

NEAR EAST UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
INTERNATIONALIZATION POLICY

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1. Purpose

The Internationalization Policy of the Near East University Faculty of Veterinary Medicine aims to establish a sustainable academic structure that adopts international quality standards across education-teaching, research-development, social contribution and governance activities, that is able to compete on a global scale, that develops collaboration with different cultures, and that continuously enhances its international visibility.

Through this policy, it is intended that the faculty's international activities are integrated with the institutional strategic plan, monitored within the quality assurance system, and continuously improved.

2. Scope

This policy covers:

- Undergraduate education
- Graduate education
- Academic staff
- Administrative staff
- Students
- Research activities
- Scientific projects
- Publication activities
- Mobility programs
- International partnerships
- Double-diploma and joint education programs
- International quality accreditation processes
- Digital internationalization activities

3. Basis

This policy has been prepared on the basis of the YÖKAK Institutional Accreditation Criteria, ESG 2015, the Bologna Process, the European Qualifications Framework, the quality approach of the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE), the Near East University Strategic Plan, and the Near East University Internationalization Policy.

4. Core Principles

The faculty carries out its internationalization activities in line with the following principles.

4.1 Quality Orientation

Internationalization activities are planned on the basis of quality rather than quantity. All processes are monitored through performance indicators.

4.2 Mutual Benefit

In international collaborations, sustainable, equitable models that support mutual academic development are adopted.

4.3 Transparency

International collaborations, mobilities and performance results are regularly shared with the public.

4.4 Participation

Students, academics, graduates and external stakeholders actively take part in internationalization processes.

4.5 Continuous Improvement

International activities are evaluated annually. They are developed in line with stakeholder feedback.

4.6 Sustainability

It is aimed that international activities evolve into long-term institutional collaborations.

5. Policy Objectives

5.1 Internationalization in Education and Teaching

The faculty develops educational programs in accordance with international quality standards. To this end:

- The number of English-language courses is increased.
- Joint course content is created.
- The contribution of international teaching staff is ensured.
- The number of international students is increased.
- Blended international courses are developed.
- COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning) practices are supported.
- International summer schools are organized.

5.2 Internationalization in Research

The faculty aims to increase its international scientific visibility. In this context, participation in international research consortia is supported and projects funded by the following are encouraged:

- Horizon Europe
- Erasmus+
- COST
- TÜBİTAK international programs
- European Union projects
- FAO
- WHO

- WOAAH
- EFSA-supported projects

5.3 Internationalization of Academic Staff

Academic staff are supported in conducting international projects, producing joint publications, undertaking visiting faculty positions, delivering international courses, and taking short-term assignments at foreign universities.

5.4 Student Mobility

The faculty supports students in gaining international experience through Erasmus+ internship mobilities, research mobilities, summer schools, international clinical practices and exchange programs.

5.5 International Research Networks

The faculty conducts joint laboratory work with international research centres. Interdisciplinary research is encouraged.

5.6 Digital Internationalization

The faculty organizes online joint courses, virtual laboratories, joint webinars, international seminars and digital congresses.

6. Strategic Priorities

The faculty prioritizes support for the following areas:

- Veterinary Public Health
- One Health
- Food Safety
- Antimicrobial Resistance
- Animal Welfare
- Sustainable Animal Husbandry
- Climate Change
- Food Chain Safety
- Zoonotic Diseases
- Artificial Intelligence-Assisted Veterinary Applications
- Digital Veterinary Medicine
- Precision Livestock Farming
- Veterinary Epidemiology
- Food Microbiology
- Biotechnology

7. Implementation of the Policy

The Deanship, the Faculty Quality Commission, the International Relations Coordinator, the Heads of Department, the Research Groups and the Program Coordinators are responsible for the implementation of the policy.

8. Monitoring and Evaluation

The policy is monitored annually through performance indicators. The results are evaluated at Management Review meetings. Improvement activities are planned by the Quality Commission.

9. Performance Indicators (KPI)

KPI	Target
Number of international partner universities	Increase
Number of Erasmus agreements	Increase
Number of incoming international students	Increase
Number of outgoing students	Increase
Number of incoming teaching staff	Increase
Number of outgoing teaching staff	Increase
Rate of international joint publications	Increase
Number of publications in Q1–Q2 journals	Increase
Number of international research projects	Increase
Horizon Europe project applications	Increase
COST Action memberships	Increase
International patent applications	Increase
Number of international congresses organized	Increase
Number of invited speakers at international conferences	Increase
Rate of foreign-national academics	Increase
Number of jointly supervised graduate theses	Increase
Number of courses delivered within COIL	Increase
Number of double/joint diploma programs	Increase
Number of events held with international external stakeholders	Increase
International graduate employment rate	Increase

10. Continuous Improvement Cycle (PDCA)

The effectiveness of the internationalization policy is managed on the basis of the Plan–Do–Check–Act (PDCA) cycle.

- Plan: Strategic objectives and annual internationalization activity plans are established, and performance indicators are defined.
- Do: Mobility programs, international research projects, joint educational activities and academic collaborations are implemented.
- Check: Performance is evaluated through KPI results, stakeholder feedback and annual activity reports.
- Act: Based on the evaluation results, improvement activities are planned, and the policy and processes are updated.

11. Alignment with YÖKAK

This policy is directly related to the following YÖKAK criteria:

YÖKAK Criterion	Relation to the Policy
A.2.1 Mission, Vision and Policies	Definition of internationalization as an institutional policy
A.2.2 Strategic Goals and Objectives	Setting measurable internationalization objectives
A.2.3 Performance Management	Monitoring and evaluation through KPIs
A.3.1 Information Management System	Regular monitoring of international activity data
B.1 Design of Educational Programs	International content, joint courses and COIL practices
B.2 Student Admission and Development	Student mobility and international experience
B.4 Development of Academic Staff	International research and academic mobility
C.1 Management of Research Processes	Support for international project and publication collaborations
C.2 Research Competence and Collaborations	Participation in global research networks
D.1 Social Contribution Processes	Knowledge sharing and joint events with international stakeholders

Conclusion

This policy aims to enhance the international visibility of the Near East University Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, to develop the quality of education and research in line with global standards, and to bring international collaborations into a sustainable structure within the institutional quality assurance system. The implementation of the policy is carried out on the basis of measurable performance indicators, regular monitoring mechanisms and the PDCA cycle, with the aim of continuously strengthening the faculty's international competitiveness.