

Policy on Intellectual Property

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Introduction

Al Yamamah University (YU) or University, hereafter, is committed to helping all those affiliated with the institution, directly or indirectly, in creating output that is copyrightable. Examples of such output produced in an academic institution during the performance of normal academic and scholarly activities include books, other types of text (whether in print or electronic), software systems, architecture, pictorial and graphical works, hardware design, motion pictures and sound recordings, among many others. The output produced by YU members (comprising faculty members, staff, and students) could lead to the registration of a patent, commercialization, and/or some other form of visibility and utilization. This policy aims to regulate and allocate copyright rights to creative works, following international best practices.

Regulations in which the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is a party not to mention the domestic regulations issued by a royal decree relating to intellectual property, which are as follows: The law of patents and layout designs for integrated circuits plant varieties and industrial models issued by Royal Decree No. (M/27) dated 29/5/1425 corresponding to July 17, 2004 AD, as amended by Cabinet Resolution No. 536 dated 10/29/1439 AH and its executive regulations. The Patent law of the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries approved by Royal Decree No. M/28 dated 01/01/1422 AH corresponding to 03/26/2001 AD, and its executive regulations It is worth mentioning that this law is considered a regional law, covering geographically all the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council, including the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Copyright Protection Law issued by Royal Decree No. (M/41) dated Rajab 2, 1424 AH corresponding to August 30, 2003 AD, and amended by Cabinet Resolution No. 536 dated 10/29/1439 AH and its executive regulations. The Trademarks Law of the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council, approved by Royal Decree No. (M/51) dated 26/07/1435 AH corresponding to May 25, 2014 AD, and its executive regulations. Optional Registration of Copyright Works. The Regulation for the Protection of Confidential Trade Information issued by Resolution No. 3218 of the Minister of Commerce and Industry on 02/25/1426 AH corresponding to May 4, 2005, and amended by Resolution No. 4319 on 01/05/1426 AH corresponding to June 8, 2005 AD.

Scope

This policy applies to all YU faculty and staff members as well as consultants of the University. In addition, all those employees of the University who take paid or unpaid leaves and create content protected by copyright during such leaves are also covered under this policy.

Policy

YU retains ownership of all copyrightable YU's funded work created by members of the University while affiliated with the University. On some occasions, the University may exclude certain types of works and transfer copyright ownership to their creators. Types of cases in which the University either claims or transfers copyright are described below:

YU members could be involved in traditional scholarly works, such as works created in routine academic activities, such as the creation of teaching material and involvement in research work. The members could be also involved in works created with substantial University support (financial or using of human, financial, and IT resources). If the University retains ownership of the work, it will recognize all creators who contributed significantly to the work. The University will do its utmost to license and sell any works that fall under its copyright and are marketable.

YU grants creators the authorship rights to typical scholarly works completed during the performance of ordinary academic activities in accordance with the usual practices of international educational institutions. These products are all expected to be produced as part of regular academic (teaching). The material covered under this includes textbooks, course notes, and other original materials created for teaching a university course, such as software, architectural works, pictorial and graphic works, motion pictures, and sound recordings.

YU retains copyright ownership. If the work is commissioned or explicitly produced by the University, then the copyright ownership of the work by the University is maintained. Other types of works YU claims ownership of include institutional publications, reports, guidelines and handbooks, media products.

For any copyrightable works in which the University may assert rights, the creator of the work must promptly disclose the work to the University. The disclosure should include the circumstances of the work conducted, the extent of the use of the University resources (human, financial and technological), and any financial relationships with outside third parties that may affect the institution's legal rights.

Exceptions

The University Council reserves the right to decide on any situation/circumstance outside of the conditions stated in this policy.

Authorization

This policy was authorized by:



University President

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