



## University of Bahrain Deanship of Graduate Studies and Scientific Research

### Research Charter<sup>1</sup>

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#### Introduction

The research charter aims to set the fundamental rules to be adhered to complete the research process in terms of integrity, rights and ethics. The herein charter may be envisaged as a general code of conduct that governs the ethics, determines businesses, relations and policies to be followed in order to guarantee the safety of research.

#### 1- General Principles

The good practices of research are based upon several principal concepts of relevance to scientific research ethics, by which the work of researcher/s is directed, save their interaction with practical, moral, and intellectual challenges. The said principles are:

- Accuracy and quality of the researches.
- Honesty and truthfulness in carrying out, reviewing and publishing researches, all of which are in line with the ethical frameworks of scientific research.
- Respect of participants in the research process, society, environment, heritage, culture and the general laws of the Kingdom of Bahrain.
- Responsibility with regard to the research impact, management, organization, supervision and publication.

#### 2- General Practices of Research

- A) Research Environment:** The University of Bahrain endeavors to increase awareness, guarantees the culture of research integrity, and provides clear policies as well as procedures pertinent to good research practices, transparency and the proper transacting with breaches of the general ethical frameworks of a research process.
- B) Training, Supervision, Mentoring:** The University of Bahrain guarantees researchers to receive the appropriate training with regard to the scientific research ethics and methodologies that are in line with the relevant University rules and regulations; save research instructors, supervisors, and heads of research teams guide members of their respective teams as well as provide both the adequate mentoring and training aimed to develop the research activities, and enhance the culture of research integrity.
- C) Research Procedures:** Researchers undertake to design and develop research ideas by virtue of the proper use of all research resources; and hence researchers publish the outcomes of researches clearly, accurately, honestly, transparently; in addition to respecting the confidentiality of data and outcomes, where possible.

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<sup>1</sup> Document translated, please refer the source text in Arabic

- D) **Health and Safety:** Researchers adhere to the rules and regulations of relevance to the University and the Kingdom of Bahrain. Research topics, being humanitarian, zoological, cultural, biological, environmental or physical; are addressed with utmost perseverance as per the legal and ethical provisions; save taking into consideration the health and safety of researchers, collaborators and others who are not directly associated with the research; in addition to the community to avert damages and potential risks related to research.
- E) **Data Protection:** Researchers are committed to supervise, preserve and safeguard all data and research materials for a reasonable period of time, while guaranteeing transparency to access such data and research materials, or its use according to the Intellectual Property rules of the University of Bahrain.
- F) **Joint Action:** All research partners bear full responsibility of the same; save they must publically and transparently agree, to their best, at the outset to the research objectives and businesses, as well as determine the standards and predictions of relevance; in addition to fully adhere to the integrity of research and the protection of intellectual property of collaborators and advisers with regard to publishing outcomes of the research.
- G) **Scientific Publication:** The full scientific content of a research is regarded the responsibility of authors, save they must agree to the sequencing of authorship, while adequately recognizing the intellectual contributions of others including collaborators, assistants, and sponsors whether the publication was in scientific magazines, conferences or any other form.

**3- Breaches of Research Integrity**

Researchers adhere to the methodologies and ethical practices associated with the scope of their research, save utilize good research practices that prevent deterioration of relations amongst the researchers, nor undermine confidence and credibility of the research, waste resources, subject resources, users, community and the environment to unnecessary damages. Research misconduct and other unacceptable practices such as perjury, misrepresentation and impersonation in suggesting, conducting or reviewing researches are regarded as serious breaches that damage the safety of research or researchers; in addition to the direct breaches of good practices stipulated in the general rules of conduct at the University of Bahrain.

The University of Bahrain addressed such breaches, or allegations of misconduct transparently by virtue of an investigation that is subject to the terms of justice and integrity as well as confidentiality to protect all competent persons. The University also protects the rights of whistleblowers during an investigation, and guarantees their vocational perspectives are not jeopardized. Investigations take into consideration the legal and equity essentials of all parties by virtue of providing persons accused of research breaches full details of the allegations, and they are allowed to respond to the allegations and evidences; hence availing the opportunity for an adequate reconciliatory action when acquitted. Any person accused of research misconduct remains innocent until otherwise proven.

<b>Name of Researcher:</b>
<b>College/Center/Department:</b>
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