

Sustainability Policy on Donations & Funding



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Version Control & Sign-Off Sheet

Version Control			
Version	Change reference	Approval	Dates
1	Initial version	University Council	1 September 2024
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1. Purpose

This policy establishes ethical acceptance criteria for donations, gifts, sponsorships, and external funding received by Applied Science University, ensuring that all sources of funding are consistent with the University's values, mission, and commitment to sustainability.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all donations, gifts, sponsorships, endowments, research grants, and any other forms of external funding offered to the University, its colleges, departments, centres, or individual staff acting in an official capacity.

3. Acceptance Criteria

The University shall not accept funds from entities whose primary business activities:

- Cause significant and documented environmental damage
- Violate international labour standards or human rights conventions
- Involve the manufacture or sale of weapons, tobacco, or controlled substances
- Are subject to international sanctions or legal proceedings for corruption
- Are inconsistent with the University's stated values of integrity, social responsibility, and sustainability

4. Conditions on Funding

ASU shall not accept donations or funding that impose conditions that would compromise academic freedom, research independence, or the integrity of teaching and learning. All funding agreements must permit the publication of research findings without prior censorship by the donor

5. Due Diligence

All donations above 10,000 BHD shall undergo a due diligence review by the Governance Committee, assessing the donor's environmental impact, labour practices, governance record, and compliance with Bahrain's Anti-Money Laundering regulations (Law No. 4 of 2001). The IEC shall be consulted on any donations that raise ethical concerns.

6. Transparency

The University shall maintain and publish a register of all significant donations (above 5,000 BHD) on its governance webpage, including the donor's name (unless anonymity is requested and approved), the amount, the purpose, and any conditions attached.

7. Review

This policy shall be reviewed annually by the Finance Committee and the IEIC, with recommendations submitted to the University Council.