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Abstract

This document presents materials and information about current situation at the University of Tirana regarding University centers and HR offices reinforced. Following information were analyzed:
1. Information about concrete bylaws on institutions regulating status of researchers and research in general.
2. Main elements of research strategy like strategic aims and action plans
3. Information about bylaws regulating work of research centers.
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1. Scientific research and development in the institutions of higher education

   Article 69\(^1\)

The Institutions of higher education in Albania carry out basic or applied scientific research, study or projects aiming development and other creative activities as defined by the Statute of the Institutions of higher education.

The research and development activity coordinated by the Institutions of higher education aims at enhancing the quality of the education process. It enables students to acquire the research methodology ability, to gain scientific and practical knowledge, improve the qualification of the academic staff at the institutions of higher education. It also provides tools and infrastructure for the development and work of the institution.

The academic staff is allowed to perform research and development activity for a third party on the condition that:

a) they fulfill their duties, as prescribed in the employment contract;

b) they fulfill their duties as prescribed in the statute of their institution of higher education for the scientific research.

   Article 70\(^2\)

Scientific research and development in the Institutions of higher education shall ensure the integration of the research and teaching.

Topics and deadlines for the research activity, field of research and requirements regarding the scientific publications are determined by the Institutions of higher education. They are defined based on the needs for the development of the country, importance of the scientific research in education, the programs of the scientific collaboration, professional development of the academic staff as well as the financial budget at their disposal.

The institutions of higher education carry out for the third parties even other qualified services like expertise, analysis, counseling, monitoring, clinical services, information etc. which are prescribed by their statutes and regulations. These activities are financially supported by the interested party.

The revenue generated by these activities goes entirely for the institution. When the revenues generated through scientific research activity or study of the academic staff of the institution, a part of this revenue goes for the award and motivation of the staff contributing to these activities in accordance with the bylaws.

Institutions of higher education have the right to create scientific programs and projects in cooperation with other public or private, national or international institutions, as well as with organizations, foundations etc.

The institutions prepare annual reports on research or scientific activity of any kind.

\(^1\) Article 69 of the Law on Higher Education

\(^2\) Article 70 of the Law on Higher Education

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1.1. Financial provision for the scientific research and development

Article 59

The academic staff, students of the second and third cycle of study have the right to apply at the Rectorate for funding approved by the budget of the University of Tirana to pursue their research. Financial provisions on scientific research are approved every year by the Academic Senate and are announced at the Rectorate, faculties and respective web pages. Within every April, the winners, who might be granted full or partial financial support for the scientific research, shall be announced. The beneficiaries of these funds sign a contract, clearly stating duties and obligations, with the Rectorate.

1.2. Scientific research with or for the third parties

Article 60

University of Tirana, through its structures, offers or accepts offers from the thirds on scientific research/expertise, qualified services following the approval procedures and contributing financially in accordance with the regulations of the university. If the scientific research or the service generates revenue, the latter is shared between the institution that offers the service and the academic staff being part of it, in accordance with the bylaws.

2. Scientific research planning

Article 71

The scientific research is carried out based on plans, programs and projects approved conform to the procedures defined in laws and bylaws. Performance on the research activity of any kind or level is analyzed and evaluated by the governing staff of the institutions of higher education. Programs of the third cycle (PhD) and to some extent even programs of the second cycle undergo planning. In accordance with its teaching and scientific research mission, University of Tirana creates programs and projects based on the needs in different fields of study. It enters into the competition with these projects nationally and internationally wise, in order to be granted with the financing of the scientific, technological and cultural research.

3. Career development center

Article 47

The career development centers carry out scientific research activity. They also help in the completion of the program for the second cycle and third cycle. The main office is part of the Rectorate and the other six centers, which depend on the main one, are part of the six Faculties. The head of the career development center is appointed by the Rector (when part of the Rectorate) or by the Dean when this is part of the Faculty. Their mission is about the research being it a basic or applied science one, the university education of the students and the scientists and services for the thirds parties along with sharing knowledge and tools in the fields they operate.

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The structure and the organization of these centers are proposed by the respective Faculties and then approved by the Council of Administration.

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