



SWISS TCM UNI
瑞士中医药大学

Research Regulations

This research regulation is based on the statutes.

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



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I. General Provisions

- ¹ These Regulations explain the principles and provisions governing research activities at SWISS TCM UNI (STU).
- ² The Research Regulations are based on the Mission Statement and the Statutes of STU. They are binding for all persons involved in research.
- ³ Supplementary information on research can be found in the Research Ordinance and the Research Concept.
- ⁴ The research activities of STU constitute an integral part of the Quality Assurance and Development System (QSE). The planning, implementation, evaluation and utilisation of research are carried out in accordance with defined quality assurance procedures.

II. Research and Teaching in the Service of Integrative Medicine

- ¹ The core tasks of STU are research and teaching at university level in the field of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM)..
- ² As an open-minded educational and research institution, STU promotes integrative medicine through the interaction of complementary and conventional medicine as well as teaching, research, and services.
- ³ With a broad range of scientific services at the cutting edge of research, STU serves the well-being of people. In doing so, it meets the requirements of effectiveness, efficiency, and appropriateness.
- ⁴ The objective is to offer holistic medicine for the health challenges of our time and to educate the specialists and junior professionals required for this purpose.
- ⁵ Freedom of research and teaching is guaranteed.

III. Switzerland as a Teaching and Research Location

- ¹ STU is headquartered in the traditional Swiss health and spa town of Bad Zurzach, Canton of Aargau.
- ² STU is part of the initiative of the Municipality of Bad Zurzach to develop into an internationally recognized center for education, research, and congresses.
- ³ STU works closely with national and international universities and institutes as well as renowned experts from teaching, research, services, and quality assurance.

IV. Principles of Research Work

§4.1 Scientific Independence

- ¹ Research at STU is conducted free from directives and is economically, scientifically, and politically independent.
- ² STU excludes any form of instrumentalization by third parties or by researchers themselves.
- ³ It refrains from any bias or partisanship.
- ⁴ Researchers represent their scientific positions and acknowledge all aspects essential thereto.
- ⁵ Research activities conducted under the name of STU require approval by the university management.

§4.2 Ethics

- ¹ Research activities at STU comply with scientific, ethical, and legal requirements as well as internationally recognized principles of Good Clinical Practice and Good Epidemiological Practice (GCP/GEP).
- ² Binding ethical standards apply to all research activities: scientific integrity, transparency, sustainability, and gender equality among researchers.
- ³ In clinical trials, the investigator must additionally possess the required education or experience in good clinical trial practice.

§4.3 Research Culture

¹ STU offers an attractive working and development environment for inter- and transdisciplinary endeavors. Official national and international education and research partnerships are in place.

² Trust and respect, freedom of thought, and the joy of jointly developing innovative medical solutions form the foundation of the research culture.

³ Research is oriented toward tangible added value in addressing medical, economic, and societal challenges.

⁴ At the same time, research activities serve the continuous further qualification of all academic researchers, particularly early-career researchers.

⁵ STU promotes early-career researchers through appropriate qualification, supervision and continuing education programmes.

⁶ It is committed to equal opportunities and gender equality in research and takes these principles into account in project planning, staff development and the promotion of early-career researchers.

§4.4 Public Access

Research results are made accessible to the public, with the exception of research activities involving confidential content.

§4.5 Research Commission

¹ The Research Commission supports the University Management in the strategic and qualitative development of research at STU.

² It advises the University Management on research-related matters and contributes to quality assurance, evaluation, as well as the academic and ethical review of research projects.

³ The composition, appointment, responsibilities and working procedures of the Research Commission are regulated in a separate regulation.

V. Funding

¹ Research activities at STU are conducted with financial independence and without conflicts of interest.

² Research is financed from STU's operating results or through third-party funding.

³ Any contributions received are transparently disclosed in publications. Exceptions may be approved by the university management if legitimate confidentiality interests exist.

⁴ Further provisions are regulated in the Regulations on Support.

VI. Evaluation and Utilization

¹ Each research project is evaluated within a reasonable period after its completion with regard to its significance, impact, and yield.

² Evaluation serves both quality assurance and the utilization of findings for future research activities.

VII. Final Provisions

¹ These regulations were adopted by the Study Commission on 28 March 2025.

² They were approved by the University Council on March 31, 2025.

³ This document enters into force on April 1, 2025, and replaces all previous versions.