Faculty of Pharmacy Strategic plan for Research

Research is of primary importance for the faculty of Pharmacy of the Lebanese University. Our goals are the following in this field:

**Goal 1: Create a collaborative culture for research through partnership**

1. Provide and develop an environment of interdepartmental cooperation and partnership.
   1. This is done through multidisciplinary teams for research
2. Explore new areas of research through leading interdisciplinary research initiatives that encompass national and international collaborations
   1. International collaborations are numerous and encouraged
3. Expand communication of research findings to inform and impact the scientific community, health providers, the general public, and policy makers; through and not limited to Publication of newsletter, “ Journée Portes Ouvertes”, schedule for research activities, publication on website (google sites)
   1. The open door day is being prepared for the second year
   2. Research activities are archived and monitored
   3. Suggestion of policy is made for researchers
4. Encourage the publication of results in established and recognized journals and sites.
   1. Help is being given for researchers for this sake
5. Support the integration of new researchers and support the mobility inside and outside the country:
   1. Mobility of Masters and PhD students to European and American research laboratories is ensured yearly
   2. Mobility of teachers is encouraged, whether for research perfecting or for Ability to Direct research diploma (HDR) preparation
   3. Multiuniversity projects are ongoing and encouraged

**Goal 2: Promote research through nationally-recognized educational and training programs.**

1. Expand the opportunities for professional students to participate in research projects under the mentorship of internal and external PhD teachers
   1. PharmD, Pharmacy, and masters’ thesis are all helping students to be involved in research
2. Expand resources related to the PhD programs by securing external funding from multiple sources and agencies to build vital, sustainable research teams and research programs to increase national recognition and competitiveness, and prioritize the research programs
   1. Scholarships are given for students
   2. Research is financed by the university funds
   3. Research is financed by exterior funds / CEDRE, CNRS, unrestricted grants from pharmaceutical companies…
3. Develop and implement post- graduate education and professional development programs.
   1. Professional and research masters programs are numerous
4. Document the researches activities, results, budget, resources to enhance transparency, impact and outcomes
   1. Documentation is available for activity research within the faculty

**Goal 3: Evaluate and enhance the research infrastructure based on innovative programs and best practice models.**

1. Develop and implement clear Policies & Procedures to enhance innovation
   1. Policies have been developed for recruitment and promotion, based mainly on innovation
2. Build a recognized national Center of Excellence for research after reassessment of resources and team structure to support the innovation
   1. A research center is being prepared and will soon be launched
3. Develop clear SOP for grant applications and provision.
   1. Policy & procedure already established by the University
4. Develop effective reporting and budgeting system to support the research activities
   1. Already established by the University
5. Create a clear policy for promotion and recruitment (1a)

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| Teams/ Participants | Projects title and summary of activities | Resources | Fund sources/ partnerships | Budget allocation | Duration |
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