AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY
Guidelines, Policies and Procedures

Policy Name	Authority and Approval Process for the Creation of New Academic Units, New Research Units or the Reorganisation of an Existing Academic / Research Units
Policy Number	022
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1.0   An academic unit is defined as a University Faculty, College, School or Institute. A research unit is defined as programme developed, usually within a Faculty, College, School or Institute, to build the research capacity of faculty members and students.

2.0   Proposals to establish / reorganize an academic unit or a research unit will be reviewed in accordance with the processes by which new academic initiatives are approved. (See further the University's Academic Programmes Review Process.)

3.0   Requests to create a new academic unit, a new research unit or to reorganize existing academic unit(s) must be presented in the form of a proposal that describes:

    3.1   The proposed new organizational unit or changes.

    3.2   The purpose and activities of the new unit(s).

    3.3   The resources available and/or required to support the new unit(s).

4.0   Proposals for the creation of an academic unit will be considered / approved by Academic Council.

5.0   On the recommendation of Academic Council, the Admissions and Student Affairs Committee (ASAC) of the Board of Trustees will consider / approve the creation of new academic units as well as any recommendation for the reorganization of an academic unit.

6.0   Proposals for the creation of a research unit will be considered / approved by the University Research Council and sent to the Academic Council for information.

7.0   On the recommendation of University Research Council, the Admissions and Student Affairs Committee (ASAC) of the Board of Trustees will consider / approve the creation of new research units as well as any recommendation for the reorganization of a research unit.