Policy on Institutional Engagement with Government Authorities

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1. Policy Statement

Jadara University recognizes its national responsibility to contribute to evidence-based governance, sustainable development, public policy improvement and constructive societal dialogue. The University commits to providing scientific expertise, policy-relevant research, capacity-building opportunities and neutral discussion platforms that support governmental institutions, policy makers, legislators and public stakeholders.

Through its academic expertise, research activities and community engagement programs, Jadara University shall actively support local, regional and national authorities in addressing societal challenges and advancing sustainable development goals.

2. Purpose

This policy aims to:

1. Facilitate the provision of expert advice and scientific evidence to governmental institutions.
2. Strengthen collaboration between the University and government agencies in policy-relevant research.
3. Build governmental capacities through outreach, training, education and professional development programs.
4. Provide an independent and neutral platform for informed dialogue among diverse public stakeholders.
5. Promote evidence-based decision-making through knowledge exchange and policy engagement.
6. Support the University's contribution to SDG 16 - Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.

3. Scope

This policy applies to:

- Jadara Research Center.
- Deanship of Scientific Research.
- Academic staff.
- Research centers and laboratories.
- Administrative departments.
- Students participating in research and outreach projects.
- Government ministries.
- Municipalities.
- Public agencies.
- Independent governmental bodies.
- International organizations collaborating with government entities, Research Based Rankings, and Sustainability Rankings.

4. Definitions

4.1 Government Engagement

Formal collaboration between the University and governmental institutions involving advice, consultation, research, policy analysis, training or public dialogue.

4.2 Policy-Focused Research

Research intended to address public policy priorities, regulatory frameworks, legislation, governance systems or public-sector decision making.

4.3 Capacity Building

Educational and professional activities designed to improve knowledge, skills and competencies of policymakers, legislators and public officials.

4.4 Neutral Platform

A university-hosted forum that promotes respectful, evidence-based dialogue among stakeholders without political bias or affiliation.

5. Policy Goals

5.1 Government Advisory and Expert Support

Objective

Provide evidence-based expert advice and technical consultation to local, regional, and national government entities.

5.2 Capacity Building for Policymakers and Public Officials

Objective

Strengthen the knowledge and capacities of policymakers, legislators, public servants, and government officials.

5.3 Policy-Focused Research Collaboration

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Advance research that directly supports governmental decision-making and national development priorities.

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6. Implementation Framework Summary

6.1 Government Advisory Services

The University may provide:

- Expert consultations.
- Policy briefs.
- Technical reports.
- Scientific evidence and recommendations.
- Participation in governmental committees.
- Membership in advisory councils.
- Contributions to legislative reviews.
- Public-sector needs assessments.

The Jadara Research Center may coordinate responses to formal requests from ministries, municipalities and public agencies.

Expected Outputs

- Advisory reports.
- Expert testimonies.
- Policy briefs.
- Government consultation records.
- Committee participation reports.

6.2 Capacity Building for Policymakers

The University shall organize:

- Executive education programs.
- Professional training workshops.
- Public policy seminars.
- Climate change and sustainability programs.
- Artificial intelligence and digital governance training.
- Legal and regulatory awareness sessions.
- Economic and social development forums.

Target beneficiaries may include:

- Cabinet officials.
- Parliamentarians.
- Municipal leaders.
- Government employees.

- Public-sector managers.
- Regulatory authorities.

Expected Outputs

- Training attendance records.
- Workshop reports.
- Certificates issued.
- Capacity-building evaluations.

6.3 Policy-Focused Research Collaboration

The University shall encourage:

- Joint research projects with government institutions locally & internationally.
- Research responding to national strategic priorities.
- Preparation of evidence-based policy papers.
- Government-funded studies.
- Memoranda of Understanding with ministries and agencies.
- Joint publications addressing public policy issues.

Priority themes include:

- Renewable Energy
- Sustainability
- Environmental Protection
- Climate Change
- Public Health
- Education
- Artificial Intelligence
- Cyber security
- Social Development

Expected Outputs

- Collaborative research projects
- Policy reports
- Research publications
- Government-university partnerships

6.4 Neutral Public Dialogue Platform

Jadara University shall provide neutral and inclusive spaces for constructive discussion among stakeholders.

