

## GADRI Membership Application Form

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<p><b>Institute Outline:</b></p> <p>Rabdan Academy is a government-owned world-class education institution established to coordinate and enhance learning outcomes for organisations and individuals in the Safety, Security, Defence, Emergency Preparedness and Crisis Management (SSDEC) Sectors.</p> <p>The Academy was officially established under Law No. 7 for 2013, issued by the late Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan and is accredited by the UAE’s Commission for Academic Accreditation (CAA) of the Ministry of Education.</p> <p>The Academy is the first higher education institution in the world specialised in the SSDEC domain that achieves top ‘5 star’ ratings in the 2 categories of Teaching and Employability under the QS Stars University Rating System.</p> <p>As a unique institution, the Academy provides learning in a dual approach, combining academic and vocational education in one place, whilst recognising prior learning and experience and providing accredited and transferable credit from course to course and job to job.</p>	

Research Interests (areas of research disciplines, number of faculty members, etc.):

**Relevant Programs and Their Faculty Numbers:**

1. Policing and Security: 5 faculty members
2. Homeland Security: 20 faculty members
3. Business Continuity Management (BCM):
4. Emergency Management (IEM):

BCM and IEM share faculty = 8

Additionally, our research department is dynamic with fluctuating numbers and are required to provide teaching support. We concentrate our research efforts in the SSDEC domain. Notably, approximately 80% of our researchers hold PhDs from top-tier universities, ranking within the top 200 worldwide. Furthermore, many of our researchers have practical experience in their respective fields.

A brief description of Research Achievements and Challenges:

**Achievements:** Rabdan Academy has significantly advanced its research portfolio in the areas of Policing, Security, Homeland Security, Business Continuity Management, and Emergency Management. Through a focused approach in the SSDEC domain, the Academy has fostered collaborative ties with external researchers who share a similar mindset and interests. This synergy has enabled groundbreaking studies, increased publication output, and established Rabdan as a leader in disaster research and management.

**Challenges:** While the Academy has made notable strides, challenges persist. Gaining consistent access to a global network of external researchers with aligned interests can be demanding, especially in niche research areas. Ensuring sustained collaboration and resource-sharing among these researchers, while navigating cultural and institutional differences, remains a hurdle. Further, staying updated with rapidly evolving global standards and integrating them into the Academy's methodologies requires continuous effort.

Comparative advantage/contribution to GADRI Activities:

Rabdan Academy's programs distinctly align with the objectives and mission of the Global Alliance of Disaster Research Institutes (GADRI). Emphasizing areas such as Policing and Security, Homeland Security, Business Continuity Management, and Emergency Management, the Academy actively contributes to the global effort of understanding, managing, and mitigating disaster risks. By fostering a strong research culture, especially in the SSDEC domain, and with many of its researchers holding

esteemed qualifications, the Academy echoes GADRI's dedication to advancing knowledge and collaboration in disaster risk reduction and resilience on a global scale.

Expected Outputs/Results:

**Focused Knowledge Exchange:** Being part of GADRI will provide Rabdan Academy access to an enriched pool of global insights and best practices specifically tailored to disaster research. This can complement and elevate the Academy's existing programs in areas like Homeland Security, Emergency Management, and more.

**Enhanced Collaborative Opportunities:** With a shared mindset, Rabdan Academy can embark on joint research projects, tapping into the collective expertise and strengths of GADRI's diverse member institutes and vice versa.

**Recognition and Credibility:** Affiliation with a globally respected entity like GADRI can bolster Rabdan Academy's reputation in the disaster research and management domain and vice versa.

**Broadened Networking Scope:** By engaging with GADRI's extensive network, the Academy can establish connections with global leaders in disaster research, leading to mutually beneficial collaborations.

**Continuous Learning and Development:** Access to GADRI's conferences, seminars, and workshops ensures Rabdan Academy remains updated with the latest developments and trends in disaster research.

**Participation in Global Initiatives:** Rabdan Academy can play an instrumental role in influencing global disaster research standards, priorities, and methodologies, ensuring their unique perspective and expertise is represented at a global scale.