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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** is a complex set of activities seeking to satisfy curiosity and the quest for new knowledge. Research excellence is achieved when new, significant knowledge is acquired, guided by prevailing standards and norms associated with the research process, and is manifested in the collected outputs, outcomes and impact of intellectual and creative inquiry.

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 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 Faculty Association Collective Agreement.

AUTHORITIES AND OFFICERS

- i. Approving Authority: Board of Governors
- ii. Designated Executive Officer: Vice-President Research
- iii. Procedural Authority: Vice-President Research
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LEGISLATION

University Act

RELATED POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS

[Duties and Responsibilities of Directors of Research Centres policy GV0715](#)
[Establishment and Review of Research Centres policy RH8300](#)
[External Research Funding Agreements policy RH8200](#)
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[Faculty Association Collective Agreement](#)
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[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\(B\)](#)
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