

ACES Policy Document Research Collaborators/Contributors

Afghanistan Center for Epidemiological Studies

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INTRODUCTION

The Afghanistan Center for Epidemiological Studies (ACES) is dedicated to conducting comprehensive research on the impact of health and disease on society. ACES aims to develop strategies for disease prevention, health promotion, improved medical care, and environmental monitoring through rigorous research and analysis.

In order to achieve these goals, ACES recognizes the importance of collaborating with individuals who can contribute to its research activities. This policy outlines the roles and responsibilities of research collaborators/contributors, including Visiting Researchers, Advisors, and Interns, at ACES.

VISITING RESEARCHER

Role and Responsibilities

- Visiting Researchers are individuals who are invited by ACES to contribute their expertise to ongoing research projects or to initiate new research initiatives.
- Visiting Researchers are expected to actively participate in research activities, including data collection, analysis, and interpretation.
- They are encouraged to collaborate with ACES researchers, share knowledge and experience, and contribute to the advancement of research in epidemiology and related fields.
- Visiting Researchers are responsible for maintaining the highest standards of scientific integrity and adhering to ACES' research protocols and ethical guidelines.
- They may be involved in the preparation of research publications, reports, or other scholarly outputs in collaboration with ACES researchers.

VISITING RESEARCHER

Appointment and Duration

- Visiting Researchers at ACES are appointed based on their qualifications, expertise, and research interests that align with the objectives of ACES.
- The duration of the appointment will be agreed upon between ACES and the Visiting Researcher, depending on the nature and scope of the research project.
- The appointment may be extended upon mutual agreement between ACES and the Visiting Researcher, subject to the availability of resources and the continued relevance of the collaboration.

ADVISOR

Role and Responsibilities

- Advisors at ACES are experienced professionals who provide guidance and expertise to researchers and research teams.
- Advisors contribute their knowledge and experience in specific areas of epidemiology, public health, or related fields to help shape research projects, methodologies, and analysis.
- They provide strategic advice on research design, data interpretation, and dissemination of research findings.
- Advisors may also facilitate collaborations, networking opportunities, and access to resources that can enhance the research capabilities of ACES.
- Advisors are expected to maintain confidentiality and act in the best interest of ACES, providing unbiased advice and feedback.

ADVISOR

Appointment and Duration

- Advisors at ACES are appointed based on their expertise, experience, and their willingness to contribute to the mission of ACES.
- The appointment of an Advisor is typically for a fixed term, which may vary depending on the specific advisory role and the needs of ACES.
- The appointment may be renewed or extended upon mutual agreement between ACES and the Advisor, based on their continued availability and relevance to ongoing research activities.

INTERN

Role and Responsibilities

- Interns at ACES are individuals seeking practical experience and exposure to research activities in epidemiology and related fields.
- Interns support ongoing research projects, contribute to data collection and analysis, and assist researchers in various aspects of their work.
- They may participate in research meetings, seminars, and training programs organized by ACES to enhance their knowledge and skills.
- Interns are expected to adhere to ACES' research protocols, ethical guidelines, and maintain confidentiality of sensitive information.
- Interns may have the opportunity to contribute to research publications or reports under the guidance of ACES researchers.

INTERN

Appointment and Duration

- Internship positions at ACES are typically offered for a fixed duration, ranging from a few weeks to several months, depending on the nature and availability of research projects.
- Interns are selected based on their qualifications, educational background, and interest in epidemiology and public health research.
- The appointment may be extended, subject to the performance evaluation and the availability of resources.

CODE OF CONDUCT

All Research Collaborators/Contributors at ACES are expected to adhere to the following principles:

- Maintain the highest standards of scientific integrity, ethical conduct, and professional behavior.
- Respect the confidentiality of research data, sensitive information, and intellectual property.
- Collaborate and engage in constructive dialogue with ACES researchers and other collaborators.
- Follow ACES' research protocols, guidelines, and relevant legal and regulatory requirements.
- Promote diversity, inclusivity, and equal opportunities in research activities.
- Acknowledge and appropriately credit the contributions of others in research outputs and publications.
- Maintain open communication and promptly report any concerns or conflicts of interest to ACES management.

COMPLIANCE AND REVIEW

This policy on Research Collaborators/Contributors will be regularly reviewed and updated by ACES management to ensure its effectiveness and relevance. Any changes or updates to the policy will be communicated to all relevant stakeholders. Non-compliance with this policy may result in termination of the collaboration or other appropriate actions as determined by ACES management.