

Regulations for Principal Investigators Awarded Funding through the Zayed Bin Sultan Center for Health Sciences

This document sets forth the regulations and requirements that Principal Investigators (PIs) must comply with when receiving research funding support from the Zayed Bin Sultan Center for Health Sciences (ZCHS). These rules are designed to ensure accountability, transparency, and alignment with the Center's strategic objectives.

General Responsibilities of PIs:

- Ensure that the funded research project is conducted in accordance with the approved proposal, objectives, and deliverables submitted to and approved by ZCHS.
- Maintain the highest standards of research integrity, ethics, and compliance with UAEU and national regulations.
- Manage funds responsibly and solely for the purposes outlined in the approved budget.

Publications and Research Outputs:

1. Attribution of Support
 - All publications, presentations, abstracts, posters, and other research outputs resulting from ZCHS-funded projects must explicitly **acknowledge** the Center.
 - The acknowledgment must include both:
 - The Center name (*Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Center for Health Sciences, United Arab Emirates University*).
 - The assigned funding code.
2. Affiliation
 - PIs, co-PIs and co-authors listed in the awarded proposal must list ZCHS in their institutional affiliation for all outputs supported by the Center.
3. Alignment with Funded Objectives
 - Only outputs that are directly aligned with the funded proposal's objectives, scope, and deliverables may be reported as Center-supported.
 - Retroactive attribution of unrelated outputs is strictly prohibited and will not be supported.
4. Publication Standards
 - PIs are strongly encouraged to publish in Q1-ranked journals (according to SJR metric) indexed in Scopus or Web of Science.
 - Support for publication fees will be provided only for outputs in such Q1-ranked journals.

Reporting Requirements

- Progress Reports must be submitted as per the schedule specified by UAEU Associate Provost for Research.
- Reports should detail:
 - Progress toward objectives
 - Key findings
 - Challenges

- Publications, presentations, or other dissemination activities
 - Budget utilization
- Final Report: A comprehensive final report must be submitted within 90 days of project completion, including all outcomes, deliverables, and copies of publications.

Financial Accountability

- Funds must be used exclusively for activities approved in the grant budget.
- Only a PI may initiate requests related to the grant.
- A PI should keep financial records of all project expenditures. The budget should be used as per the approved budget in the project contract and according to the UAEU Policies and Procedures on Finance, Procurement, and Human Resources.

Non-Compliance

Failure to comply with these regulations will result in:

1. Immediate suspension of funding support, including publication fee coverage.
2. Exclusion from eligibility for future funding calls through ZCHS.
3. Reporting of non-compliance to Associate Provost for Research Office for further action.

Effective Date

These regulations are effective as of 01. Oct. 2025 and apply to all new and ongoing projects funded by ZCHS. Continuous updates to the rules and regulations will be applied.

Acknowledgment

By accepting funding from ZCHS, the PI agrees to abide by the rules and requirements outlined in this document.