Such activities may include:

- Public forums.
- National dialogue sessions.
- Roundtable discussions.
- Policy conferences.
- Multi-stakeholder workshops.
- Youth-government engagement events.

The University shall ensure:

- Equal participation opportunities.
- Freedom of expression.
- Respectful discourse.
- Academic independence.
- Political neutrality.

No participant shall be discriminated against based on political opinion, ideology, religion, ethnicity or social background.

Expected Outputs

- Dialogue event reports.
- Stakeholder meeting records.
- Conference proceedings.
- Recommendations documents.

7. Roles and Responsibilities

7.1 Jadara Research Center

Responsible for:

- Coordinating governmental engagement activities.
- Facilitating policy-focused research.
- Producing policy briefs.
- Monitoring impact indicators.

7.2 Deanship of Scientific Research

Responsible for:

- Encouraging policy-relevant research.
- Supporting funding opportunities.
- Monitoring research outputs.
- Reporting annual achievements.

7.3 Faculties and Academic Departments

Responsible for:

- Providing subject-matter expertise.
- Participating in advisory activities.
- Organizing training programs.

7.4 University Administration

Responsible for:

- Strategic oversight.
- Stakeholder engagement.
- Resource allocation.
- Institutional partnerships.

8. Inclusion and Neutrality Commitment - Engagement Mechanisms

In all engagements, Jadara University shall maintain academic independence, scientific integrity, political neutrality, transparency, and equal access for stakeholders regardless of political affiliation, institutional position, or ideological perspective.

The University shall ensure that all policy advice, training activities, collaborative research projects, and stakeholder dialogues are evidence-based, non-partisan, and aligned with national development priorities and the public interest.

8.1 Parliament and Parliamentary Committees

Jadara University may provide:

- Expert testimony.
- Policy briefs.
- Research evidence.
- Legislative reviews.
- Technical consultation on draft laws and regulations.

8.2 Ministries and Government Agencies

Jadara University may provide:

- Policy-focused research.
- Technical studies.
- Impact assessments.
- Capacity-building programs.
- Professional development workshops.

8.3 Municipalities and Local, Regional & Global Authorities

Jadara University may support:

- Sustainable development planning.
- Environmental management.
- Climate resilience initiatives.
- Smart-city solutions.
- Local economic development programs.

8.4 Regulatory Authorities

Jadara University may collaborate on:

- Technical standards.
- Regulatory impact studies.
- Digital transformation.
- Environmental compliance.
- Public health and safety initiatives.

9. SMART Implementation Framework

9.1 Government Advisory and Expert Support

Objective

Provide evidence-based expert advice and technical consultation to local, regional, and national government entities.

Actions

Specific Action	Responsible Unit	Measurement	Timeline	Evidence
Establish a Government Engagement Register documenting all requests from government entities.	Jadara Research Center	Register established and updated quarterly	Annually	Register and reports
Respond to formal governmental requests for expertise, research evidence, or consultation.	Research Center & Faculties	Minimum 3 advisory engagements annually	Annual	Advisory reports and correspondence
Nominate academic experts for participation in government committees, councils, taskforces, and technical working groups.	University Presidency	Minimum 2 nominations or participations annually	Annual	Committee membership letters
Produce evidence-based policy briefs addressing national priorities.	Research Center	At least 5 policy briefs annually	Annual	Published briefs

Assessment

Annual review by the Deanship of Scientific Research measuring:

- Number of advisory engagements.
- Number of government requests fulfilled.
- Number of policy briefs submitted.
- Stakeholder satisfaction rate.

Target

Achieve at least 80% satisfaction from partnering government bodies by the end of each academic year.

9.2 Capacity Building for Policymakers and Public Officials

Objective

Strengthen the knowledge and capacities of policymakers, legislators, public servants, and government officials.

