

Law Enforcement Academy of the Republic of Uzbekistan
POLICY ON RESEARCH ETHICS

CHAPTER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The Policy on Research Ethics of the Law Enforcement Academy of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter — the Policy) establishes, at the Law Enforcement Academy of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter — the Academy), the main directions, principles and implementation mechanisms for organizing research activity, the ethical rules in research, and the encouragement and support of researchers.

The Academy recognizes research activity as an important component of institutional development and as a mechanism for strengthening research capacity, improving the quality and practical significance of research, implementing research results in the educational process and law enforcement practice, and systematically supporting the training of scientific and pedagogical personnel.

2. This Policy is based on the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Science and Scientific Activity” and “On Education”, Decrees of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PF-5847 of 8 October 2019, No. PF-6097 of 29 October 2020, No. PF-257 of 28 November 2022, No. PF-21 of 16 February 2026 and No. PF-58 of 10 April 2026, Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 143 of 6 April 2023, the Charter of the Academy and other legislative acts.

3. The Policy applies to persons conducting research at the Academy and to learners. For foreign citizens and stateless persons, and for foreign, international and national experts and partners, the Policy applies within the scope of contractual obligations.

4. Research activity covers fundamental, applied and innovative research, scientific-expert and analytical work, scientific publications, projects and grants, scientific supervision, personnel training, the implementation of results in education and practice, as well as scientific-methodological and digital products.

5. Researchers independently choose scientific problems and methods within the framework of legislation, research ethics, the Academy's mandate and security requirements. The Academy's priority areas do not constitute grounds for unjustifiably restricting scientific conclusions.

6. Decisions on support and incentives are made on the basis of criteria established in advance, elimination of conflicts of interest, reasoned conclusions and the possibility of appeal.

7. Matters of research ethics, academic integrity, protection of personal and official data, intellectual property, use of artificial intelligence and inclusiveness are regulated by legislation and by the Academy's special internal documents.

8. The use of personal, official and other data is based on security rules.

9. The following key terms are used in this Policy:

applied research — activity aimed mainly at applying new knowledge and the results of fundamental research to achieve practical objectives and solve specific tasks;

dissertation — a scholarly work with manuscript rights, conducted personally by the author, whose substance meets the relevant requirements, and which, as a completed and substantively coherent scientific work, systematically substantiates its scientific novelty and practical results;

research activity — activity aimed at studying reality in order to identify the properties, specific features and regularities of objects and phenomena (processes), and at applying the knowledge obtained in practice;

scientific and academic activity — the totality of research, publication, projects, scientific supervision, expert work, cooperation, implementation of results and professional scientific development;

research result — a verifiable final product, including an article, monograph, dissertation, report, analytical note, scientifically substantiated proposal, draft normative document, dataset, software or digital product, patent, manual, grant result or evidence of implementation;

support of research activity — provision of the organizational, methodological, informational, technical, financial, human and time resources necessary for research;

incentivization of research activity — material and non-material measures based on the quality and integrity of a research result, its practical and educational impact, and individual or collective contribution;

individual scientific and academic plan — a document that sets out, for the academic year, the expected results, quality criteria, deadlines, resources, risks and forms of implementation;

degree-seeking researcher — a person preparing a doctoral dissertation to obtain the academic degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) or Doctor of Science (DSc);

scientific supervisor — a Doctor of Science actively engaged in scientific and scientific-pedagogical activity, as well as a Candidate of Science or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) holding an academic title, appointed in the prescribed manner to provide scientific and educational-methodological support to a degree-seeking researcher conducting scientific research;

scientific consultant — a Doctor of Science actively engaged in scientific and scientific-pedagogical activity, appointed in the prescribed manner to provide scientific and educational-methodological support to a degree-seeking researcher conducting scientific research to obtain the academic degree of Doctor of Science (DSc);

scientific and academic profile — a set of up-to-date information on a participant's qualifications, research areas, results, professional experience and scientific identifiers;

research ethics — respect for human dignity, rights and legitimate interests at all stages of research, and compliance with the requirements of non-maleficence, fairness, confidentiality and responsibility;

degree applicant — a person whose dissertation has been accepted by the Scientific Council for defense and whose attestation case is under consideration;

fundamental research — theoretical and/or experimental activity aimed at obtaining new knowledge about the basic laws governing the structure, formation and development of nature, society and the human being and the interrelationships among them, and at studying objects created as a result of particular activity;

