



Policies, Systems, and Regulations Guide University Community Engagement Policy

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Community participation

Stardom University

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Community engagement is a fundamental component of Stardom University's mission and vision. This policy emphasizes the importance of community engagement and outlines the university's commitment to fostering strong, mutually beneficial partnerships with regional and global communities. Al Yamamah University recognizes that community engagement enhances the educational experience, promotes research and scholarship, and promotes the well-being of our community.

Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this policy is to clarify the importance of community engagement at Stardom University and to establish a framework for its practice. This policy applies to all members of the Stardom University community, including students, faculty, staff, and administration. It includes engagement activities with regional and international communities.

Definition of community participation

Community engagement at Stardom University includes a wide range of activities, including but not limited to:

- 1- Service-based learning: Integrating community service into the curriculum to enhance academic learning. Research collaboration:
- 2- Partnering with communities to conduct research that addresses local and global challenges. Outreach and public service:
- 3- Providing resources, expertise, and support to address community needs, such as educational programs and community development initiatives.
- 4- Cultural and Artistic Participation: Promoting cultural understanding and artistic expression through events, exhibitions, and performances that engage diverse audiences.
- 5- Economic Initiatives and Entrepreneurship: Supporting local economic development and promoting entrepreneurship through partnerships with businesses and industry.

Rationale for Community Engagement

Stardom University recognizes the following key reasons why community engagement is important:

1. Enhanced Learning: Community engagement provides students with real-life experiences, enabling them to apply classroom knowledge to practical situations. This enhances critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and deeper understanding.
2. Advancing Research: Collaborative research with communities allows Stardom University to more effectively address complex societal challenges, generate innovative solutions, and contribute to the body of knowledge.



3. Community Well-being: Stardom University recognizes its role as a key institution within the international and global community, and through engagement, it can contribute to improving the quality of life, economic vitality, and social cohesion in the surrounding areas.
4. Global Perspective: Community engagement extends beyond geographical boundaries, providing opportunities for international collaboration and fostering cross-cultural understanding.

Principles of community participation

Stardom University is committed to the following principles in its community engagement efforts:

1. Reciprocity: Participation should be a mutually beneficial partnership where all parties involved contribute, learn, and grow.
2. Inclusivity: Engagement efforts must be inclusive and respectful of diverse viewpoints, backgrounds, and cultures.
3. Sustainability: Engagement initiatives should have a lasting positive impact on communities and foster long-term relationships.
4. Ethical Behavior: Participation activities must adhere to ethical standards, respect the autonomy of the community, and protect the rights and dignity of all participating individuals.

Implementation and supervision

1. Stardom University has established an online library for community engagement and support across the university for all types of community engagement.
2. Each academic department and administrative unit shall develop and maintain a community engagement plan consistent with the University's mission and this policy.
3. The University shall establish mechanisms to evaluate the impact and effectiveness of community engagement efforts and make necessary adjustments to enhance their outcomes.

Reports and Accountability

Stardom University provides regular reports on community engagement activities and their outcomes to the university community and relevant stakeholders.

Review and revision

This policy should be reviewed periodically to ensure its relevance and effectiveness. Any member may submit recommendations for revision to the university community, and these will be considered through appropriate governance processes.

Exceptions

The University Council reserves the right to make a decision on any situation/circumstance outside the terms set out in this policy.