

Research Policy - Maritime Research Center

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Introduction

The Research Policy of Maritime Research Center sets forth the principles, guidelines, and procedures to govern research activities conducted within the organization. This policy aims to foster a culture of innovation, excellence, and ethical research practices, while ensuring compliance with relevant laws, regulations, and ethical standards.

Objectives

- (a) To advance knowledge and understanding in the maritime domain through high-quality research endeavours.
- (b) To promote interdisciplinary collaboration and partnerships with academic institutions, industry, and other research organizations.
- (c) To ensure the responsible conduct of research, adherence to ethical standards, and protection of research participants and stakeholders.
- (d) To encourage the dissemination of research findings to contribute to the global body of knowledge.

Research Ethics

- (a) All research activities conducted within Maritime Research Center must comply with established ethical guidelines, including but not limited to those outlined by institutional review boards, relevant regulatory bodies, and professional associations.
- (b) Researchers must obtain informed consent from research participants or their legal representatives before involving them in any research study.
- (c) Confidentiality and data protection must be strictly maintained for all research participants and stakeholders.
- (d) In cases involving potential conflicts of interest, researchers must disclose such conflicts transparently and manage them appropriately.

Research Funding

- (a) Maritime Research Center will actively seek external research funding opportunities to support its research endeavors.

(b) The allocation of research funding shall be based on merit, alignment with organizational objectives, and potential for positive impact.

(c) Researchers are encouraged to seek and secure external research grants and collaborate on joint research projects with external partners.

Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)

(a) The Intellectual Property Rights Policy of Maritime Research Center shall govern the ownership, protection, and management of intellectual property arising from research activities.

(b) Researchers must promptly disclose any potential intellectual property to the designated Intellectual Property Committee in accordance with the IPR Policy.

(c) Intellectual property resulting from research shall be protected and utilized in a manner that maximizes its potential benefit to society and stakeholders.

Collaboration and Partnerships

(a) Maritime Research Center actively encourages collaboration and partnerships with academic institutions, industry, government agencies, and other research organizations.

(b) Collaborative research projects should be governed by formal agreements that define the roles, responsibilities, and ownership of intellectual property.

(c) The organization will strive to maintain a supportive and collaborative research environment to foster knowledge exchange and mutual growth.

Research Dissemination

(a) Researchers at Maritime Research Center are encouraged to disseminate their research findings through reputable journals, conferences, and other appropriate platforms.

(b) Open access publication options should be considered to enhance the accessibility and impact of research outcomes.

(c) The organization may organize research seminars, workshops, and conferences to facilitate the sharing of research findings among the research community.

Research Integrity

(a) All researchers are expected to maintain the highest standards of research integrity and ensure the accuracy and reliability of their research outcomes.

(b) Fabrication, falsification, plagiarism, and any other forms of research misconduct will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary actions.

(c) Maritime Research Center will provide resources and training to promote research integrity and support researchers in upholding ethical practices.

Research Review and Compliance

- (a) All research projects conducted within Maritime Research Center must undergo ethical review, where applicable, and adhere to relevant regulations and guidelines.
- (b) The organization will establish a research review committee to evaluate and monitor the progress and outcomes of research projects.
- (c) Researchers must comply with reporting requirements, including progress reports and research outcomes, as specified by the research review committee.

Policy Review

This Research Policy for Maritime Research Center shall be subject to periodic review and updates to ensure its alignment with the organization's objectives, changes in the regulatory environment, and evolving best practices in research.

By adhering to this Research Policy, Maritime Research Center aims to create a thriving research environment that promotes innovation, collaboration, and the pursuit of knowledge for the betterment of the maritime industry and society at large.

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