Science Hour — a regular scientific-practical forum intended for discussing research methodology, interim and final results, scientific novelty and practical significance;

expert examination — a scientific and normative-technical assessment of the substance of documents and of the conformity of the attestation procedures carried out with the requirements of the relevant legislation;

CHAPTER II. MAIN AIM AND OBJECTIVES OF THE POLICY

10. The main aim of the Policy is to strengthen research capacity, improve research effectiveness, and implement research results in the educational process and law enforcement practice, by organizing research activity at the Academy systematically, creating the necessary conditions for researchers and incentivizing them according to the quality and results of their work.

The degree to which this aim is achieved is assessed through key performance indicators such as the fulfillment of approved research plans, the results of research projects and grants, the quality of peer-reviewed scientific publications, the training of personnel with academic degrees, the implementation of research results in the educational process and law enforcement practice, and researchers' use of support measures.

In the assessment, along with the number of indicators, the reliability, practical significance, scientific soundness and originality of the research results, academic integrity, and the actual contribution of each participant are taken into account.

11. The main objectives of this Policy are to determine the Academy's priority research areas; to plan and coordinate research; to create the necessary organizational, methodological, informational, technical and financial conditions for professors and teachers, research staff, doctoral students and other researchers; to facilitate participation in research projects and grants; to ensure compliance with research ethics and academic integrity; to implement research results in the educational process and law enforcement practice; to objectively assess and incentivize researchers' contributions to research activity; to train young scientific personnel; and to regularly assess the effectiveness of research activity.

CHAPTER III. KEY PRINCIPLES

12. The Policy is based on the following principles:

12.1. Legality

Research activity at the Academy is organized in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan, research ethics and the Academy's internal documents.

In planning, funding, conducting, publishing and implementing research, the rights of participants, copyright, and the requirements for protecting personal data and other data protected by law are observed.

12.2. Responsibility

Scientific supervisors, researchers and responsible structural units are accountable, within their authority, for the decisions they take, the data they provide, and the intended use of the resources allocated to them.

12.3. Academic freedom

Researchers have the right to independently formulate scientific problems, research methods and their own conclusions within the framework of legislation, approved research areas and research ethics requirements.

Research results are not adjusted to any particular administrative or personal interest. A well-founded scientific opinion, including a conclusion that differs from the prevailing approach, is not in itself a ground for depriving a researcher of support.

Academic freedom is exercised together with the obligations to ensure the reliability of research results, to use sources honestly and to respect the rights of others.

12.4. Reliability of research results

Data collection, analysis, storage and presentation in research activity are carried out in accordance with the established procedure. Sources and the contributions of co-authors must be clearly indicated.

Plagiarism, fabrication of data or results, deliberate alteration of them, unjustified co-authorship and repeated publication of the same scientific work in different forms are not permitted. The use of artificial intelligence tools is disclosed in accordance with the Academy's relevant rules, and a human is responsible for the content and reliability of the research result.

12.5. Equal opportunity and transparency

The conditions for accessing research projects, grants, professional development, reimbursement of publication costs and other support measures are established in advance and communicated to participants.

Decisions approving or rejecting projects state the reasons, and participants have the opportunity to obtain an explanation and to appeal the decision in the prescribed manner.

In providing support, the quality and relevance of the research are taken into account together with the participant's field of activity, stage of professional development and the duties assigned to them. Personal connections or conflicts of interest must not be allowed to influence the assessment result.

12.6. Objectivity of scientific expert examination

Research projects and results are assessed on the basis of their relevance, methodology, reliability, scientific novelty, and significance for the educational process or law enforcement practice.

An expert notifies in advance of any conflict of interest and, where one exists, is not permitted to take part in the relevant assessment. The assessment conclusion is reasoned and formalized in the prescribed manner.

12.7. Motivation and incentives

Material and non-material incentives are provided in line with the researcher's individual or collective contribution, the quality of the work performed, and the reliability and practical significance of the research result.

Incentive criteria, sources of funding and the decision-making procedure are established in advance. Where more than one incentive measure is applied for one result, this is taken into account, and repeated or unjustified use of funds is not permitted.

Financial support and payments are made only where an approved legal and financial basis exists.

