



STATUTE
of the **INSTITUTE FOR BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**
of “Petre Andrei” University of Iași

Preamble

Pursuant to the Charter of “Petre Andrei” University of Iași (according to its current version), taking into account the following provisions:

- Art. 13, para. (1), letter d), which establishes the University’s right “to determine and modify its own teaching, research, and administrative structures”;
- Art. 64, which states that “The University may include both proprietary research centers and those established in cooperation with other institutions, in accordance with the applicable legislation”;
- The provisions of Art. 11, which stipulate that “Higher education institutions may establish, including within projects, either for a determined or undetermined period, research structures (...) which have autonomy and their own statutes, approved by the University Senate”,

the *Institute for Biomedical Research and Development of “Petre Andrei” University of Iași* is hereby established as an internal scientific research structure, with the mission to promote academic excellence in the field of biomedicine through interdisciplinary research, continuing education, and international collaboration.

Art. 1 – Name and Headquarters

(1) The Institute for Biomedical Research and Development (IBRD) is a scientific structure of “Petre Andrei” University of Iași (UPA Iași), headquartered within the university campus.

(2) The full name is: *Institutul pentru Cercetare și Dezvoltare în Domeniul Biomedical al Universității „Petre Andrei” din Iași*. For formal documents issued in English, and for indicating researcher affiliation in academic publications, the following English designation shall be used: *Institute for Biomedical Research and Development, “Petre Andrei” University, Iași, Romania*. The English acronym is IBRD.

Art. 2 – Mission and Objectives

(1) The mission of IBRD is to promote interdisciplinary scientific research in the biomedical field through the conduct of fundamental and applied research, the development of innovative solutions supporting public health, and the fostering of collaboration among the life sciences, medicine, and technology, actively contributing to the improvement of diagnosis, treatment, and disease prevention, through an integrated and holistic approach, in full compliance with the highest ethical standards and principles of social responsibility in scientific research.

(2) The main objectives are:

- a) To support innovation through the development of research projects in collaboration with national and international institutions;
- b) To organize postgraduate programs and continuing professional education;
- c) To facilitate knowledge exchange through conferences, workshops, seminars, and other scientific events;
- d) To publish and disseminate scientific studies and works relevant to the biomedical field.

Art. 3 – Organizational Structure

(1) a) The IBRD is headed by a Director.

b) Pursuant to Art. 50 (10) of the University Charter, “The positions of rector, vice-rector, dean, vice-dean, and director of department or of a research and development unit shall not be held concurrently,” hence the Director may not simultaneously hold another one of the aforementioned positions.

c) The position of Director is honorary and non-remunerated. However, the Director may receive material compensation for other activities conducted within the University, such as teaching at any level, project coordination, and other actions undertaken for the benefit of the University, in accordance with the staffing plan or by decision of the Administrative Council.

d) The Director must hold a degree in the medical field, may be a Romanian or foreign citizen, shall belong to the academic community of UPA Iași within the meaning of Art. 15 of the Charter, and may originate either from the academic/research staff of the University or be a distinguished individual who has been granted an honorary title by the Senate, thereby belonging to the academic community pursuant to Art. 3, para. (2) of the Charter.

e) The Director is appointed by the Senate of UPA upon the proposal of the Rector, for a four-year term. There is no limit to the number of terms an individual may serve.

f) The mandate may be revoked before expiration by decision of the Senate, in cases where the Director violates the law or university ethical norms, or when the Director brings harm to the interests or reputation of the University.

g) The Director is required to submit an annual report on IBRD’s activity to the Senate.

(2) The Institute shall comprise:

a) The Scientific Council, composed of academic staff, researchers, experts, and other specialists from relevant fields, proposed by the Director and approved by the University Senate. The term of office is four years, renewable without term limitation. Revocation shall be carried out in accordance with Art. 3 para. (1), letter f) of this Statute, applied accordingly.

b) Thematic working groups, established in strategic areas (e.g., nutrition, applied psychology and mental health, biotechnologies and cell therapies, medical imaging, microbiome and immunity, public health, etc.), composed of specialists proposed by the Director, who may be affiliated either with or outside the University.

c) An administrative Secretariat, to be established if the level of activity requires permanent administrative staff and if budgetary conditions permit.

Art. 4 – Operation and Financing

(1) IBRD shall operate in accordance with Romanian legislation, the University Charter, internal University regulations, and the provisions of this Statute.

(2) Activities shall be carried out in the spirit of transparency, cooperation, academic ethics, and full respect for human rights.

(3) In exercising its operations, the Institute shall enjoy autonomy regarding: the number and selection criteria of the Scientific Council members; the number and designation of thematic working groups; the methods by which the Institute’s objectives are pursued; the selection of research topics; the scheduling of activities; and the management of available material and human resources. The Institute may also adopt its own internal Rules of Procedure governing collaboration and internal communication.

(4) According to Art. 67 of the University Charter, “The effective management of international relations programs is the responsibility of the Vice-Rector for Communication, Community Programs, and Academic Cooperation.” In order to strengthen institutional autonomy and enhance research performance, the Vice-Rector may delegate responsibilities related to IBRD’s international activities to the Director of the Institute, who shall nonetheless keep the Vice-Rector regularly informed. The Vice-Rector may propose measures in the event of dysfunctions or incompatibilities with other University international programs.

(5) IBRD shall not use the University's name or emblem on public documents without prior notification or in ways and for purposes that exceed its stated objectives or may cause material or reputational harm to the University.

(6) Funding sources shall include:

- a) the University's internal budget;
- b) research grants;
- c) sponsorships and partnerships;
- d) fees collected through continuing education programs;
- e) fees collected from participation in scientific events;
- f) other sources of revenue.

(7) Financial activities are managed through the University's financial-accounting services.

Art. 5 – Research Ethics

(a) The Institute's activities shall observe the principles of academic ethics, the norms of scientific conduct, and applicable national and international regulations on good research practice.

(b) The Ethics Committee of "Petre Andrei" University of Iași shall have competence in evaluating any ethical concerns that may arise in connection with IBRD's activity.

(c) All IBRD members must comply with the decisions of the University's Ethics Committee and cooperate in all procedures related to ensuring scientific integrity.

(d) Should the nature of activities so require, IBRD may propose the establishment of an internal consultative ethics committee, to operate in compliance with UPA's regulations and under the coordination of the Ethics Committee.

Art. 6 – Collaborations and Partnerships

(1) IBRD may enter into partnerships with:

- a) universities and research institutes from Romania and abroad;
- b) professional organizations and reputable NGOs active in the field of health;
- c) medical practices, hospitals, companies with relevant activity in the areas of interest, regardless of the country of operation;
- d) other national or international public or private institutions of prestige that can contribute, through cooperation, to the fulfillment of IBRD's mission.

(2) Partnerships shall be concluded by the Director and shall enter into force upon countersignature by the Rector and formal registration with the Rectorate.

Art. 7 – Final Provisions

(1) The present Statute was adopted unanimously by the Senate of "Petre Andrei" University of Iași in its session held on 8 July 2025.

(2) Proposals to amend the Statute may be submitted by the IBRD Director, the University Administrative Council, the Rector, or by one third of the members of the University Senate. Any amendments shall be adopted by resolution of the Senate by simple majority vote.