

The Academic Research Institute in Iraq (TARII) Corporate Support Policy

INTRODUCTION

The Academic Research Institute in Iraq (TARII) is a non-profit academic institution dedicated to promoting scholarly research on and in Iraq and ancient Mesopotamia.

TARII's main activities include raising funds for graduate and post-graduate fellowships for Americans to work on Iraq in as broad a range of disciplines as possible. It also has a fellowship program for Iraqi academics to aid them in carrying out research in Iraq. TARII also initiates its own research projects and fosters joint projects between American and Iraqi academics.

To ensure organizational stability and sustainability and best fulfill its mission, TARII seeks support from a wide range of financial sources, including individuals, foundations, government agencies, and corporations. TARII values partners that share our vision and that work with us to accomplish our mission. However, to maintain its independence and objectivity, TARII needs to be aware of any real or apparent conflicts of interest and to ensure that our mission, programs, projects, and independence are not compromised.

To expand our base of support, TARII seeks partnerships with and support from the corporate sector. TARII recognizes that corporations, as profit-centered organizations, have obligations to their shareholders, boards, and employees to be successful. TARII also recognizes that companies support non-profit organizations not only out of a desire to be helpful and good citizens, but also with a hope of benefit to the companies.

Given these realities, TARII seeks partnerships and support from the corporate sector in ways that will benefit and recognize the supporting companies while enabling TARII to better achieve its mission without compromising its principles.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

TARII as an independent non-profit organization, will accept no cash, gift of real property, in-kind services, or pledge of support, or enter into any partnership with any company or organization that produces products or services that may be considered harmful to any of TARII's constituencies. This includes but is not limited to companies that engage in dealing in antiquities, produce fossil fuels, provide military services or security contracting services, produce military weapons or tobacco products. Nor will TARII accept any gifts or pledges or any type of support from any company or organization that, in the judgment of TARII Board, exploits any TARII constituency in its product line, marketing, workforce, or any other way.

PRINCIPLES

TARII will at all times maintain an independent position on all matters of concern to TARII or its constituencies.

TARII will solicit and accept support only for activities consistent with its mission.

TARII will work closely with companies to align their interests with recognition and benefits that best meet a company's needs for good citizenship, community involvement, branding, client entertainment, marketing, public relations, and/or employee benefits, within these general principles.