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Introduction

The Office of External Research Collaboration & Consultation (OERCC), an integral part of the Research Sector, was established in 2005 with a mandate to develop alliances and partnerships with external institutions, promote public awareness, and invest institutional research outputs through commercial and industrial projects in collaboration with the public and private sectors.

The office aims at implementing and advancing the goals of applied research through external collaboration, technology transfer, and marketing potentially significant research findings of commercial propensity thereby facilitating Office of Vice President for Research (OVPR) in achieving its ultimate goal of investing faculties' research outputs for the larger benefit of mankind.

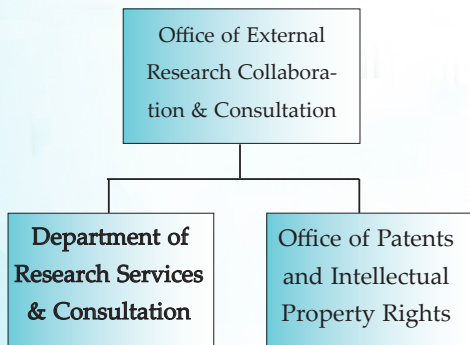
Vision

OERCC envisions to be a distinguished office that seeks to enhance the culture of innovation and creativity in the pursuit of scientific research in collaboration with external institutions, and contributing effectively in developing a knowledge-based economy in Kuwait.

Mission

OERCC's mission is to develop a successful community partnership that contributes towards achieving sustainable development and marketing of research outputs, as well as offering other innovative research services.

Organizational Structure of the Office



Office Organization

The Office of External Research Collaboration & Consultation includes:

- Department of Research Services & Consultation
- Office of Patents and Intellectual Property Rights

Department of Research Services & Consultation

Scientific research is critical in the development and advancement of societies, especially if the research outputs are appropriately invested in serving the higher objectives of the country.

The significance of research in this context and on grounds of the Research Sector's (RS) responsibility of overseeing the governance and management of all sci-

entific research matters at Kuwait University, including external partnerships, there emerged a dire need for an entity dedicated to research services and consultation, leading to the establishment of “Department of Research Services and Consultation* within the RS. The department is responsible for offering research services and consultation in response to increasing demand received by Kuwait University from diverse public and private sectors to offer such services for meeting the requirements of specialized research in different streams of knowledge and sciences. The provision of such services further enhanced the research support system at KU, opening additional channels for supporting, developing and benefiting from collaborative research.

Objectives

- Formalize Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs), collaborative and partnership agreements with local research centers.
- Organize conferences, seminars, workshops and scientific meetings at national and regional levels.
- Invest and market research outputs.

Responsibilities

- * Network inter-institutional and cross country alliances with external public and private sector bodies and individuals, nationally, regionally and internationally, to identify potential sources of marketing faculty research results, breakthroughs and landmark discoveries.
- * Raise capital and resources for strengthening institutional research potential, and provide critical

*(Established on April 8, 2009 under the Presidential Decree No. 828)

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support for internationally competitive ventures of human and scientific value through the Office of Consultancy and Development.

- * Enhance research visibility through vigorous public awareness measures to bring strategic institutional research accomplishments to the forefront of national, international and public attention.
- * Office of Patents and Intellectual Property Rights

The Office of Patents and Intellectual Property Rights was established* (under the OVPR - Office of External Research Collaboration & Consultation) to organize the registration process concerning the patents achieved by faculty members, students and other researchers. The Patents Office oversees all administrative, regulatory and legal procedures for KU inventions, and executes all other matters related to intellectual property rights.

Objectives

- Provide legal protection for inventions achieved by KU researchers.
- Support strategic plans and develop industrial activity in Kuwait by providing public and private institutions with information on local and international inventions.
- Promote the spirit of research and innovation among KU researchers and effectively contribute in supporting industrial and economic development in Kuwait.
- Coordinate with other patents and intellectual property rights offices regionally and internationally in the field of patents and intellectual property rights.

*(Established on April 30, 2005 under the Presidential Decree No. 886)

- Encourage use of patents in the development of industrial technology.

Responsibilities

- Oversee registration and documentation procedures for patents achieved by KU researchers.
- Provide legal protection for KU patents and other intellectual property rights, take appropriate and necessary legal actions for any issues concerning rights.
- Provide services and information on patents and intellectual property rights by preparing guidelines/manuals on procedural requirements for patents registration locally and internationally, as well as providing related advice and consultation.
- Review patent applications in terms of objectivity and regulatory procedures prior to registration approval.
- Make use of KU patents in local and international market.
- Provide consultancy and training services related to patents and intellectual property rights, and market innovative inventions.
- Present KU patents to specialized bodies for developing and improving the invention in case the invention is subject to any development or improvement, following the patent owner's approval.

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