

NDC Research Guide

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1 Definitions

For the purpose of this document, the following definitions shall apply:

CC: College Council

NDC: National Defence College

RC: Research Committee

2 Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this Guide is to provide a principle definitions and guideline for the conduct of NDC research efforts.

3 NDC Research Strategic Priority

NDC research strategic priorities are mentioned in NDC Strategy. The Main priority in NDC Research is to reflect the UAE national interests

4 NDC Research Description

4.1 Research Definition

Research at the NDC is defined as the systematic investigation and contribution to the intellectual body of knowledge undertaken by NDC researchers in order to enhance the understanding of theories, methods, and information concerning the field of strategic security studies and related fields. NDC research aims to generate initiatives that encourage both military and civilian leaders to serve as strategic leaders who can effectively shape and implement policy and develop appropriate strategies in support of national security objectives.

4.2 Research Goals

NDC identifies four research goals:

1. Capacity building: Support the development of NDC researchers, faculty and participants by fostering a vibrant interactive research and learning environment within which staff and participants carry out NDC research, thus enabling capacity development of Emirati researchers.
2. Visibility and promotion enhancement: Position the College as a recognized international center of excellence within the realm of strategic security studies.
3. Gap-driven: Identify gaps in knowledge and establish cooperation with local, regional and international universities and think tanks in order to co-design, co-create and co-produce new knowledge to foster constructive dialogue about important issues in security studies. Launch strategic partnerships and networks with distinguished research establishments, the academic community, policy makers, and governmental agencies and pursue collaborative research opportunities with such entities.
4. Government policy-oriented: Formulate national policies, development of strategic decision-making, and translation of research output into applications and implementation. Co-develop research contributing to understanding the problems related to strategic security studies and developing the solutions that are needed to support decision-makers.

4.3 Research Areas

NDC research falls in the jurisdictions of humanities and social sciences and is organized across few key domains. Taken together, these domains cover a wide range of historical and contemporary issues in strategic security, such as:

1. International aspects of national security and national security challenges.

2. Instruments of state power: diplomacy, economics, defense components, information and cyber Issues.
3. Energy policy and natural resources.
4. Strategic leadership and planning.

4.4 Research Support

NDC research support is found in the NDC faculty research support and NDC students' research support policies.

4.5 Research Ethics

Research Ethics follow ethical guidelines found in NDC college policies and documents. Faculty and students must oblige to ethical considerations found in student handbook, faculty handbook and ethical issues policy.

4.6 Research Integrity

NDC is committed to maintaining the highest standards of integrity in conducting research, and to creating and maintaining a strong responsible research culture that demonstrates:

1. Honesty and integrity
2. Respect for human research participants, animals and the environment
3. Good stewardship of public resources used to conduct research
4. Appropriate acknowledgement of the role of others in research
5. Responsible communication of research results.

4.7 Research Misconduct

NDC is committed to the highest standards of ethical conduct for research activities. Researchers have an obligation to report any suspected research misconduct for investigation and resolution. Failure to report suspected research misconduct may result in disciplinary action according to the faculty handbook professional ethics and disciplinary procedures.

5 NDC Research Committee

The NDC research committee (RC) is the main committee for monitoring and approving research that is requested by NDC. Members of the committee are:

- 1) Research and Studies wing Commander as the Chairman of the committee.
- 2) Research Department Head – Member
- 3) 2-3 faculty with substantial research experience including the senior professor(s) nominated by the Chair and approved by Academic Affairs Council Chair.

5.1 NDC Research Committee Duties

- 1) Reviewing, amending and approving NDC faculty research support proposals.
- 2) Reviewing, amending and approving NDC students' research support proposals.
- 3) Monitoring NDC research progress activities.
- 4) Recommendation of research resources to the college council.
- 5) Disciplinary action recommendations to the college council in the case of research plagiarism, misconduct, integrity and ethical issues.

6 Terms Related to Faculty Research

6.1 Faculty Research Academic Freedom

Faculty research will follow the academic freedom principles found in the Academic Freedom Policy.

6.2 Faculty Research Expectation

Faculty research workload for faculty is part of the Faculty Research Output Expectations Policy.

6.3 Faculty Research Intellectual Property

Faculty research intellectual property is part of the intellectual property guidelines of the Faculty Research Output Expectations Policy.

7 Reference Documents

This policy will be conducted with reference to the following documents:

1. NDC Strategy
2. Faculty Handbook
3. Student Handbook
4. Faculty Research Output Expectations Policy.
5. NDC Research Ethics Policy.
6. NDC Faculty Research Support Policy
7. NDC Students Research Support Policy
8. NDC Research Support Application Policy
9. NDC Research Support Application Form.