

KIBOGORA POLYTECHNIC

RESEARCH POLICY

The Purposes of the Institution, as defined in the Governance Manual, include:-

- b) To carry out research in all the disciplines of the institution and the different problems of the country, to publish research results and to collaborate with other institutions in Rwanda and abroad to develop and enhance knowledge, and contribute to the promotion of national development.

The Business Plan lays down the timeline for development of the full Research Policy of the institution by 2016-17, in line with application for full university status. *Inter alia*, the subjects which will be the focus of research from that date will be contingent on the staff recruitments which have been made in the intervening period.

From that point the university expects to play its full role in the research output of Rwandan Higher Learning Institutions, with particular focus on research of relevance and potential application in the Western Province. The university will have a full research infrastructure with a Director of Research, a research training program and a doctoral student enrolment consistent with the size and supervision capabilities of the institution. The overseas support which is a key feature of Kibogora Polytechnic will be critical in establishing critical mass of supervision capability.

Therefore this statement briefly summarises the interim research policy for the teaching growth phase 2013-16.

1. The university recognises the value of the growth in the knowledge base and the key role of the institution in supporting the research by which this will be achieved.
2. The university recognises that it has a key role in the application of research for the economic and social enhancement of the Western Province of Rwanda.
3. The university will provide adequate ICT and library infrastructure to enable research by staff and students.
4. All staff recruited to Lecturer grade and above will be active in research and will be expected to remain active.
5. Research activity can be demonstrated by publications, presentations, funded projects, and completion of higher level qualifications.
6. Active researchers will ensure that their research is incorporated in their undergraduate teaching.
7. All staff will ensure that their teaching is up-to-date and consistent with latest research.
8. Research activity will be monitored on an annual basis and featured in the annual report.
9. Research methods teaching will be given to all students aiming for A0 qualifications. A0 programs will normally include a dissertation with a research component.
10. Staff and student research conducted will be of the highest standards. Ethical clearance for staff and student projects in Health and Education concerning individual subjects (patients and pupils) will be reviewed by a Sub-committee of the Faculty Board concerned set up by the relevant Dean to ensure that full considerations of confidentiality, privacy and respect have been made in the proposal.

11. A sum equal to 1% of the staff budget of each Faculty is budgeted for staff development and research. The research element of this will be determined by the Dean, and will fund fieldwork, equipment, conferences and presentation of outcomes. Staff will apply for the funding they require and the strongest cases for support will be determined by the Dean.
12. Opportunities for external funding of research will be scanned by the Rectorate and Deans. The institution will provide the resources to make bids for external funding which have a reasonable chance of success, as determined by the Rector.



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