12.8. Purposeful and efficient use of resources

The time, funds, information resources, equipment and other resources allocated for research activity are distributed in accordance with approved tasks and expected results.

Before a support measure is established, its necessity, estimated cost, implementation period and method of assessing the result are determined. During implementation, resource use and results achieved are monitored and, where necessary, the conditions for implementing the project are reviewed in the prescribed manner.

While supporting promising research, the Academy also promotes the shared use of existing research infrastructure and the implementation of research results in education and practice.

CHAPTER IV. GOVERNANCE, AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

13. The Academy's collegial body (the Academy Council) determines the Policy and the annual research priorities; the relevant Deputy Head of the Academy approves the main decisions on research activity, ensures the necessary organizational and resource conditions, and reviews the annual report.

The Academy Council considers strategic issues of research activity, plans and reports, publications, research infrastructure, and measures to eliminate systemic shortcomings.

14. The Center for Coordination of Scientific and Innovative Research and Training of Scientific Personnel (hereinafter — the Scientific Center) coordinates the implementation of the Policy, maintains registers, and organizes consultations, competitions, events, monitoring and consolidated reporting.

The Academy's institutes and research centers, together with the relevant units, carry out applied research, provide methodological support and ensure the implementation of results.

15. Heads of departments, faculties, institutes and centers compile lists of relevant research topics, agree individual plans, organize discussions and ensure that results are linked to education and practice.

16. A participant in research activity is responsible for the reliability of the data submitted and for compliance with legislation, research ethics, copyright, security and funding conditions.

CHAPTER V. PLANNING AND THE SCIENTIFIC AND ACADEMIC PROFILE

17. The Academy's priority areas in research activity are determined on the basis of state policy in the field of science, the Academy's mandate, the needs of law enforcement bodies, current problems of law enforcement practice, educational programs and cooperation opportunities.

In forming priority areas, proposals from the Academy's structural units, practitioners and researchers are studied.

18. The Scientific Center compiles a database of promising topics and updates it at least once a year. The database includes a brief description of each topic, expected scientific and practical results, potential partners and the data required for the research.

Topics are assessed by relevance, scientific novelty, significance for law enforcement practice or education, the possibility of lawful use of data, research risks, required resources and the possibility of implementing the results. A researcher also has the right, with a substantiated proposal, to submit a topic not covered in the database.

19. A scientific and academic profile is maintained for the Academy's professors and teachers, institutes and centers, and all staff engaged in research activity. The scientific and academic profile contains up-to-date information on the researcher's research areas and degree, title, scientific works prepared under their supervision, publications, participation in projects, scientific supervision activity, professional development, and the implementation of results in education and practice.

Publications and other results are verified on the basis of DOI, ORCID, the official page of the publisher or journal, a repository, a contract, a report, a patent or another reliable primary source. The absence of an ORCID or DOI is not in itself a ground for disregarding a result. In that case, its authenticity is confirmed on the basis of another reliable source.

The use of personal data and data protected by law is restricted in accordance with the relevant legal requirements.

20. The individual personal plan is drawn up in the uniform form established at the Academy, taking into account the researcher's duties and available opportunities. It sets out the research topic, the work to be performed, expected results, quality criteria, deadlines, necessary resources, potential risks and the form in which the results will be used.

The plan is discussed by the researcher and the head of the relevant structural unit and approved in the prescribed manner.

21. In planning research activity, the time required for educational and official duties, the complexity of the research, access to data, and the role of each participant in collective projects are taken into account.

22. Before research begins, the permits required to conduct it, ethical review, the grounds for data use, confidentiality measures, and circumstances relating to conflicts of interest are identified. Research subject to such requirements is carried out after the relevant procedures have been completed.

The Scientific Center provides researchers with methodological assistance in identifying these requirements and preparing the necessary documents.

23. Implementation of the individual plan is discussed throughout the year by the researcher and the head of the structural unit to which they are assigned. The purpose of monitoring is not only to record results but also to identify in a timely manner circumstances hindering the research and the necessary support measures.

If the research topic, deadlines or expected results change for objective reasons, the plan may be amended in a reasoned manner.

24. At the end of the year, the results of research activity are assessed on the basis of supporting documents. This takes into account the scientific quality and reliability of the result, the researcher's contribution to research activity, compliance with academic integrity, and significance for the educational process and law enforcement practice.

