



University of Balamand

BALAMAND RESEARCH COMMITTEE (BRC)

Terms of Reference

Office of the Provost

1) Reasons: From transferring knowledge to participating in its production

The University of Balamand is aware of the importance of knowledge production and not just knowledge transmission. Knowledge is produced only through research, which is conducted in the various disciplines and academic units that comprise the university. Research is vital to establishing a quality, tertiary educational institution. Consequently, UOB considers research to be a top priority. To promote a research culture, the Research Committee was formed and entrusted with the following goals and tasks.

2) Goals:

Article 1: The following definitions are applied:

- a- “research” is every intellectual or practical production of an innovative nature, with a novelty that contributes to the advancement of knowledge.
- b- The term “academic units” includes: Faculties, Institutes, and their various research centers.

Article 2: A committee called the “Balamand Research Committee” shall be established at the University.

Article 3: This committee aims to:

- a) Encourage research activities in the University at both theoretical and practical levels;
- b) Motivate faculty members to implement research activities that have direct or indirect impact on national and international communities;
- c) Encourage collaboration with leading higher education institutions, research centers, public agencies, and the private sector in Lebanon and internationally;
- d) Provide a framework to examine and enhance the quality of the research;
- e) Ensure strong connections between teaching and research.

3) Tasks:

Article 4: The Committee performs the tasks entrusted to it through various appropriate methods including, but not limited to:

- A – Set up procedures for the university to adopt for specific research projects, along with follow up strategies;
- B - Develop a strategy to fund research;
- C – Set up guidelines and organize seminars for researchers on the available funding methods and on writing and submitting research projects;

D – Study and evaluate the submitted project proposals;

E- Decide on, if requested, the eligibility to publish any thesis, or research study conducted at the university.

Article 5: In order to correctly carry out its duties, the committee may seek the assistance of experts from inside and/or outside the University, individually or in the form of specialized sub-committees.