

**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 Unit
<b>Policy Number</b>	UG 007
<b>Approved by</b>	Academic Senate
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<b>Contact</b>	Vice Chancellor

- 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 Senate.
- 6.0 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.
- 7.0 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.