



**G-114**

**POLICY GUIDELINES  
FOR  
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*(In exercise of the powers conferred under the provisions of Sections 11 (x) of the Uttar Pradesh Private Universities Act 2019. Amity University Uttar Pradesh (AUUP) has laid down these Policy Guidelines)*

### **1. SHORT TITLE, APPLICATION AND COMMENCEMENT**

- 1.1 This Policy shall be called Amity University Uttar Pradesh (AUUP) Sustainability Investment Policy.
- 1.2 This Policy shall apply to all scientists', faculty members, staff, research scholars and students at Amity University Uttar Pradesh (AUUP) and its campuses.
- 1.3 This policy establishes the objectives and parameters of the University investment and outlines how the University is embracing environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors within its investments, reflecting the ambitious sustainability agenda within the University.
- 1.4 The Policy shall come into force with effect from the date of approval.

### **2. OBJECTIVE**

- 2.1 Sustainable Investment policy and practices shall be aligned with Amity University Uttar Pradesh (AUUP) core values "Environmental Responsibility", its vision and mission and strategic priorities.
- 2.2 Optimal and prudent utilization and investment of financial sources that are beneficial to the university and society.
- 2.3 The sustainable investment policy also refers to a set of guidelines and criteria used by the University to assess the environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors of potential investment opportunities.
- 2.4 The goal of a sustainable investment policy is to consider not only the financial returns but also the social and environmental impacts of investments.
- 2.5 To maximize return on investments and protect the long-term value of its funds, whilst ensuring fair and sustainable practices related to such activities at all times.

### **3. PROCEDURE/ PRACTICES**

- 3.1 The University is committed to using its resources responsibly to actively support and promote biodiversity conservation. This policy establishes the objectives and parameters of the University's investment portfolios and outlines how the University is embracing environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors within its investments, reflecting the ambitious sustainability agenda within the University.
- 3.2 The University shall play a role in changing the thought process of students/ research scholars and faculty members towards environmental sustainability for the sake of global welfare.

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<sup>1</sup>G-114 Guideline adopted vide 50<sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting held on 6th December, 2023 {(Item No. AC: 50.10 (E)} & vide 28<sup>th</sup> Executive Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 {(Item No. EC: 28.17 (E)}

- 3.3 The University is committed to ensuring that its investments are according to the highest ESG standards, in line with its target to reduce carbon footprint.
- 3.4 Sustainability is the key focus while investing in the resources required for the university.
- 3.5 The University will make investments towards:
- a. E-Governance, process automation and smart campus initiatives.
  - b. Maintaining biodiversity of the University campus which harbours diverse flora and fauna.
  - c. Promote and provide walkways within the campus to reach different academic & administrative blocks and reduce carbon footprints.
  - d. The machinery such as the garbage disposal mechanism will be done by considering the long-term sustainable impact on all the stakeholders of the university.
  - e. Provide pool transport facilities from the nearest metro stations and public transport stands.
  - f. Introducing more courses within the syllabus that sensitize the student community towards environmental sustainability and environmental relates issues.
  - g. Reducing paperwork by introducing e-governance and automation.
  - h. Carrying out research that promotes environmental safety and sustainability.
  - i. Segregating and disposing-off laboratory wastes and effluents.
  - j. Recycling wastewater and reusing it for gardening and other proposes
  - k. Identifying e-waste and disposing of it through the appropriate agencies.
  - l. Providing facilities for the good health and well-being of the students, staff, and stakeholders.
  - m. Maintaining battery-operated vehicles in the campus for commuting within the campus.
  - n. Investing in clean drinking water and maintenance of the RO system to contribute to SDG 6, Clean Water and Sanitation.
  - o. Availability of on-campus clinic that will provide good quality generic medicines suitable for all students, faculty/staff and outsourced staff of vendors.
  - p. Facilities such as wheelchairs, elevators, and ramp for the person with disabilities.
  - q. Social outreach programmes and empower communities within the neighborhood of the university.
  - r. Introducing rainwater conservation, affordable and clean energy on the campus.
  - s. Keeping campus green and plastic free.

- t. Recycling of materials and wastes in the University and promote green technologies in different operations of the University.
- u. Ensuring that companies that may be harmful to society or the environment are excluded and to invest in businesses with responsible culture, practices, and good governance.
- v. Aligning with a mandate that supports UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and other frameworks and provides impetus to the business sectors critical (Renewable energy, Sustainable transport, Waste management etc.) to Nationally Determined Commitment (NDCs) of India to meet Paris climate change targets.
- w. Considering a long-term perspective in its investment and incorporating environmental sustainability, social responsibility, and corporate governance factors.

#### 4. COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION

4.1 The SATAT Committee shall be responsible for the implementation of the Sustainable investment policy under the guidance of the Vice-Chancellor, AUUP. The SATAT committee shall include:

- **Chairperson:** Senior University Official (such as Dean/ Domain Head).
- **Members:** Representatives from:
  - Administration Department,
  - Maintenance Department,
  - Construction Department,
  - Purchase Department
  - Academics Department,
  - QAE Department
- **Member Secretary:** Assistant Director - AIES

4.2 The revision in the investment policy will be done time-time as per the need of the changing scenario, under the guidance of the Vice Chancellor, AUUP

#### 5. COMMUNICATION

5.1 This policy is disseminated to all the internal and external stakeholders by placing the same on the University website.

#### 6. APPROVING AUTHORITY

The Vice-Chancellor, AUUP shall be the approving authority for implementing actions related to environmental sustainability at the campus.

#### 7. REVIEW OF POLICY

The policy shall be reviewed periodically to ascertain the effectiveness of the implementation of sustainability practices.

