

In accordance with Article (31) of the Constitution and the decision of the Council of Ministers on 22/06/2010, we, Abdullah II bin al-Hussein, King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, decree the effectuation of the following regulation:

Regulation Nr. (42) of 2010
Regulation on the Scientific Research Support Fund

Enacted in accordance with Paragraph (H) of Article (9) of the Law of Higher Education and Scientific Research Nr. (23) of 2009

Article (1)

This regulation is cited as “Regulation on the Scientific Research Support Fund of 2010” and becomes effective as of its date of publication in the Official Gazette.

Article (2)

The following words and expressions, wherever mentioned herein, shall have the hereinafter designated meanings, unless the context requires otherwise:

Minister	:	Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research/Chairman of the Board
Fund	:	Scientific Research Support Fund
Board	:	The Fund’s Management Board
Chairman	:	Chairman of the Board
General Manager	:	The Fund’s General Manager

Article (3)

In order to realize its objectives of promoting and supporting scientific research, especially the applied scientific research that aims to serve and develop the community, the Fund will:

- A) Support scientific research of the Jordanian researchers.
- B) Promote scientific and research participation in the higher-education institutions.

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- C) Direct the researchers towards scientific research that satisfies the needs of the Jordanian community.
 - D) Provide financial aids to scientific research projects in the Jordanian universities and in the relevant public and private institutions.
 - E) Award the distinguished researchers in the higher-education institutions for their excellent scientific research.
 - F) Support the publication of Jordanian peer-reviewed, specialized scientific journals.
 - G) Contribute in supporting peer-reviewed scientific conferences held in the Jordanian universities and in institutions related to scientific research inside the Kingdom.
 - H) Devote its attention to solve problems faced by Jordanian institutions and companies in developing their industries, products and services and enable them to improve their competitive capacities by co-ordination with Jordanian universities as well as provide any possible help in this field.
 - I) Collaborate with local, Arab, and international bodies and organizations in the field of scientific research and technical development.
 - J) Provide financial aids that help utilizing sciences and knowledge in scientific research in order to develop the technology and direct it towards solve problems addressed by research centers and business incubators that promote creativity and market the results of the scientific research.
 - K) Provide financial aids to promote various scientific research capacities, including those related to copyright protection and filing of patent applications.
 - L) Contribute in financing scientific research programs and projects implemented in accordance with scientific and technical collaboration agreements with other countries and international organizations as well as with Arab, Islamic and foreign institutions.
 - M) Support the academically distinguished higher-education students in the Jordanian universities by granting them scholarships and promote their researches, provided that they are exclusively dedicated to them.
 - N) Provide a suitable environment for universities and scientific research centers in order to associate their research activities with the needs of the Jordanian institutions and companies.

Article (4)

The Board assumes the following duties and powers:

- A) Shaping the Fund's general policy and approving the plans and programs necessary to implement it.
- B) Determining the priorities of the support the Fund provides in the fields of scientific research and promoting research projects that could be turned into productive investment projects.
- C) Approving the technical principles and standards necessary to implement the Fund's duties and realize its objectives.
- D) Examining and approving the annual budget project, annual report, and final financial data of the Fund.
- E) Establishing the principles of co-operation and co-ordination with other parties concerned with scientific research on the local, regional and international level.
- F) Determining bonuses for the Board's members and the members of commissions the Board creates after obtaining the approval of the Council of Ministers.
- G) Approving the agreements, contracts and letters of understanding the Fund concludes.
- H) Determining the annual scientific research awards as well as their values and bestowal mechanism.
- I) Approving the Fund's organizational structure and personnel chart.
- J) Any other matters related to the Fund's objectives the Chairman presents the Board with.

Article (5)

- A) If necessary, the Board should meet by an invitation of its Chairman or, if absent, his/her deputy. Its quorum will be met by a majority attendance and its decisions will be made by a majority vote of the attending members. However, if the votes are equal, the Chairman's vote should decide the matter.

- B) The Board may invite any expert in order to seek his/her opinion on matters the Board is presented with. However, such expert may not have the right to vote.
- C) Pursuant to the General Manager's recommendation, the Chairman shall appoint a secretary of the Board, who will organize its agenda, record its minutes and draft its decisions and correspondence and follow up their implementation.

Article (6)

- A) The General Manager shall handle all matters related to the Fund, including administrative, financial and technical matters, and is entrusted with the expenditure of funds. For this purpose, he/she will assume the following duties and powers:
 - 1) Implementing the Fund's general policy and the decisions enacted by the Board.
 - 2) Supervising the Fund's administrative, financial and technical staffs in order to guarantee a smooth work progress in the Fund.
 - 3) Preparing the Fund's annual budget project, annual report and final financial data and submitting them to the Board.
 - 4) Representing the Fund before third parties and signing on its behalf on agreements and contracts approved by the Board and following up their implementation.
 - 5) Following up the activities of commissions the Board creates and submitting recommendations concerning such activities.
 - 6) Preparing a quarterly report on the Fund's activities – especially those related to the Fund's financial status – and submitting recommendations to the Board concerning such activities.
 - 7) Resorting to experts in the Fund's field of activity in exchange for financial rewards determined by the Board according to the General Manager's recommendation.
 - 8) Any other duties the Board entrusts him/her with or prescribed in the directives enacted by virtue of this Regulation.
- B) The General Manager may delegate any of his/her powers prescribed herein to his/her deputy or any employee in the Fund after obtaining the Board's approval thereof, provided that such delegation of powers must in all cases be in writing and specific.

Article (7)

- A) The Fund's amounts should be deposited in one or more banks selected by the Board.
- B) The Board shall select a chartered accountant to audit the Fund's accounts.

Article (8)

Expenditure from the Fund's amounts is determined by the Board as follows:

- A) The Fund's research and scientific expenditure, which include expenditure on:
 - 1- Scientific research projects.
 - 2- National research and survey studies related to the Fund's activities.
 - 3- National programs related to scientific research which contributes to promoting the industrial, productive and service sectors.
 - 4- Peer-reviewed and specialized scientific conferences.
 - 5- Peer-reviewed and specialized Jordanian scientific journals.
 - 6- Registration of patents and copyrights that result from research projects supported by the Fund.
 - 7- Study and research scholarships for the distinguished higher-education students in the Jordanian universities and promotion of researches they carry out within higher-education programs.
 - 8- Annual scientific research awards.
 - 9- Rewards for the Board's members and members of commissions the Board creates.
 - 10- Any other expenditure related to scientific research approved by the Board.
- B) Capital and operational costs necessary to support scientific research.

Article (9)

The Fund's employees are subject to the provisions of the Civil Service Regulation. For this purpose, the General Manager shall exercise the powers and duties of the Secretary General stipulated in this Regulation.

Article (10)

The Board will issue the directives necessary to implement the provisions of this Regulation, which include:

- A) Promotion of scientific researches projects.
- B) Scholarships for the academically distinguished higher-education students.
- C) Supporting peer-reviewed, specialized scientific journals.
- D) Supporting peer-reviewed, specialized scientific conferences.
- E) Scientific research annual awards.
- F) Administrative and financial affairs and requirements.

Article (11)

The "Regulation on the Scientific Research Support Fund Nr. (4) of 2007" will be abolished, provided that the directives enacted by its virtue will remain in force until modified, abolished or replaced in accordance with its provisions.

22/06/2010

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