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1.0 Preamble

Egerton University, as an outward looking institution, acknowledges the important role that academic and research collaborations play in the realisation of its vision that focuses on the advancement of humanity. The University Policy on Collaborations is therefore designed to focus on and to facilitate the development of relevant and appropriate academic and research partnerships locally and internationally. In seeking collaborations, the University emphasizes on the importance of establishing and

1.3 Core Values

Passion for excellence and devotion to duty, integrity, transparency and accountability, social fairness, and professionalism.

2.0 Justification

The following statements underpin the commitment of the University to start, safeguard

S06:Develop and integrate ICT in teaching, learning, research, and management.

S07:Engage in priority areas of community development.

S09:Develop linkages with national and international institutions

4.0 Scope

This is a University wide policy and relates to collaborations between Egerton University and other national and international organizations.

5.0 Policy Guidelines

5.1 Role of the University Sponsor

All agreements shall have a University sponsor who shall be responsible for developing the proposal and in particular shall ensure that:

- a) The agreement is in the University's best interests;
- b) The agreement satisfies the functions and objects of Egerton University Act Part II Section 4;
- c) The agreement is consistent with the strategic direction of the University; and
- d) All academic and research quality, policy and administrative issues arising from the proposed relationship are resolved to the satisfaction of all parties during the development phase to ensure that the agreement poses no risk to the University or the University's academic and research reputation.

5.2. Initiation of Collaborations

- a) Egerton University recognises the benefits and risks associated with academic and research collaborations.

- viii) that the expectations and requirements of both Egerton University and the proposed partner are clearly demonstrated; and
 - ix) that the collaborative programme can be delivered on the basis of an income stream that supports full-economic costs,
- (c) The principles stated above shall be assessed during the Due Diligence Stage. Where these principles do not apply in totality, the collaboration may still be approved. However, the basis of that approval must be resolved and minuted by the Sponsoring unit of the University, which should also provide details of the basis on which the collaboration can reflect the spirit of the University mission/vision statement and the steps which are to be taken to ameliorate the impact of any aspects of the above principles with which the proposal is not fully compliant.
- (d) Formats of Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) for collaborations are diverse. Partners shall therefore sign a MOU of an agreed format.

6.0 Management of Collaborations

- 6.1 All collaborations shall be managed by the Division of Research and Extension as per the current laid down functions of the Division.
- 6.2 Signing of collaborations shall be done by the Vice-Chancellor and in his/her absence by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor in charge of Research and Extension.

- 6.3 A register and copies of all signed Collaboration Agreements will be held by the Office of Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Extension).
- 6.4 The University Policy on Collaborations shall be applied in conjunction with the University Research Policy, the Intellectual Property Rights Policy and with all other relevant academic policies.

7.0 Collaboration Grievances

- a) All grievances related to the management of collaborations shall be reported to the Deputy-Vice Chancellor (R & E) within 14 days' of occurrence.
- b) All grievances shall be considered and necessary action taken within 14 days of reporting.

8.0 Termination of a Collaboration

A Collaboration may be terminated under the following circumstances:

- a) If the Collaboration is not commenced within two years of signing of the Memorandum of Understanding.
- b) If the Collaboration appears to be incapable of meeting its objectives and/or is being implemented unsatisfactorily.
- c) If there is evidence of violation of any of the principles and requirements in this policy.

