

Academic Usage Policy

AsterQuanta (AQ) – Chirag Campus Program

Effective Date: 05-May-2026

Applies To: All participating universities, faculty members, researchers, and students using the AQ Platform under the Chirag Campus Program.

1. Purpose

The **Chirag Campus Program** is an academic collaboration initiative by **AsterQuanta (AQ)** to provide universities access to its AI-powered semiconductor design platform for:

- Teaching and coursework
- Student projects
- Academic research
- Faculty development
- Innovation and experimentation

This policy governs the acceptable and responsible academic use of the AQ Platform.

2. Scope of Academic Use

Access to AQ Platform provided under the Chirag Program is provided for non-commercial usages and is strictly limited to:

2.1 Learning Usage

- Classroom teaching
- Laboratory exercises
- Curriculum-based training
- Student assignments and mini-projects
- Workshops and hackathons conducted by the institution

2.2 Research Usage

- Faculty-led research
- Post Graduate and PhD research work
- Academic publications (with appropriate citation of AQ platform usage)

3. Eligibility

Access to AQ Platform is granted only to:

- Registered faculty coordinators approved by AQ
- Students nominated by authorized faculty that are registered on AQ platform
- Research scholars affiliated with registered institutions and registered on AQ platform

All users must:

- Use official institutional email IDs (preferred)
- Agree to this Academic Usage Policy as per this policy document
- Maintain responsible and ethical conduct in usage of the AQ platform

4. License & Access Rights

Under the Chirag Program:

- AQ grants a **limited, non-transferable, non-commercial academic license of the AQ Platform** to the authorised users
- Validity of Platform access is at the discretion of AQ.
- Users must not share their individual AQ Platform access credentials with anyone
- Access to AQ Platform cannot be sublicensed or redistributed without AQ's written permission

AQ reserves the right to:

- Modify feature availability for academic tiers from time-to-time
- Suspend user access in case of suspected misuse
- Revoke user access upon policy violation

5. Prohibited Use

The AQ Platform license provided under this academic usage policy **must NOT** be used for:

- Commercial product development
- Consultancy, paid external projects or any kind of commercial engagement
- Reverse engineering of proprietary systems
- Redistribution of any software, tools, or datasets provided by AQ
- Unauthorized access attempts
- Hosting such third-party workloads onto AQ platform that are not directly related to academic activities intended for AQ platform

Any commercial use of the AQ Platform requires a separate commercial licensing agreement with AQ.

6. Data Privacy & Security

- Institutions are responsible for ensuring that student data is shared with their consent.
- AQ will use submitted user data solely for:
 - Account provisioning
 - Platform communication
 - Academic engagement
- AQ will not sell or commercially exploit user's personally identifiable data.
- Users must not upload any confidential industrial or classified data without proper authorization from the respective data owners.

7. Intellectual Property (IP)

7.1 Student & Faculty Work

- Intellectual property generated by students and faculty with the use of AQ platform remains with the institution or individual, as per applicable institutional policy.
- AQ does not claim ownership of academic project output generated by the AQ platform users

7.2 Platform IP

- The AQ platform, algorithms, workflows, and AI systems remain the exclusive intellectual property of AsterQuanta Neurosystems.
- Users are not allowed to copy, replicate, or extract proprietary components of the AQ Platform

8. Publications & Acknowledgment

If academic research uses the AQ Platform:

- Publications should acknowledge:
"This research utilized the AsterQuanta AQ software Platform under the Chirag Campus Program."
- Co-authorship is not mandatory unless AQ contributes technically to the research.

9. Support & Training

Under the Chirag Program, AQ may provide:

- Faculty onboarding sessions
- Student workshops
- Technical documentation access
- Periodic webinars

Support levels offered by AQ may vary based on:

- Module selection (Learning vs Research)
- Institutional engagement tier

10. Monitoring & Compliance

AQ will have right to monitor AQ Platform usage for all users in order to:

- Ensure academic compliance
- Improve platform performance
- Identify misuse

Misuse of the AQ Platform by any user may result in:

- Temporary suspension of the user access to the AQ Platform
- Institutional review
- Permanent revocation of the AQ Platform access

11. Termination of Access

User's access to AQ platform may be terminated if:

- Institutional affiliation ends
- Academic term concludes
- Policy violations occur
- The Chirag program agreement expires

Institutions may request renewal subject to review.

12. Amendments

AsterQuanta Neurosystems reserves the right to update this Academic Usage Policy. Updated versions will be communicated to faculty coordinators.

13. Contact Information

For academic support or compliance queries:

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Declaration

By registering under the AQ Chirag Campus Program, the institution and its nominated users agree to abide by this Academic Usage Policy.