The number of publications, conferences or applications alone is not a sole criterion for incentivizing a researcher or refusing support. The assessment conclusion is used in drawing up the next year's plan, identifying professional development needs, and considering incentive measures in the prescribed manner.

25. The Scientific Center prepares consolidated analytical information on scientific and academic profiles, individual plans and confirmed results. Based on the analysis, the database of promising topics, methodological assistance, resource needs and support measures are reviewed.

In using consolidated information, the requirements for protecting personal data and data protected by law are observed.

CHAPTER VI. FORMS AND MECHANISMS OF SUPPORT

26. The Academy provides methodological assistance in formulating research topics, comparative-legal and empirical analysis, statistics, working with sources, and preparing dissertations, articles, monographs, analytical notes and grant applications.

Researchers are given access, in the prescribed manner, to library holdings, national and foreign scientific databases, legal and analytical resources, software and equipment.

In research working with restricted data, lawful authorization, anonymization, a protected environment and documentation of access are ensured.

27. As needed, ethical and legal advice, intellectual property checks, language editing, translation, and bibliographic and technical preparation are organized.

Justified research expenses for software, data, publication, translation, conferences, business trips, expert examination and others may be reimbursed, and small seed grants may be allocated.

Support measures, criteria and deadlines are published openly.

CHAPTER VII. FUNDING, GRANTS AND REPORTING

28. Research activity at the Academy is funded from budget funds allocated in accordance with legislation, the Academy's extra-budgetary funds, national and international grants, contracts for the performance of research work, funds of targeted funds, and other sources not prohibited by legislation.

Regardless of the source of funding, funds are spent in accordance with the purpose of their allocation, the approved estimate, the terms of the contract and the requirements of legislation.

29. The annual need for funding of research activity is formed on the basis of the Academy's research priorities, annual research plan, approved and planned projects, and reasoned proposals from structural units.

A proposal states the purpose of the research, the expected result and the possibility of its use, the implementation period, executors, required resources, a cost calculation and the potential source of funding. The possibility of using existing resources or sharing costs with another organization is also examined.

The Scientific Center assesses the scientific soundness of the proposal and its conformity with the Academy's main areas of activity. The Accounting Office and the Planning and Finance Department, within their authority, give an opinion on the source of funds, the justification of the costs and financial capacity. On the basis of these opinions, the proposal is submitted to the Academy's leadership.

30. In considering funding proposals, the relevance of the research, its scientific quality, its significance for law enforcement practice and education, feasibility, proportionality of costs and expected results are taken into account.

The decision on allocating funds is taken by the authorized person or body in the prescribed manner. The decision specifies the source and amount of funding, its targeted purpose, the persons responsible for execution, the deadline for presenting results and the reporting form.

31. Before applying to a national or international grant competition on behalf of the Academy, the project initiator submits to the Scientific Center documents on its purpose, work plan, estimate, composition of partners and the obligations that will be placed on the Academy.

The Scientific Center examines the conformity of the project with the Academy's priority areas and its scientific feasibility. The relevant units give opinions on the estimate, staff workload, data security, contract terms and other necessary matters.

Applications and documents that may give rise to funding by the Academy, use of its property, engagement of staff, or obligations of subsequent expenditure are not submitted without the approval of the Head of the Academy or the relevant Deputy Head.

32. When the terms of a grant or contract are being agreed, the Academy's rights and interests are clearly defined, including rights to research results, authorship and co-authorship, use of data, publication of results, confidentiality, reporting, reimbursement of costs, and obligations that continue after the project ends.

The use of data protected by law, and its provision to a partner or to foreign partners, is carried out only in accordance with legislation and the authorization procedure established at the Academy. Terms on publication of a research result are agreed taking into account the Academy's legitimate interests and the researcher's rights.

Obligations that cannot be fulfilled by the Academy, for which no funding source has been identified, or whose legal and information-security risks have not been brought to an acceptable level are not accepted.

33. A responsible executor is designated for each funded project. The executor organizes the work in accordance with the approved work plan and estimate, consolidates the results and submits research reports by the established deadlines.

The Accounting Office keeps records of financial operations, and the relevant structural units formalize purchases, contracts and payments within their authority. The Scientific Center monitors the substantive performance of the work and the achievement of expected results.

Procurement of goods, works and services is carried out in the manner established by legislation. In procurement from grant or contract funds, the applicable legal procedure and the legitimate requirements of the funder are also taken into account.

