

Research Policy



University of
Southern
Queensland

1 Purpose

To establish the framework under which the University manages and enables Research Activities.

2 Scope

This policy applies to all Researchers.

3 Policy Statement

In support of the UniSQ research plan this policy outlines the Research environment and culture in which Research is activated at the University. For further details on expected standards of conduct, please refer to the Research Code of Conduct Policy.

This policy aligns with:

- *Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2021: Standard 4.1 Research*

4 Principles

The University is committed to performing Research that is not only of academic relevance but is engaging with industry and our stakeholders and is contributing to innovation that delivers impact for our communities and the nation.

The University values Research as a fundamental form of learning and considers it to be an essential part of the work of the University. Focussed, high-quality Research and Research Training is an integral part of academic work and is expected to contribute to excellence in industry growth, innovation and sustainable communities.

The University's Researchers will:

1. comply with the standards specified in the Higher Education Standards Framework;
2. promote and contribute to a Research culture of excellence, integrity, professionalism and mutual respect;
3. align with the ambitions of the University's strategic plan and research plan to drive industry and community engagement and deliver high impact Research;

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4. produce and promote high-quality Research outcomes;
5. conduct ethical Research and responsible Research practices in compliance with the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research, 2018;
6. participate in peer review in a way that is fair, rigorous and timely and maintains the confidentiality of the contents;
7. meet the occupational health and safety standards necessary for the type of Research being undertaken; and
8. secure external funding to support Research.

The University will enable this by:

1. providing a system for accurate and up-to-date recording of the Research Outputs of Researchers;
2. monitoring the University's research performance and providing feedback and support to Researchers to ensure that the University meets its regulatory obligations, and achieves its strategic Research goals;
3. providing workload allocation for Researchers that is commensurate with their Research Activities and the operational needs of the University;
4. acknowledging that Research with First Nations Peoples or collections spans many methodologies and disciplines; and there are wide variations in the ways in which First Nations Peoples, communities or groups are leading, active in, or affected by, Research;
5. establishing (under the authority of the Vice-Chancellor) external and internal Research institutes and Research Centres, on the recommendation of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation). These Research institutes and Research Centres are managed and monitored as outlined in the Research Entities Procedure;
6. encouraging the use of, and participation in, peer review to support the publication of high-quality Research Outputs and the submission of high-quality funding applications;
7. supporting open access of Research findings and encouraging the publication and wide dissemination of Research, to promote scholarly dialogue and contribute to public knowledge;
8. supporting the responsible conduct of Research through the establishment of ethics and biosafety committees, and other relevant administrative support, committees and working groups as required; and
9. providing a system to manage Research Agreements and proposals, including grants, fellowships, projects and contracts, efficiently.

5 References

Nil.

6 Schedules

This policy must be read in conjunction with its subordinate schedules as provided in the table below.

7 Policy Information

Accountable Officer	Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation)
Responsible Officer	Director (Office of Research)
Policy Type	Academic Quality Policy
Policy Suite	Higher Doctorates Procedure Research Active Procedure Research Entities Procedure Research Management Procedure
Subordinate Schedules	
Approved Date	16/11/2021
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Relevant Legislation	Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research, 2018 Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines (Research) 2017 Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000 Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2021 Higher Education Support Act 2003 Information Privacy Act 2009

	National Code of Practice for Providers of education and Training to Overseas Students 2018
Policy Exceptions	Policy Exceptions Register
Related Policies	<p>Academic Freedom and Freedom of Speech Policy</p> <p>Animal Wellbeing and Ethics Policy</p> <p>Code of Conduct Policy</p> <p>Higher Degree by Research Student Policy</p> <p>Intellectual Property Policy</p> <p>Learning and Teaching Policy</p> <p>Research Code of Conduct Policy</p>
Related Procedures	<p>Appointments: Visiting, Adjunct and Honorary Procedure</p> <p>Authorship Procedure</p> <p>Commercialisation of Intellectual Property Procedure</p> <p>Human Research Ethics Procedure</p> <p>Integrated Planning and Performance Procedure</p> <p>Intellectual Property Procedure</p> <p>Research Active Procedure</p> <p>Research Code of Conduct: Management of Potential Breaches Procedure</p> <p>Research Data and Primary Materials Management Procedure</p> <p>Research Entities Procedure</p> <p>Research Management Procedure</p>
Related forms, publications and websites	<p>UniSQ Research Plan</p> <p>UniSQ Strategic Plan</p> <p>Graduate Research School</p> <p>UniSQ Research</p>

Definitions	Terms defined in the Definitions Dictionary
	Higher Degree by Research (HDR) Student
	Research
	Research Activities
	Research Agreements (<i>definition revised, for approval – previously 'Research Funding Agreements' – see Research Management Procedure</i>)
	Research Outputs (<i>definition revised, for approval – see Research Management Procedure</i>)
	Researcher
	Research Training
	Definitions that relate to this policy only
Keywords	
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