally reviewed the establishment applications, must immediately proceed with the completion of all operations and the transfers of personnel, finances, spaces, and projects, with a maximum duration of six months.
- Article 13 During the employment period of the personnel at each center, the intellectual property rights related to research results accomplished in connection with their duties, including formulas, procedures, design inventions, or other works, shall be managed according to KMU's Research and Development Results Management Regulations and other relevant provisions.
- Article 14 For matters not specified in the Regulations, they shall be handled in accordance with the relevant provisions of KMU.
- Article 15 After being reviewed and passed by the University Council, the Regulations shall be implemented from the date of announcement, and the same applies to amendments.
- ” English version is for reference only, Chinese version the shall prevail.”**