34. If it becomes necessary to change an approved estimate or work plan, the responsible executor justifies in writing the reason for the change and its impact on project results. The change is implemented after it has been formalized in accordance with the terms of the funding source and the approval procedure established at the Academy.

Repeated reimbursement of the same expense from different funding sources is not permitted. Property acquired and results created within a project are recorded on the basis of the relevant documents.

35. The report on a research project is submitted at the stages and by the deadlines set out in the work plan. It covers information on research results, work performed, reasons for deviation from the plan, the possibility of applying the results in education or practice, and next tasks.

The financial report is drawn up in accordance with the terms of allocation of funds, the approved estimate and accounting requirements. The research and

financial reports are cross-checked; the existence of expenditure documents does not mean that the result intended by the research project has been achieved.

Final results are considered on the basis of the criteria set out in the contract or project documents. Where necessary, an independent expert opinion is obtained and a justified deadline is set for remedying deficiencies.

36. Each year the Scientific Center prepares a consolidated analysis of funded projects, grant applications, funds attracted, results achieved and their contribution to education and law enforcement practice.

The results of the analysis are taken into account in drawing up the next year's research plan, allocating resources, supporting promising research and incentivizing responsible executors. Projects are not assessed solely by the amount of funds attracted or the number of publications; the reliability, quality and practical significance of results and their proportionality to costs are also taken into account.

37. A funded project is formalized by an order or a contract.

CHAPTER VIII. INCENTIVES AND RECOGNITION

38. The results of research activity are appropriately rewarded, as applicable, by the Prosecutor General or the Head of the Academy.

39. Incentives include material payments and prizes, funding of research expenses, honorary recognition, professional development, participation in events, mentoring and other lawful measures.

Material incentives are determined only within the approved estimate and lawful source, taking into account the quality of the research result and personal contribution.

40. In incentivizing research activity, relevance, reliability of sources, originality, academic integrity, quality of analysis, practical significance and confirmed impact are taken into account.

CHAPTER IX. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MENTORING

41. Research development needs are organized on the basis of personal plans, monitoring, self-assessment, and the opinions of the head of the relevant unit and of the Head and relevant deputy heads of the Academy, and are included in the annual professional development program.

Professional development covers research methodology, empirical and statistical methods, academic writing, foreign languages, grants, data analysis, research ethics, copyright and responsible use of artificial intelligence.

42. The Academy supports academic mobility on a competitive and transparent basis. A participant who has studied or undertaken an internship at the Academy's expense shares the results with colleagues.

An experienced mentor and coach may be assigned to a young researcher. The goals and results of mentoring are recorded in the plan. A mentor may be replaced if a conflict of interest arises or the cooperation is ineffective. Scientific schools and research groups are supported.

CHAPTER X. SUPPORT FOR LEARNERS AND YOUNG RESEARCHERS

43. Bachelor's students, master's students, doctoral students, independent researchers and other young researchers have the opportunity to take part in scientific consultations, resources, events, competitions and projects.

Forms of participation are determined according to the stage of education and level of preparation. Participation in national or international projects and events may be permitted on the recommendation of the scientific supervisor and with the consent of the relevant unit.

44. Topics of graduation and other research papers are directed at current problems, and access to the necessary sources, scientific supervision, academic integrity checks, and review and defense procedures are ensured.

Doctoral students and independent researchers work according to an approved personal plan and, at least once a year, present their results at a department discussion or at the "Science Hour".

45. In joint projects of young researchers, the terms on tasks, authorship, use of data, publication of results and dispute resolution are agreed in writing in advance. Forcing a learner to renounce authorship, work for free or disclose protected data is not permitted.

CHAPTER XI. INTERAGENCY AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

46. The Academy develops joint research with the Prosecutor General's Office, law enforcement and other state bodies, scientific and educational organizations, analytical centers and the wider scientific community.

Cooperation covers joint research and publications, grant consortia, academic exchange, internships, inviting scholars, conferences and shared use of research infrastructure.

47. Before joint research begins, the purpose, costs, data use, information security, intellectual property, publication, reporting and dispute resolution terms are established in writing. Restricted data are subjected to a legal and information-security review before international exchange.

The effectiveness of cooperation is assessed not by the number of agreements signed but by joint products, resources attracted, exchanges, implementation and the development of competencies.

