12. Student Volunteering

Overview
Details the terms in which volunteer services are enabled so that the University protects its interests, the interest of the volunteer, and the University community.

Scope
Applies to all those expressing interest in volunteering within the University.

Objective
The University strongly encourages the role of volunteers in the community. The University will provide and coordinate volunteer opportunities within the University and with recognized national organizations within the UAE.

Policy
1. A student volunteer must be willing to provide service in accordance with University Policies, and Procedures.
2. The University volunteers are bound by University Policies with respect to their actions wherever they are representing the University.
3. University volunteers are not considered employees and therefore they are not eligible for any compensation or any University benefits.
Procedures of Policy No. (12) - Student Volunteering

1. A volunteer is defined as:
   a) An uncompensated individual who performs services directly related to the University. Volunteer work aims to support the humanitarian, charitable or public service activities of the University, and/or to gain experience in specific areas.
   b) An uncompensated student who performs services for entities external to the University.

2. Categories of individuals who can volunteer within the University:
   a) University students.
   b) University Alumni.
   c) Non-university high school students under the age of 18. (School students under the age of 15 are not eligible to apply for volunteering.)

3. School students may volunteer as part of the school program with the agreement of the responsible departments.

4. School students must get parental approval before being approved for volunteering.

5. If a person seeks to volunteer for services that are considered high risk (either to the volunteer or to the University), the volunteer must sign a disclaimer releasing the University from responsibility and liability for the consequences of their volunteer service.

6. The following services are some examples of high-risk services:
   a) Laboratory work.
   b) Working with animals.
   c) Working with minors, patients, human research subjects.
   d) Professional services, such as those performed by accountants, architects, engineers.
   e) Services involving travel of any sort.

7. A University volunteer’s term of service may be terminated for cause at any time and with no prior notice. An appeal to this decision can be submitted to the DVC for Students Affairs.