1. A Research Institute shall be established by the University with the approval of the Senate, on its own or jointly with governmental, academic or industrial partners, as the need arises. The Research Institutes shall be as set out in the Regulations.

2. The mission of a Research Institute shall be to mount major research and development effort so as to develop excellence in the identified research areas, which are of a multi-disciplinary nature not readily managed by a single Faculty. In pursuance of its mission, the Research Institute may:

(a) develop research programmes in the identified areas;
(b) build up research manpower and facilities;
(c) assist Faculties in their educational programmes by offering to teach relevant courses and to co-supervise research students;
(d) provide advice and consultancy, and generally interact with government agencies and local or international academic or industrial organisations;
(e) promote awareness of the disciplines and applications of the research results; and/or
(f) develop intellectual properties and promote their commercial exploitations.

3. A Research Institute shall be dissolved with the approval of the Senate when there is no further need for the organisation.

4. A Research Institute shall be headed by a Director, who shall be appointed by the President.

5. A management board may be appointed by the President to provide guidance and assistance to the Director in the development and operation of the Research Institute. The chairman of the management board shall be appointed by the President.

6. Where necessary, the President, in consultation with the Director of the Research Institute, may appoint an advisory board comprising international and local experts to:

(a) provide assistance and advice on matters and issues related to research; and
(b) review periodically the progress and achievements of the Research Institute.

7. The University shall also host Research Institutes with a high degree of autonomy.