

**AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY**  
**Guidelines, Policies and Procedures**

<b>Policy Name</b>	Authority and Approval Process for the Creation of New Academic Units, New Research Units or the Reorganisation of an Existing Academic / Research Units
<b>Policy Number</b>	KE 007
<b>Approved by</b>	Academic Senate
<b>Date of Original Approval</b>	October 16, 2022
<b>Contact</b>	Vice Chancellor

**1.0 Preamble**

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 Establishment/Reorganization of new units**

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 Senate.**

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

**6.0 On the recommendation of University Research Council, the APAC will consider / approve the creation of new research units as well as any recommendation for the reorganization of a research unit.**