Actions

Specific Action	Responsible Unit	Measurement	Timeline	Evidence
Deliver executive workshops addressing sustainability, climate action, digital transformation, artificial intelligence, public health, and governance.	Faculties & Research Center	Minimum 4 workshops annually	Annual	Workshop reports
Organize policy seminars involving ministry representatives and public-sector stakeholders.	Research Center	Minimum 2 seminars annually	Annual	Event records
Offer specialized professional training programs for government employees.	Continuing Education Units	Minimum 50 participants annually	Annual	Attendance sheets
Develop online knowledge-sharing resources and policy awareness materials.	Research Center	Minimum 10 resources published annually	Annual	Publications and website analytics

Assessment

Annual monitoring of:

- Number of training activities.
- Number of public officials trained.
- Participant feedback scores.
- Post-training evaluations.

Target

At least:

- 4 training programs annually.
- 50 government participants annually.
- 85% participant satisfaction rate.

9.3 Policy-Focused Research Collaboration

Objective

Advance research that directly supports governmental decision-making and national development priorities.

Actions

Specific Action	Responsible Unit	Measurement	Timeline	Evidence
Identify government policy priorities for collaborative research.	Research Center	Annual priority mapping exercise	Every year	Priority report
Establish formal collaborative research projects with ministries and public agencies.	Deanship of Scientific Research	Minimum 3 active projects annually	Annual	MOUs and project agreements
Publish policy-relevant research addressing societal challenges.	Researchers and Faculties	Minimum 5 publications annually	Annual	Publications
Disseminate findings to government entities through policy briefs and presentations.	Research Center	Minimum 5 dissemination activities annually	Annual	Event reports

Assessment

Annual evaluation of:

- Number of government research partnerships.
- Number of completed policy-focused studies.
- Research outputs cited or utilized by public agencies.
- External funding secured.

Target

Maintain:

- At least 3 active government-linked research projects.
- At least 5 policy-focused publications per year.
- At least 2 funded collaborative projects within every three-year cycle.

Institutional Basis

The Jadara Research Center explicitly states that it supports national research priorities and may conduct and publish research for national entities based on official requests from those entities.

9.4 Neutral Platform for Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue

Objective

Provide impartial and inclusive spaces for constructive discussion of societal, policy, economic, environmental, technological, and governance challenges.

Actions

Specific Action	Responsible Unit	Measurement	Timeline	Evidence
Organize public dialogue forums involving government, academia, industry, civil society, and students.	University Administration	Minimum 2 forums annually	Annual	Event reports
Host roundtable discussions on national development challenges.	Research Center	Minimum 2 roundtables annually	Annual	Proceedings
Ensure balanced stakeholder representation during university-hosted policy discussions.	Event Organizers	Representation from at least 3 stakeholder groups per event	Ongoing	Participant lists
Publish recommendations arising from dialogue events.	Research Center	100% of events documented	Annual	Reports and recommendations

Assessment

Annual review shall measure:

- Number of dialogue events.
- Number of participating stakeholder categories.
- Diversity of participants.
- Publication of recommendations.
- Participant satisfaction levels.

Target

By the end of each academic year:

- Minimum 2 multi-stakeholder forums.
- Minimum 100 participants collectively.
- Minimum 3 stakeholder sectors represented in every forum.
- Minimum 80% participant satisfaction rate.

10. Annual Monitoring and Reporting

The Jadara Research Center and the Deanship of Scientific Research shall publish an Annual Government Engagement Report containing:

1. Government advisory activities.
2. Capacity-building programs delivered.
3. Collaborative policy-focused research projects.
4. Public dialogue events conducted.
5. Performance against all UN SDG 16 KPIs. (Sustainability Office)
6. Improvement actions for the following year.

The annual report shall be published no later than three months after the end of each academic year.

11. References

1. Jadara Research Center http://jrc.jadara.edu.jo/eng/
2. Jadara University https://www.jadara.edu.jo/eng/
3. United Nations SDG 16 Framework.
4. Jordan National Priorities for Research and Innovation.

12. Assessment & Policy Review:

The Data in this policy is to be assessed and evaluated every 3 years by Stakeholders, mainly the University Board, Sustainability Committee, Ethical Compliance Committee and Legal Consultant. Any updates on policy must be approved and shared electronically with staff and students via the Sustainable Development page on Jadara's Website (http://www.jadara.edu.jo/main.php?type=mod_gmetric) as well as emails.

Approved By: University Board of Trustees / University Council

Policy Owner: Sustainability Office & Higher Committee for Sustainability, Rankings and Accreditation

Policy Review Cycle: Every 3 Years