CHAPTER XII. RESEARCH EVENTS AND CULTURE OF DISCUSSION

48. Departments and centers organize the "Science Hour", research seminars, round tables, conferences, presentations of project results and other research events in accordance with the annual research plan. The "Science Hour" is, as a rule, held at least once a month.

The topic of a research event is determined on the basis of the Academy's priority research areas, educational programs, problems of law enforcement practice and researchers' proposals. The format of the event is chosen according to the nature of the issue under discussion and the expected result.

At the “Science Hour”, research ideas, methodology, interim results, scientific articles and dissertations may be discussed, and scientific-methodological support may be provided to young researchers.

49. A scientific discussion considers the research problem and aim, the methods used, the reliability of sources, the limitations of the research, scientific novelty, conclusions, and the possibility of implementing results in education or practice.

Participants express their opinions in a reasoned manner. Any criticism or recommendations are expressed in a form directed at the research work and scientific conclusion and serving to improve scholarly culture and the work. The author is given the opportunity to answer questions, respond to objections and substantiate their position.

At the end of the discussion, the main proposals and recommendations are recorded. They are not applied as a requirement to forcibly change a scientific conclusion.

50. During a research event, discriminating against a person, using official position to pressure a scientific conclusion, concealing a conflict of interest, or unjustifiably obstructing a participant's expression of opinion is not permitted.

Data protected by law, restricted for official use, or personal are discussed only in accordance with the requirements for their use. Where necessary, the circle of event participants is restricted or the data are anonymized.

Use of an unpublished manuscript, data or research result without the author's consent is not permitted. When an idea heard in a discussion is used in later work, the author's contribution and the relevant source are honestly acknowledged.

51. Before a research event is held, its purpose, expected result, program, responsible person, circle of participants and necessary resources are determined. The responsible unit prepares a short briefing on the outcome of the event, describing the issues discussed and the proposals developed.

Before an event is audio- or video-recorded, participants' images are disseminated, or materials are published, participants are informed and a legal basis is ensured in accordance with the requirements on personal data, copyright and confidentiality. Presenting data at an event does not give the organizer the authority to publish them openly.

52. Practical proposals made at research events are studied by the Scientific Center together with the relevant departments and interested units. Well-founded proposals may be included in the database of promising topics, in the plan of research projects, or in proposals for improving educational materials.

The effectiveness of research events is not assessed solely by the number of events held and participants. The assessment takes into account the quality of discussion, participation of young researchers, the scholarly cooperation formed, the proposals developed and their subsequent use in research, education or practice.

CHAPTER XIII. IMPLEMENTATION OF RESULTS IN EDUCATION AND PRACTICE

53. A research-oriented approach is applied in the Academy's educational programs. Departments and units responsible for educational programs prepare proposals for incorporating current research results, reliable sources, research methods and problems identified in law enforcement practice into study modules, reading lists, practical assignments and cases.

Such materials are assessed for their conformity with learning objectives, scientific reliability, relevance and contribution to developing learners' professional skills. Changes made to study modules are formalized in the appropriate manner and their impact on learning outcomes is analyzed on an ongoing basis.

54. Materials on law enforcement practice are used for educational and research purposes only where a lawful basis and the relevant permission exist. Before materials are presented, information that allows a person to be directly or indirectly identified, and state secrets, investigative secrets and other information protected by law, are removed, or their use is restricted in the prescribed manner.

Anonymization alone is not a basis for using the material. In preparing cases and practical assignments, the origin of the material, the scope of its use, and the conditions of its storage and dissemination are considered. Disclosure of personal data without a lawful basis is not permitted.

55. Learners may be involved in research seminars, grants, conferences, data analysis, publications and practical projects in line with their level of preparation and research topic. The form of their participation, their tasks, their contribution to the result and the arrangements for scientific supervision are clearly defined in advance.

In choosing a scientific supervisor, their competence in the topic, scientific and practical experience, current workload and any conflict of interest are taken into account. The scientific supervisor provides methodological support in choosing research methods, working with sources, complying with ethical requirements and presenting results. The learner's actual scientific contribution is correctly reflected in publication and project documents.

56. The implementation of a research result in the educational process or in law enforcement practice is confirmed by a normative-legal proposal, analytical note, methodological manual, updated study module, database, digital tool, pilot project or other verifiable evidence accepted by the relevant organization or structural unit.

