



COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS POLICY 2018

On the recommendation of the Senate, the Council of the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka, as the governing authority of the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka, by resolution adopts the following policy.

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Signature: Signed

Position: Vice Chancellor, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka

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1 Name of the Policy

This is the Collaborations and Partnerships Policy 2018.

2 Commencement

This policy commences on 01.10.2018.

3 Policy is binding

Except to the extent that a contrary intention is expressed, this policy binds the University, staff, students and affiliates when they engage in a collaboration or a partnership with an external organization for research and/or training.

4 Overview

This collaboration and partnership policy is designed to guide and assist staff of Wayamba University of Sri Lanka (WUSL) and external entities that are involved in collaborative research and training or those considering engaging in such activities in establishing linkages, partnerships and collaborations. The University holds the tenet that high quality research and effective dissemination of knowledge could be promoted through establishment and implementation of linkages, partnerships and collaborations with concurring institutions. The WUSL cites the creation of high quality partnerships and collaborations worldwide as the key to developing its international reputation and establishing strong relationship with wide range of stakeholders to excel in teaching, research and to actively contribute to national development.

The partnership and collaboration policy establishes the guidelines to enhance, support, and govern any activities related to establishing and developing linkages, partnerships and collaborations with external entities.

5 Application

This policy applies to all the University activities that:

- (1) involve partnership for academic training that may leads to awarding of certificates, diplomas, degrees and postgraduate qualifications and or the capacity building of all categories of university staff including academic, academic supportive, administrative and non-academic.
- (2) improve and advance adoption of appropriate technologies in teaching, learning, management and the development of the university through collaborations or partnerships.
- (3) establish placements for undergraduate/postgraduate trainings and research in external entities.
- (4) develop innovative technologies through research and development collaborations or partnerships.
- (5) encourage collaborations with public and private sector organizations to develop new innovations, sharing knowledge, technical assistance, expertise, services and resources.
- (6) involve any intellectual property rights of newly developed innovations and publications resulted from collaborations or partnerships.



- (7) create agreements that enables administration of collaborations and partnerships in the advance of the university's objectives.
- (8) develop joint-educational programmes with other institutions in pursuit of its mission of enhancing access to higher education.
- (9) strengthen and diversify educational programmes through the synergies developed by partnerships and collaborations.

6 Definitions

Collaboration	means the process of two or more people or organizations work together to complete a task or achieve a goal.
External Entities (or institutions)	means external organizations, institutions, or individuals that form partnership or collaboration with the University.
Intellectual Property (IP)	means creations of the mind: inventions, literary and artistic works, and symbols, names, images, and designs used in commerce
Joint educational programmes	means a programme of study, or a part of a programme of study, that is delivered, supported or assessed in collaboration with another organisation.
Partnership	a formal relationship between the University and other parties to achieve specified objectives. A partnership may include individual persons, industry, government, institutions (including other educational providers) and/or community organisations.

7 Policy

Collaborations and Partnerships Principles

- (1) The University recognises the importance of working with a broad range of partners in carrying out its strategic objectives.
- (2) The University may enter into partnerships in Sri Lanka and internationally with other institutions, community groups, government, businesses and industry that deliver tangible outcomes to all parties and that are in line with their common strategic goals.
- (3) When seeking the partnerships and collaborations the initiating staff members of the University should review the potentials and the history of the targeted external institutions to assure expected quality of outcomes and to prevent damages to the reputation of the University by any possible malpractices.
- (4) The university shall establish collaborations or partnerships only if the objectives and goals are aligned with the vision and the mission of the University, specially to improve the teaching, research, innovations, management and outreach activities.

These partnerships and collaborations may help,

- (i) strengthen the existing human resources, physical resources and the reputation of the university.
- (ii) strengthen the existing successful collaborations and partnerships.
- (iii) widen the outreach services to the society to improve the social status and the development of the country.



- (5) Individuals or entities of the University engaging in collaborations or partnership should proceed to develop agreements or the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and get them approved by the University authorities before starting substantial collaborative or partnership activities.

All partnerships resulting in a formal agreement with the University must be approved by the Vice-Chancellor with the exception of:

- (i) affiliations, which require the permission of Council
 - (ii) academic partnerships, which are approved by the Senate on the recommendation of the Faculty Board
 - (iii) outreach activities pertaining to the disciplines of the Faculties, which are approved by the Deans
- (6) Collaborations or partnerships agreements should reflect fairness in sharing any generated benefits between the University and outside partners. It is encouraged to establish mechanisms through MoU or agreements for joint decision making and benefits sharing.
- (7) Establishing placements for undergraduate / postgraduate trainings and research collaborations should be accordance with the Student Placement Policy.
- (8) When establishing collaborations or partnerships to provide technical assistance, consultancies or any kind of paid services by the University, the Foster and Promote Consultancy and Extension Services Policy should be followed.
- (9) All research and innovative processes should have ethical clearance when necessary according to the University protocols specified in Research Policy.
- (10) Agreements or MOUs should adhere to the Intellectual Property Policy of the University.
- (11) When collaborating to offer joint educational programmes such as certificate courses, diploma, degree or post graduate degrees, collaborative institution/s should have the required recognition and or accreditation according to the regulations of University Grant Commission (UGC) / Ministry of Higher Education and follow the Study Programme Approval Policy.
- (12) Collaborations or partnerships pertaining to the scope of outreach activities, academic staff development, external affairs, career guidance, business incubation, etc should be coordinated through the established dedicated Centres and Units of the University whenever possible to assure smooth operation and efficient administration.

8 Rescissions and replacements

This document replaces the following, which are rescinded as from the date of commencement of this document:

Not applicable.



NOTES

Collaborations and Partnerships Policy 2018

Date adopted: 26.07.2018

Date commenced: 01.10.2018

Administrator: Vice Chancellor / Deans

Review date: 30.09.2023

Rescinded documents: Not applicable

Related documents: Student Placement Policy

Foster and Promote Consultancy and Extension Services Policy

Intellectual Property Policy

Study Programme Approval Policy

University Financial Procedures

Academic Partnership Procedure (to be developed)

Community, Industry and Government Partnerships Procedure
(to be developed)

AMENDMENT HISTORY

Provision	Amendment	Commencing
	Not applicable	