

Research and Development Committee

Purpose

In line with Akdeniz University's goal of becoming a *“research-oriented university,”* the fundamental purpose of the Research and Development Committee is to carry out the necessary activities to support all scientific work within the faculty, including publications, projects, patents, industry-oriented scientific research, exhibitions, R&D activities, technology production, and the utilization of produced knowledge, technology, and innovation for the benefit of society. To achieve this goal, the Committee's functions include planning to increase the number of qualified research studies within the unit, creating suitable research opportunities, and ensuring coordination among research units.

The Research and Development Committee works in harmony with the university's *“Board of Research and Development and Coordination”* under the Rectorate regarding determining and announcing the current status of R&D activities, generating new knowledge, sharing and disseminating knowledge, and creating future-oriented proposals.

Duties of the Committee

In line with the goal of becoming a research-oriented university, **The Committee:**

1. Determines and announces the research priorities of the unit in order to ensure that the scientific studies in the unit reach the standards of modern and developed countries.
2. Conducts encouraging activities to internalize the R&D culture and to foster the development of research-oriented scientists. It works on raising awareness among academic staff about the importance of scientific research and organizes informative meetings on the subject. To this end:
 - Plans and organizes basic research training (seminars, conferences, national and international congresses, and educational programs) for scientists at all levels,
 - Submits recommendations to the Dean's Office regarding the training of researchers both domestically and internationally in line with predetermined goals,
 - Submits proposals to institutes for launching new doctoral programs—especially in priority areas—and enhancing the quality of infrastructure in existing ones,
 - Proposes to the Dean's Office the recruitment of researchers who have completed their PhD and stand out with their qualified research.
3. Works to increase the number of high-quality scientific studies by:
 - Ensuring that high-impact R&D studies conducted in the unit are presented in meetings where academic staff and students can participate,
 - Planning conferences involving researchers invited from within the university, nationally or internationally, in areas of need, with participation open to academic staff and students.
4. Promotes interdisciplinary work by encouraging collaboration among researchers.
5. Develops supportive proposals to boost the unit's international, partnership-based R&D research and publications.

6. Submits recommendations to the Dean's Office on increasing existing infrastructure for scientific research, establishing new research-application units/centers in needed areas within the unit, and improving current ones.
7. Develops proposals to align the unit's research infrastructure with the region's potential and needs.
8. Creates a collaborative environment with centers/units that provide essential infrastructure support for research in the unit and university.
9. Ensures regular compilation and announcement of current research outputs at the end of each academic term. To achieve this, it carries out the following:
 - Monitors R&D activities (SCI, SSCI, AHCI publications, national and international papers, projects, patents, etc.) per academic staff,
 - Tracks the distribution of publications, H-index scores, and citation counts by academic title, discipline, and department,
 - Ensures these R&D activities are published annually on the unit's website.

Working Principles of the Committee

1. The Research and Development Committee consists of 5 or 7 academic members from the relevant unit, selected among Assistant Professors, Associate Professors, and Professors with strong research backgrounds and high H-index scores, while also ensuring departmental representation. The Vice Dean responsible for research also participates.
2. Committee member candidates are nominated by the Faculty Board based on the criteria above, and members are appointed by the Dean.
3. The Chair of the Committee is elected from among the members at the first meeting. The Vice Dean cannot be the Chair.
4. Committee members serve for the same term as the Dean (3 years). When a member's term ends or they leave the Committee, a new member is selected using the same method.
5. The Committee meets once a month. Extraordinary meetings can be held upon the Chair's call when necessary.
6. The Committee submits its annual work report to the Rectorate's Board of Research and Development and Coordination.

Research Development Commission Advisory Board

Taking into account the representation of Departments and Research Units/Centers within the unit, the Research Development Committee may establish an Advisory Board.

The Advisory Board:

- Provides opinions and suggestions to the Committee in determining research priorities during the process of making the unit research-oriented,
- Acts as a consultant to the Committee upon request, particularly on R&D activities.