

Research Policy

Purpose

- 1.00 The purpose of this policy is to set out the governance and principles under which Research is conducted at the University of Victoria.

Definitions

- 2.00 **Research** means the complex application of activities seeking to satisfy curiosity and the quest for new knowledge.

Scope

- 3.00 This policy applies to all individuals conducting Research under the auspices of the university regardless of location.

Policy

- 4.00 Research covers the whole spectrum of knowledge derived from all disciplines. Research activity is expected to be curiosity-driven, creative, open, critically evaluated, and accessible to society.
- 5.00 The university commits to maintaining academic freedom, freedom of inquiry, and freedom of expression, in all its Research activities.
- 6.00 The Board of Governors delegates responsibility to the Vice-President Research and Innovation for approving regulations and procedures to implement policy in the area of Research, subject to regular due diligence reporting on statutory requirements and any activity involving liability or risk in Research.
- 7.00 Research conducted at the university shall be in accordance with the university's policies and relevant institutional documents including but not limited to those listed in the *Related Policies and Documents* section of this policy.
- 8.00 Faculty are expected to undertake, publish, and disseminate Research in accordance with the parameters set out in the current Collective Agreement between the Faculty Association and the university.

Authorities and Officers

- 9.00 The authorities and officers for this policy are:
- i. Approving Authority: Board of Governors

- ii. Designated Executive Officer: Vice-President Research and Innovation
- iii. Procedural Authority: Vice-President Research and Innovation
- iv. Procedural Officer: Vice-President Research and Innovation

Relevant Legislation

[University Act, RSBC 1996 c 468](#)

Related Policies and Documents

[Aspiration 2030: UVic Research and Creative Works Strategy](#)

[Collective Agreement between the Faculty Association and the University of Victoria](#)

[Duties and Responsibilities of Directors of Research Centres policy GV0715](#)

[Establishment, Review, and Closure of Research Centres policy RH8300](#)

[External Research Funding Agreements policy RH8200](#)

[Environmental Health and Safety policy SS9200](#)

[Indirect Costs of Research policy FM5400](#)

[Intellectual Property policy GV0215](#)

[Research Funding Management and Financial Accountability policy FM5405](#)

[Research Grants in Lieu of Salary policy \(and associated procedures\) RH8205](#)

[Research Involving Humans policy RH8105](#)

[Research or Teaching Involving Animals policy RH8110](#)

[Scholarly Integrity policies AC1105\(A\) and AC1105\(B\)](#)

[Signing Authority policy FM5100](#)