

# **Research Regulations**

These regulations are based on the statutes.

(For simplicity, the masculine form is used throughout the text; the feminine form is included in each case).



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# I. General Regulations

<sup>1</sup>These regulations explain the principles and regulations for research activities at SWISS TCM UNI.

<sup>2</sup> The research regulations are based on the mission statement and the statute of SWISS TCM UNI. It is binding for all persons involved in research.

<sup>3</sup> Additional information on research can be found in the Research Regulations and the Research Concept.

# II Research and Teaching in the Service of Integrative Medicine

<sup>1</sup>The core tasks of SWISS TCM UNI are research and teaching at university level in the field of TCM.

<sup>2</sup> As an open-minded educational and research institute, SWISS TCM UNI promotes integrative medicine through the interaction of complementary and conventional medicine as well as teaching, research and services.

<sup>3</sup> With a wide range of scientific services based on the latest research, SWISS TCM UNI serves the well-being of people. In doing so, it fulfils the requirements under the aspect of effectiveness, economic efficiency and expediency.

<sup>4</sup> The aim is to offer holistic medicine for the health challenges of our time and to train the specialists and junior staff required for this purpose.

<sup>5</sup> The freedom of research and teaching is guaranteed.

#### III Teaching and Research Location Switzerland

<sup>1</sup> The SWISS TCM UNI is located in the traditional Swiss healing and health resort Bad Zurzach, Canton Aargau.

<sup>2</sup> The SWISS TCM UNI is part of the initiative of the municipality of Bad Zurzach to develop into an internationally distinguished training, research and congress location.

<sup>3</sup> The SWISS TCM UNI works closely with national and international universities and institutes as well as renowned experts in teaching, research, service and quality.

#### IV. Principles of the research work

#### §4.1 Scientific Independence

<sup>1</sup> The research at SWISS TCM UNI is free of instructions and economically, scientifically and politically independent.

<sup>2</sup> SWISS TCM UNI excludes any instrumentalization by third parties or by scientists themselves.

<sup>3</sup> It refrains from any bias or partiality.

<sup>4</sup> Researchers represent their scientific position and acknowledge all aspects essential to it.

<sup>5</sup> Research activities carried out under the name of SWISS TCM UNI must be approved by the university management.



#### §4.2 Ethics

<sup>1</sup> The research activities of SWISS TCM UNI comply with the scientific, ethical and legal requirements as well as the internationally recognized principles of "Good Clinical and Good Epidemiological Practice (GCP/GEP)".

<sup>2</sup> Binding ethical standards apply to all research activities: scientific integrity, transparency, sustainability, and gender equality of researchers.

<sup>3</sup> For clinical trials, in addition, the investigator must have the required training or experience in good clinical trial practice.

#### §4.3 Research Culture

<sup>1</sup> SWISS TCM UNI offers an attractive working and development environment for inter- and transdisciplinary work. There are official national and international training and research partnerships.

<sup>2</sup> Trust and respect, freedom of thought and the joy of jointly developing innovative medical solutions form the basis of the research culture.

<sup>3</sup> Research is focused on tangible added value to solve medical, economic and societal problems.

<sup>4</sup> At the same time, research activities serve the continuous further qualification of all scientific researchers, in particular young scientists.

#### §4.4 Publicity

Research results are made available to the public, except for research activities with confidential content.

#### V. Funding

<sup>1</sup> The research activities of SWISS TCM UNI are carried out in financial independence without conflicts of interest.

<sup>2</sup> Research shall be financed from the operating results of SWISS TCM UNI or by third-party funds.

<sup>3</sup> Any additional fund received shall be made transparent in publications. Exceptions may be approved by the university management if there are justified confidentiality interests.

<sup>4</sup> Further provisions are regulated in the Regulations on Support.

# VI Evaluation and utilization

<sup>1</sup> Each research project shall be evaluated with regard to its significance, impact and yield within a reasonable period of time after project completion.

<sup>2</sup> The evaluation serves, on the one hand, to assure quality and, on the other hand, to utilize findings for future research work.



# VII Final Regulations

<sup>1</sup> These research regulations will become effective on 20.04.2022.

University Management of SWISS TCM UNI