



External Relationships policy

Section 1 - Preamble

(1) This Policy is effective from 8 May 2014.

Section 2 - Purpose

(2) This Policy defines the parameters by which the University may engage externally in relationships, partnerships or other arrangements with external parties aimed at advancing the strategic endeavour of the University.

Section 3 - Scope

(3) This Policy applies to all partnerships entered into by the University with additional requirements for research contracts which are subject to the [Research Conduct policy](#).

Section 4 - Policy

(4) The University values partnerships and other arrangements with external bodies that deliver tangible outcomes to all parties and that are in line with their strategic goals provided that they do not compromise the integrity or reputation of the University.

(5) The University may enter into relationships with parties in Australia and internationally as a means of furthering its mission and core commitments and to achieve its strategic goals.

(6) Such relationships may be instigated by any party and may entail the disbursement as well as receipt of funds or in-kind benefits by the University.

(7) Any external relationship must be consistent with external and University legislation and the policies and procedures guiding such issues as intellectual property, conflicts of interest and fraud.

Proscribed Relationships

(8) Except with the written permission of the Vice-Chancellor, the University will not accept funding from, or enter into any partnership or other arrangement with organisations with a vested interest in limiting measures to mitigate harmful social or health impacts of their products.

(9) The University will not accept funding from:

- a. the tobacco industry, including:
 - i. companies directly engaged in the production, manufacture, distribution, promotion or marketing of tobacco or tobacco products as their primary business
- b. foundations primarily funded by the tobacco industry
- c. the gambling industry.

(10) Funding from the alcohol industry or related industries will be considered on a case-by-case basis and may only proceed with the written approval of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Global Engagement and input from other relevant Executive members as required. Approval must be obtained prior to submission of a proposal funded by those industries.

(11) On the advice of the Vice-Chancellor, Council may add to or delete organisations and industries from the above list of proscribed relationships.

(12) The Vice-Chancellor will not grant the permission referred to in clause 8 unless they are satisfied that acceptance of the funding or entering into the partnership or other arrangement will not compromise the integrity or reputation of the University.

(13) If the Vice-Chancellor grants the permission referred to in clause 8, they must advise the University Council of this at its next meeting, setting out the reasons for concluding that accepting the funding or entering into the partnership or other arrangement will not compromise the integrity or reputation of the University.

Section 5 - Procedure

(14) There is no attendant procedure.

Section 6 - Definitions

(15) For the purpose of this Policy:

- a. Partnership or other arrangement: a relationship between the University and other parties to achieve specified objectives. A partnership may include individual persons, industry, government, institutions (including other educational providers) and/or community organisations.

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