

# Directives for Interdisciplinary Integration Research Project Grant

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1. To integrate the academic and research workforce and resources within the school for the development of Kaohsiung Medical University's (hereinafter "KMU") distinctive research focus, and to enhance related academic standards, the Directives for Interdisciplinary Integration Research Project Grant (hereinafter "the Directives") are hereby established.
2. To promote the development of integrated research projects, the Office of Research and Development may plan the school's key research directions. After review and approval by the Academic Research Committee (hereinafter "the Committee"), and subsequent approval by the President, research projects are to be publicly solicited.
3. Application regulations are as follows:
  - (1) All full-time Associate Professors (inclusive) and above at KMU with outstanding research results and who have led externally funded research projects for over five years are eligible to organize key research teams and submit research proposals to the Office of Research and Development. Proposals are initially reviewed by the Committee, and then the best ones are sent for further review by external experts.
  - (2) The chief project principal investigator of the project must invite full-time faculty members from relevant academic fields within KMU to participate in the planning and implementation of the project. If necessary, external experts may be appointed for consultation and guidance of the project, but experimental execution, personnel training, participation in the project, and expense verification and reimbursement must be completed within KMU.
  - (3) Priority is given to multi-year, continuous research projects for funding under the previous clause. Funding is allocated annually based on the project's performance, with a principle limit of three years. Each year, the chief project principal investigator must submit a progress report to the Office of Research and Development as per regulations, and the Committee shall evaluate its performance. For projects with good execution results, KMU may encourage the project manager to apply for grants from government institutions like the National Science and Technology Council.
4. The interdisciplinary integrated research projects receiving subsidies must comply with the following regulations:
  - (1) The Chief Project principal investigator must submit mid-term and annual reports to the Office of Research and Development, which are then forwarded to the Academic Research Committee for review.
  - (2) During the subsidy period, each interdisciplinary integrated research team must conduct the following seminars:
    1. Sub-project principal investigator must hold at least one research discussion meeting per month within the project.
    2. The Chief Project principal investigator of the interdisciplinary integrated project must hold at least four progress negotiation meetings per year for sub-project principal investigator.
    3. The Chief Project principal investigator of the interdisciplinary integrated

project must organize at least two research results discussion meetings annually for all researchers.

5. Funding Subsidy and Verification/Reimbursement:

- (1) The subsidy of project expenses may be determined by the Academic Research Committee based on the annual financial situation, deciding on the number of projects and the amount of subsidy.
  - (2) The subsidized funds are limited to equipment costs, personnel costs (graduate students and research assistants), and material costs.
  - (3) Those who fail to carry out the project closing procedures as required or violate the regulations for fund usage will not receive the remaining funds and cannot apply for new projects.
6. The necessary funds subject to the Directives shall be provided through the school's budget allocation or other financial sources.
7. After being passed by the Administrative Meeting and reviewed and approved by the President, the Directives 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.”**