

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN ON THEMATIC INTERNAL SELF EVALUATION REPORT ON RESEARCH

Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) Based on Thematic Self-Evaluation: Research Performance at UBT

Prepared by: Quality Commission of UBT **Objective:** To enhance the quality of research performance, infrastructure, collaboration, and commercialization based on the self-evaluation of research at UBT. This QIP outlines specific actions to be taken over the next three years to foster a more dynamic and impactful research environment.

| Standard/Area | Recommendati on | Action to be Taken | Bodies Responsibl e | Deadli ne | Performance Indicators |
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| 1. Research Performance | Increase publications in high-impact journals | Provide faculty with training on publishing in high-impact journals, offer incentives for high-impact publications | Research Office, Faculty Developme nt Office | Year 1 | Increased number of high- impact journal publications, improved faculty participation in global research initiatives |
| 2. Research Performance | Encourage more patent filings | Develop workshops on patent development and provide legal and financial support for patent applications | Research Office, Legal Department | Year 2 | Increased number of patents filed, greater commercializati on of research outcomes |
| 3. Research Funding | Diversify funding sources | Identify and apply for additional national and international research grants, provide training on grant writing | Research Office, Finance Office | Year 2-3 | Higher research funding from diverse sources, increased successful grant applications |
| 4. Research Environment | Enhance mentoring programs for junior researchers | Establish formalized mentorship programs, pairing junior | Research Office, Faculty Developme nt Office | Year 1 | Improved mentorship satisfaction among junior researchers, |

| | | researchers with senior faculty members | | | increased co- authorships between junior and senior faculty |
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| 5. Research Infrastructure | Upgrade research facilities and equipment | Conduct a comprehensive needs assessment of all departments and allocate budget for regular upgrades to research labs and technology | IT Department , Facilities Manageme nt, Finance Office | Year 2 | Modernized research labs, improved access to advanced research tools and equipment |
| 6. Research Dissemination | Increase interdisciplinary seminars and workshops | Organize more frequent interdisciplinary research seminars and workshops, encouraging cross-departmental collaboration | Research Office, Academic Affairs | Year 1-2 | Increased interdisciplinary research projects, higher faculty and student participation in cross-departmental events |
| 7. Research Collaboration | Expand international research networks and collaborations | Strengthen existing partnerships and establish new ones with international institutions, focusing on joint research projects | Internationa 1 Office, Research Office | Year 2 | Increased international research collaborations, more co-authored publications with international researchers |
| 8. Research Commercializati on | Increase the number of commercial products resulting from research | Provide support for applied research projects, offer mentorship and funding for startup ventures and spin-offs | Research Office, Innovation Center, Legal Department | Year 2-3 | More commercial products developed from research, increased number of research-based startups |

| 9. Research Impact | Boost engagement with industry partners | Strengthen partnerships with local and regional industries to support research translation and commercializati on | Research Office, Industry Collaborati on Office | Year 2 | Increased industry-funded research projects, more research products transitioning to market |
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| 10. Research Ethics | Strengthen research ethics training and awareness | Increase the frequency of research ethics workshops for both faculty and students, improve reporting mechanisms for misconduct | Research Ethics Committee, Research Office | Year 1 | More frequent ethics training sessions, improved compliance with ethical standards |
| 11. Research Support | Improve research data management services | Centralize research data management services, provide faculty with training on advanced data management tools | IT Department , Research Office | Year 1- | Improved data management and research efficiency, greater use of advanced tools for data analysis |
| 12. Research Innovation | Foster a culture of innovation through support for startups and spin-offs | Develop incubation programs and provide targeted support for research-based startups, including funding and mentorship | Innovation Center, Finance Office, Research Office | Year 2-3 | Increased number of research-based startups, greater commercializati on of research findings |

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