



AMITY UNIVERSITY
— UTTAR PRADESH —

Sustainable Investment Policy

1.0 Short Title, Application and Commencement:

1.1 This Policy may be called Amity University Uttar Pradesh Sustainability Investment Policy, 2023.

1.2 This Policy shall apply to all faculty members/scientists/ staff, research scholars and students at Amity University 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.

2.0 Objective:

2.1 Sustainable Investment policy and practices to be aligned with Amity University's vision and mission, strategic priorities, and principles of sustainability.

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 by incorporating risk management measures and protect the long-term value of its funds, whilst ensuring fair and sustainable practices related to such activities at all times.

3.0 Procedure/Practices:

3.1 Amity University fully accepts the importance of its endowment being managed in a way that promotes de-carbonization in order to meet the goals of the international treaty to combat global climate change under the Paris Agreement. The University is conscious towards its endowment for effectively promoting the task of biodiversity. 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 students/research scholars are the futuristic leaders of our society. The noble cause of environmental sustainability will be fulfilled through the education we provide to them. They will play a vital role to develop the technological and policy solutions required for effective outcomes in the future world. Eventually, the University has to play a role in changing the thought process of students/ research scholars and faculty towards environmental sustainability for the sake of global welfare.

3.3 Amity University is committed to reducing its carbon footprint. In line with this target, the University is committed to ensuring that its investments are according to the highest ESG standards. The strategy recognises that a responsible approach to sustainability and financial returns are not mutually exclusive and that a sustainable approach to environmental and social issues are more effective stewards of long-term capital.

3.4 Sustainability is the key focus while investing in the resources required for the university. University takes cognizant of the impact of environmental changes, and the need for the world

to transition to a greener and more sustainable environment in pragmatic ways to support this transition.

3.5 The policy states that 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 facility 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) Reduce paperwork by introducing e-governance and automation.
- h) Carrying out research that promotes environmental safety and sustainability.
- i) Segregate and disposing-off laboratory wastes and effluents.
- j) Recycling wastewater and reusing it for gardening and other proposes
- k) Identification of E-waste and disposing of it through the appropriate agencies.
- l) Provide facilities for the good health and well-being of the students, staff, and stakeholders.
- m) Battery-operated vehicles are maintained in the campus for commuting within the campus.
- n) The investment for clean drinking water is done and maintenance of the RO system will be the target of the University to contribute to SDG3, Good Health and Wellbeing.
- o) The on-campus clinic will provide good quality generic medicines suitable for all students, faculty/staff and outsourced staff of vendors.
- p) The investment for facilities such as wheelchairs, Elevators, and Ramp will be done considering the sustainable equipment for the person with disabilities.
- q) Run social outreach programmes and empower communities within the neighbourhood of the university.
- r) Introduce rainwater conservation, affordable and clean energy on the campus.
- s) Keeping campus green and plastic free.
- t) Improve the facilities for persons with disabilities.
- u) Recycling of materials and wastes in the University should be maximized to cut down the demand index, and carbon footprint and promote green technologies in different operations of the University.
- v) University considers the combination of negative and positive screens to ensure 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.
- w) University investment will be aligned 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.

- x) University considers a long-term perspective in its investment and incorporates environmental sustainability, social responsibility, and corporate governance factors.

3.6 The University will not make any investments of its endowment or other funds towards or with any organization that deals with:

- a) Tobacco and intoxicants
- b) Weapons
- c) Environment-harming wastes.

4.0 Resources and Responsibilities:

4.1 The Sustainable Investment Committee will be the authority for the execution of the Sustainable investment policy under the guidance of the Vice-Chancellor, AUUP

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

5.0 Communication and Reporting:

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

5.2 This Implementation Impact Report of sustainable investment shall be prepared end of every financial year by the Sustainable Investment Committee.

6.0 Approving authority:

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

7.0 Review of policy:

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