

3.1.1: The institution's Research facilities are frequently updated and there is a welldefined policy for promotion of research which is uploaded on the institutional website and implemented:

Response:

Research Facilities and Promotion Policy

Centurion University of Technology and Management (CUTM) fosters cutting-edge research in science, engineering, technology, health sciences, and humanities, focusing on a lab-toland and land-to-lab approach. Its research endeavors align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Objectives of Research at CUTM

- Knowledge generation and evidence-based advocacy.
- Experiential learning to strengthen the curriculum.
- Development of sustainable products, patents, and technologies.

Research Governance and Infrastructure

- The *Departmental Research Committee* monitors research quality, progress, and outcomes.
- In August 2020, 21 *Research Centres* were established to promote interdisciplinary research following the *CUTM Research Promotion Policy* (May 2017).

Financial and Policy Support

- Seed Money Grants for faculty research and PhD fellowships.
- *Research Incentive Policy* (May 2019) to reward publications, patents, products, startups, consultancy, and externally funded projects.
- The *Provost's Research Award* (launched in September 2020 and upgraded in January 2022) recognizes exceptional research contributions.

Commitment to SDGs

• Research efforts across faculties and Research Centres address almost all SDGs, either directly or indirectly.

This structured approach ensures impactful, innovative, and sustainable research outcomes that contribute to societal development.