



**Title:** Students Internship and Career Development Policy

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## 1. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to describe principles of student's internship and career development at Gulf University. Also, it provides a framework of planning and management of internship and career development activities.

## 2. Scope

This document applies to all students at Gulf University.

## 3. Acronyms

<b>BQA</b>	Education and Training Quality Authority
<b>GU</b>	Gulf University
<b>HEC</b>	Higher Education Council
<b>ICD</b>	Internship and Career Development
<b>NQF</b>	National Qualifications Framework
<b>SSO</b>	Student Support Office
<b>SSU</b>	Student Services Unit
<b>VP Academic</b>	Vice President for Academic Affairs

## 4. Definitions

**Academic Advisor:** Academic Advisor is a faculty member at GU, who is responsible for guiding the students according to University Guidelines and Regulations.

**Instructor:** Instructor is an individual appointed by GU to teach on its courses.

**Student:** Student is an individual who has completed the formal procedures necessary to register in a program offered by GU.

**Student Career Development:** The processes involved in providing students at the University with advice and counselling on making career decisions, and support in internship and training activities.

## 5. Policy Statement

- 5.1 Gulf University commits to complying with the HEC academic regulations related to students' internship and career development.
- 5.2 Gulf University ensures that students' internship and career development is consistent with, and supportive of the University Mission, strategic directions, and its sustainability.
- 5.3 Gulf University commits to provide opportunities for work-based learning in relevant specialization in organizations.
- 5.4 Gulf University ensures that students must pass into two internship courses to in order to complete graduation.
- 5.5 Gulf University commits to support students in networking with industry professionals.
- 5.6 Gulf University ensures equity of access of all students to internship and career development opportunities based on identified needs.
- 5.7 Gulf University commits to reflecting internship and career development activities on knowledge, skills, and competencies of the students.
- 5.8 Gulf University commits to supporting work-based learning and career development opportunities through its Internship and Career Development Office in collaboration with relevant academic departments.
- 5.9 Gulf University is committed to providing internship places for the students through entering into partnership agreements with organizations across the sectors.
- 5.10 Gulf University commits to conducting career counselling sessions for the students to familiarize them about current and future job opportunities.
- 5.11 Gulf University is committed to conducting career development sessions for the students to prepare them for the labor market with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills and competencies.
- 5.12 Gulf University commits to evaluating the outcomes of internship and career development activities, and providing regular feedback to relevant students' Advisors, Deans and HODs.

## 6. Responsibilities

### **Students are responsible for:**

- Following this policy appropriately.

### **Academic Advisors are responsible for:**

- Following this policy appropriately.

### **Heads of Departments are responsible for:**

- Ensuring that all faculty members and students are fully informed of this policy.
- Ensuring that this policy is appropriately implemented.

### **Deans are responsible for:**

- Ensuring that this policy is appropriately implemented.

### **Unit of Student Services is responsible for:**

- Appropriate implementation of this policy.

### **Students Council is responsible for:**

- Appropriate implementation of this policy.

### **Vice President for Academic Affairs is responsible for:**

- Appropriate implementation of this policy.

### **Policy Development and Review Committee is responsible for:**

- Systematic review of the effectiveness of this policy.

## 7. Related Policies

- No related Policy

## 8. Related Procedures

- Students Internship and Career Development Procedures

## 9. Related References and Standards

<b>BQA</b>	Institutional Review Handbook
<b>BQA</b>	National Qualifications Framework Handbook
<b>BQA</b>	Programs-within-College Reviews Handbook
<b>HEC</b>	Academic Regulations