The evidence indicates precisely which research result was applied, by whom, when and for what purpose. Merely submitting a result, sending it for discussion, or proposing its implementation is not sufficient for it to be considered implemented in practice. Depending on the form in which research outputs are used, intellectual property rights and contractual requirements are also taken into account.

57. Every case of implementing a research result is recorded in the register maintained by the Scientific Center. The register indicates the title of the result, its authors, the organization or unit that applied it, the form and date of implementation, the supporting document and the practical outcome.

CHAPTER XIV. PUBLICATIONS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

58. The Scientific Center coordinates the preparation of the Academy's scientific publications and collections of conference materials, provides authors with methodological assistance on requirements for formatting and submitting manuscripts for publication, and organizes peer review in the prescribed manner.

Materials submitted for publication are reviewed for topical fit, scholarly standard, correct citation of sources, and compliance with academic integrity requirements and requirements on data protected by law. A reviewer with a conflict of interest does not take part in assessing the relevant manuscript. The decision on publication is taken on the basis of review results and the approved requirements of the publication.

59. The preparation of monographs, textbooks, and educational and practical manuals may be included in the research work plans of departments and other structural units.

The Academy organizes training and advisory events for researchers on academic writing, searching for scientific sources, using international scientific databases, ORCID and DOI, citation, copyright, licensing and publication ethics. Such assistance is aimed at improving the quality of publications and developing authors' skills for independent work.

60. Authorship of a scholarly work is determined by the intellectual contribution made to the research idea, methodology, data analysis, writing of the text or revision of its scientific content. Administrative supervision, funding or technical assistance alone is not a ground for authorship; such contributions are acknowledged in an acceptable form.

Authors agree on their contributions before submitting for publication. Funding sources, conflicts of interest, use of research data and use of artificial intelligence tools are disclosed in accordance with the requirements of the publication and the Academy's relevant rules.

61. If a serious error, unreliable data, a deficiency relating to sources or an authorship dispute is identified in a published work, the author promptly notifies the Scientific Center and the relevant editorial office. Depending on the nature of the situation, the author and the editorial office consider, within their authority, making a correction, publishing a notice or retracting the publication.

The final decision on retracting a publication not belonging to the Academy is taken by the competent editorial office or publisher of that publication. The Academy, for its part, updates the relevant information in its publications and internal registers in the prescribed manner. In considering the situation, the author is given the opportunity to provide an explanation.

62. Research results are published for open access, or placed on the Academy's official website, to the extent permitted by legislation, contracts, licenses, copyright and the data-use regime. Before placement, data, third-party rights and publisher terms are checked.

Personal non-property and property rights in research results, and the conditions for their use by the Academy and partners, are clearly defined on the basis of legislation and contract before the result is transferred to a third party or made public. Open access to a publication does not directly authorize unrestricted use of the data, software or other intellectual property objects it contains. In using scientific information, restrictions relating to data protected by law are maintained.

CHAPTER XV. USE OF INFORMATION AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

63. The Information Resource Center, in line with the Academy's educational and research needs, collects, systematizes and stores national and foreign legal, scientific and analytical resources and organizes access to them.

In selecting resources, their reliability, relevance, fit with research areas and terms of use are taken into account. The Information Resource Center assists researchers in searching for sources, using them lawfully and citing them.

Digitization of printed materials, and the storage or distribution of electronic copies, are carried out in accordance with copyright, license and contract terms.

64. The Scientific Center maintains a single digital register of scientific and academic profiles, promising topics, research projects, support applications and decisions, publications, and the implementation of results in education and practice.

The composition of the data entered in the register and the persons responsible for submitting and updating it are established in the Academy's internal procedure. The Scientific Center ensures the completeness of data and their linkage to supporting sources. The technical operation, backup and information security of the register are ensured by the unit responsible for information technology and information security.

65. Research data are stored by the Academy in a protected environment in accordance with their legal status and risk level. Before research begins, the data source, access rights, storage location, period of use and responsible person are determined.

Transferring personal data, data restricted for official use, or other data protected by law to cloud technologies, unauthorized devices or external systems is prohibited. Before data are shared with partners, published or reused in research, a separate legal basis and the relevant permits are verified.

66. Artificial intelligence tools are used for searching scientific sources, editing text, analyzing data or other auxiliary tasks, within the limits of legislation and the Academy's approved rules.

