

Policy on Donation and Funding

Dhofar University fully endorses the policy and the related rules and regulations issued by the Ministry of higher Education, Research and Innovation (MOHERI) from time to time.

The existing rules for the year (2022-21) are as follows:

Ministerial Decision No. (74/2021)

On the rules and regulations of private Higher Education Institutions for accepting and naming donations and bequests

The Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Innovation

Based on Royal Decree No. 98/2020 on amending the name of the Ministry of Higher Education to the Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Innovation, and on determining the ministry's competences and approving its organizational structure,

And Royal Decree No. 41/99 on issuing the Private Universities' Law,

And Royal Decree No. 42/99 on the establishment of private colleges and higher institutes,

And Ministerial Decision No. 36/99 on issuing the implementing regulations of the private higher education system,

And on Ministerial Decision No. 34/2000 on issuing the bylaws for private colleges and higher institutes,

And Ministerial Decision No. 34/2015 on the rules and regulations for naming scientific and research centers in private higher education institutions,

And based on the interests of working within these institutions,

Has decided the following:

Article (I): private higher education institutions shall refer to the enclosed rules and regulations in accepting donations and bequest,

Article (II): Ministerial Decision No. 34/2015 above shall be repealed along with everything that contradicts the present decision or contravenes its provisions,

Article (III): Those concerned shall implement this decision which shall come into effect as of the date of its issuance.

Rules and Regulations of Private Higher Education Institutions for Accepting and Naming Donations and Bequests

Article (1): In the implementation of the provisions of this decision, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning in place in conjunction with each of them, unless the context of the text requires another meaning:

Ministry: Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Innovation.

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Educational Institution: Every private higher education institution that is licensed by the Ministry.

Voluntary Bequests and Donations: Financial or in-kind support for the educational institution.

Funders/Sponsors/Donors: Individuals, local or international donors providing bequests and other financial or in-kind support.

Facilities: Facilities and buildings belonging to the educational institution, such as scientific and research facilities, student activity centers, learning resources centers, libraries, multi-purpose halls and conference halls, workshops, laboratories and equipment, computer labs, sports facilities, medical units, hostels and other facilities serving the educational institution.

Scholarships: Financial support to finance the education of a student or many in the educational institution at any university level, such as Bachelor's degree, Postgraduate Diploma, Masters and Doctorate, and short and long-term specialized courses.

Research Grants: Financial support for the funding of research and studies carried out by students, academics, technicians and administrators working at the educational institution or for the purpose of funding research facilities at those institutions.

Research Chairs: Research programmes at the educational institution, of three or more years' duration, under the supervision of a competent professor with outstanding and distinguished record of achievement in research, and with the participation of a team of experienced researchers and students at various university levels. Such research chairs are usually established through a permanent or temporary research grant or endowment, and aim to enrich knowledge through research, development and innovation; they also contribute in counselling and community services, the ultimate goal of which is to become research centers of excellence in the future.

Article (2): The educational institution may accept donations, bequests, scholarships, research grants and research chairs from local or international personalities, companies or institutions after having received written approval from the Ministry.

Article (3): Without prejudice to the requirements of article (4) of this decision; the naming of facilities, buildings, financial and in-kind contributions, scholarships, research grants, and research chairs at the educational institution shall be based on the following rules and regulations:

1. Facilities and buildings may be designated after the sponsors.
2. Facilities and buildings may be marked with names originating from Omani history, the names of historic Omani sites or the names of Omani cities with historical roots, as well as names of Omani contemporary or historical figures.
3. Any other name shall be chosen in accordance with the general terms of reference and objectives of the nature of the facilities and buildings.

Article (4): If facilities, buildings, scholarships, research grants and research chairs are named after the sponsors, the following conditions shall be observed:

1. Sponsors must be national or international reputable dignitaries.
2. Sponsors should refrain not to intervene in the business and management of the educational institutions.
3. Sponsors should have not been found guilty of corruption-related cases or other cases such as money laundry.
4. The value of the donation shall not be less than OMR 200,000, and in the event that the contribution is less than that, the educational institution may place the name of the donors in a commemorative plaque only on the sponsored facilities and buildings.
5. In case of scholarships, the donation must not be less than five full scholarships for bachelor's degree or ten full diploma scholarships, annually and for at least three consecutive years.
6. If research grants are donated; the cost should not be less than fifty thousand Omani Rials per year in the natural sciences, twenty thousand Omani Rials per year in the humanities, for at least (3) years, whatever the number of such research is funded.
7. In the event of a donation to research chairs, the average cost should not be less than OMR 100,000 per year in the natural sciences and OMR 40,000 per year in the humanities for at least (5) years, which may be paid in the form of an annual premium or a one-time payment at the beginning of the funding phase.

Article (5): Sponsors may receive any other benefits for contributions and donations in accordance with article (4) of this decision.