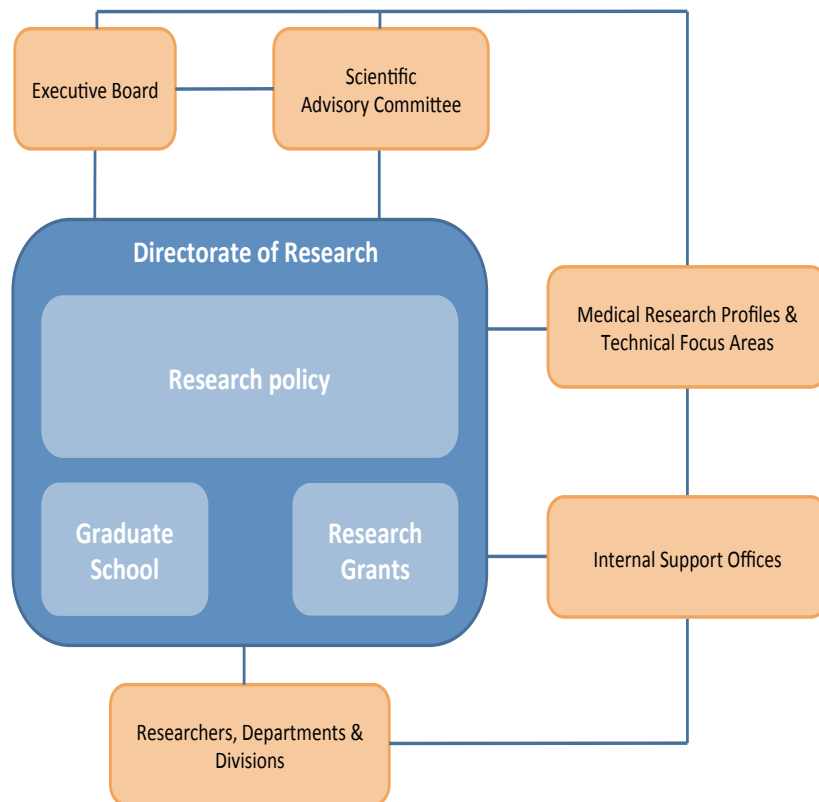## Introduction

Within the LUMC the Directorate of Research is responsible for policy support, specifically in the area of scientific research. The primary objective is to strengthen the core task "Research". Policy advice on a wide range of topics is offered to the Dean and Executive Board as well as to the LUMC Scientific Advisory Committee, Medical Research Profiles and individual researchers.

Graduate School

The LUMC Medical Research Profiles and the Graduate School offer its PhD students an outstanding research environment, excellent infrastructure and in-depth scientific and transferable skill courses. In close collaboration with the Dean, the Graduate School Office facilitates PhD admissions, supervision & portfolio and graduation formalities. Furthermore, the Graduate School Committee, with representatives of the Research Profiles and PhD students, advices the Dean about e.g. the PhD education program.

Research Grants

LUMC strives to obtain grants for scientific research. The Directorate of Research provides information and support for institutional, national, European and international funds.

Quality and Integrity

The LUMC aims at a strong research profile, with scientific research performed at the highest quality. Quality is systematically evaluated by internal and external reviews. The Directorate of Research supports the LUMC Scientific Advisory Committee with the development and implementation of research policy.
Researchers flourish in a culture that is characterized by independence and integrity. Shared values are e.g. sincerity in conducting research, objectivity and trustworthiness in reporting results and respect for patients, volunteers, colleagues and animals being subject of research. Directorate of Research is actively involved in the internal integrity guidelines and procedures.

Alliances

The LUMC participates in strategic research alliances at regional, national and international level. Directorate of Research represents LUMC in these networks and stimulates external collaboration.