Personal data, data for official use, or data protected by law are not entered into unauthorized external artificial intelligence systems. Before a tool is used, the terms of data storage and processing and the existence of permission to use it are verified.

The use of artificial intelligence that influenced the formation of a research result is disclosed. Facts, quotations, sources, calculations and conclusions obtained with its help are independently re-verified by the researcher.

67. An artificial intelligence tool is not named as the author of a scholarly work, a scientific supervisor, a reviewer or the responsible executor of a project. Its recommendation is not the final decision for recording facts of funding, incentives, authorship, academic integrity or violations.

Such a decision is taken by the relevant authorized person or body on the basis of verifiable information. The decision-maker assesses the likelihood of errors or unfounded conclusions in the artificial intelligence output and justifies the decision.

CHAPTER XVI. MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF EFFECTIVENESS

68. Implementation of this Policy is monitored by each structural unit within its authority and area of activity, under the leadership of the relevant Deputy Head of the Academy.

For each research area, project and support measure, the responsible executor, expected result, supporting evidence, deadline and reporting procedure are established in the annual research plan. The Scientific Center consolidates monitoring data, while structural units ensure the accuracy and timely submission of data relating to their activity.

The individual scientific and academic plan is reviewed at least once every six months with the participation of the researcher and the head of the relevant unit. At the end of the academic year, a final assessment is conducted of the results achieved, reasons for deviation from the plan, circumstances that hindered the research, and support needs for the next period.

69. The final assessment of research activity takes into account the reliability, scientific novelty and originality of the result, compliance with research ethics and academic integrity requirements, and significance for the educational process and law enforcement practice.

It also assesses the researcher's actual contribution to collective projects, their scientific supervision, cooperation and support of young researchers, professional development, and purposeful use of allocated resources. Assessment criteria and the data confirming them are communicated to participants in advance. A person with a conflict of interest does not take part in assessing the relevant result.

70. Academy-level monitoring covers the maintenance of scientific and academic profiles and personal plans, research projects and grants, publications, dissertations, learner participation, scientific cooperation, implementation of results in education and practice, and support applications.

Monitoring is carried out on the basis of a table of performance indicators developed by the Scientific Center and approved in the prescribed manner.

71. The number of publications, events, grant applications or documents on implementing research novelty in practice is not the sole criterion of the quality of research activity. Quantitative indicators are not used as a basis for refusing to incentivize or support a researcher or for forming a negative conclusion about them.

72. The consolidated report on implementation of the Policy reflects the fulfillment of plans, the quality of research results, information provided by the relevant units on the use of allocated funds, the implementation of results in practice, identified obstacles and proposals for the next year.

In preparing the report, the opinions of professors and teachers, research staff and doctoral students are studied. The consolidated report is submitted to the Academy Council for consideration through the relevant Deputy Head of the Academy.

For measures adopted as a result of considering the report, the responsible executor, deadline and indicators confirming the result are established. Their implementation is reviewed during subsequent monitoring, and the conclusions reached are taken into account in forming the next annual research plan and support measures.

CHAPTER XVII. FINAL PROVISIONS

73. This Policy enters into force on the date of its approval.

74. The Policy is posted on the Academy's official website and in its internal information system. The publicly available page states the document's status (in force), the dates of approval and last update, and the contact details of the responsible unit. The document is made available in a format accessible to persons with limited access to it.

75. The text of the Policy approved in the state language is the authoritative version. Translations into Russian and English may be prepared and posted on the official website. In the event of a discrepancy in the content of translations, the approved text in the state language applies.

76. The Scientific Center analyzes the results of implementing the Policy each year. The analysis reflects the fulfillment of the annual research plan, support and incentive measures provided to researchers, the quality of research results, their implementation in education and practice, and problems identified in monitoring.

On the basis of the results of the analysis, proposals on priority tasks, target indicators and necessary resources for the next year are submitted to the relevant Deputy Head of the Academy.

77. The Policy is fully reviewed at least once every three years. It is reviewed out of turn when requirements relating to legislation, the Academy's tasks or structure, funding, research ethics, data security or use of artificial intelligence change, or when monitoring reveals serious shortcomings.

In the review, proposals from professors and teachers, research staff, doctoral students and learners are studied. The Scientific Center consolidates them and submits, in the prescribed manner, a draft of amendments agreed with the relevant structural units.