

RESEARCH POLICY

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The research policy of The Euro American Institute (EAI), Malta is comprehensive and aligned with both local and international standards for academic research. The following sections outline the details of the policy content, principles as well as the implementation process of all research activities.

1. Introduction

First and foremost, the research policy is aligned with the mission of the institute. The Euro American Institute (EAI) in Malta is committed to fostering a robust research culture that advances knowledge, informs teaching, and contributes to the economic, social, and technological development of Malta and the broader global community. This research policy outlines the principles, responsibilities, and procedures that govern research activities at EAI.

EAI is committed to advancing knowledge through high-quality research. This policy outlines the principles and procedures that govern research activities at EAI, ensuring they align with ethical standards and contribute positively to society. The scope of this policy is also intended to cover the faculty, staff as well as the students.

2. Research Objectives

- a. To promote excellence in research across all disciplines.*
- b. To ensure that research conducted under the auspices of EAI adheres to the highest standards of integrity, ethics, and professionalism.*
- c. To support the dissemination and application of research findings.*
- d. To enhance the research capacity and capabilities of staff and students.*
- e. To foster collaborations and partnerships with academic, industry, and community stakeholders.*
- f. Encourage innovation and knowledge transfer.*

3. Ethical Standards and Integrity

Researchers at EAI must adhere to the highest ethical standards, respecting the dignity and rights of all research participants. Any form of research misconduct, including plagiarism and data fabrication, is strictly prohibited.

Research Integrity

All research conducted at EAI must be characterized by honesty, accuracy, efficiency, and objectivity. Researchers are expected to adhere to ethical guidelines and standards, avoiding any form of misconduct, including plagiarism, fabrication, and falsification of data.

Ethical Standards

Research involving human participants, animals, or sensitive data must undergo ethical review and approval by the EAI Research Ethics Committee. Researchers must obtain informed consent from participants and ensure confidentiality and data protection.

Open Access and Dissemination

EAI encourages the dissemination of research findings through open access platforms. Researchers are expected to publish their work in reputable journals and share their data and findings with the broader academic and professional community, subject to ethical and legal considerations.

Collaboration and Partnerships

EAI promotes interdisciplinary and international collaboration. Researchers are encouraged to engage with external partners, including other academic institutions, industry, and government agencies, to enhance the impact and relevance of their research.

4. Research Conduct and Responsibility

Researchers

Researchers at EAI are responsible for:

- a. Conducting research in accordance with ethical guidelines and institutional policies.*
- b. Ensuring the accuracy and reliability of their research data and findings.*
- c. Reporting any conflicts of interest.*
- d. Seeking necessary approvals before commencing research.*
- e. Disseminating their research findings through appropriate channels.*

EAI Research Office

The Research Office is responsible for:

- a. Providing support and guidance to researchers.*
- b. Overseeing the ethical review process.*
- c. Facilitating funding opportunities and grant applications.*
- d. Monitoring compliance with research policies and standards.*
- e. Promoting a vibrant research culture within the institute.*

Research Ethics Committee

The Research Ethics Committee is responsible for:

- a. Reviewing and approving research proposals involving human participants, animals, or sensitive data.*
- b. Ensuring that research complies with ethical standards.*
- c. Providing advice on ethical issues related to research*

5. Data Management

Researchers must maintain accurate and complete records of their research data. Data should be stored securely and shared in accordance with EAI's data management policy and relevant legal requirements. Researchers must maintain accurate and complete records of their research data. Data should be stored securely and shared in accordance with EAI's data management policy and relevant legal requirements. Researchers are responsible for the ethical collection, storage, and sharing of data. Data must be securely stored and accessible only to authorized individuals.

Reporting and Dissemination

Researchers are required to submit annual progress reports to the Research Office. Upon completion of their research, they should publish their findings in reputable journals and present them at conferences and seminars.

Evaluation and Continuous Improvement

EAI is committed to continuous improvement of its research environment. Regular evaluations of research outputs, feedback from researchers, and stakeholder engagement will inform policy updates and strategic planning.

6. Funding and Financial Management

EAI provides internal funding opportunities and supports researchers in securing external grants. Researchers must adhere to the guidelines and reporting requirements of funding bodies.

All research funds must be managed with integrity and transparency. Researchers are encouraged to seek diverse funding sources, and all expenditures must be accounted for in compliance with university guidelines.

7. Publication and Dissemination

Researchers are required to submit annual progress reports to the Research Office. Upon completion of their research, they should publish their findings in reputable journals and present them at conferences and seminars.

EAI supports the open dissemination of research findings while protecting intellectual property rights. Researchers must adhere to ethical standards in publishing and disclose any potential conflicts of interest.

8. Support and Development

EAI provides resources and training to support researchers in conducting high-quality research. This includes access to research infrastructure, mentorship programs, and professional development opportunities

9. Compliance and Monitoring

EAI ensures that all research activities comply with relevant regulations and undergo regular audits by the committees to maintain the highest standards of research integrity.

10. Dispute Resolution

EAI is committed to established procedures for resolving disputes through the Research and Ethics Committees as well as the Board related to research conduct, ensuring fair and transparent resolution of any issues that arise.

11. Review and Revision

This policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure it remains current and effective in supporting the university's research mission.

This comprehensive policy framework helps ensure that the online university in Malta maintains highest standards and best practices of research excellence and integrity.