



جامعة المنوفية الأهلية

2 - Policy on Upholding Academic Freedom and Research Integrity

- Policy Statement:

The University affirms the fundamental right of faculty and researchers to pursue, teach, and publish knowledge freely, provided it adheres to legal and ethical standards. All research must follow the highest standards of **integrity**, including honest data reporting and proper attribution. An independent **Research Ethics Committee** will review all proposals involving human subjects, animals, or significant ethical concerns. Mechanisms for protecting whistleblowers reporting research misconduct will be established, guaranteeing a culture of open inquiry and accountability.

- Actionable Measures:

- **Academic Freedom Charter:** Formally endorse a charter protecting the rights of faculty to pursue knowledge, question orthodoxies, and publish findings without undue interference.
- **Ethics Oversight:** Mandate that all research involving human subjects, animals, or biological hazards receives prior approval from the relevant University Research Ethics Committee (UREC).
- **Integrity Training:** Require all postgraduate researchers and new faculty to complete mandatory training on research ethics, plagiarism, data management, and authorship standards.
- **Clear Violation Procedures:** Establish a transparent process for reporting and investigating allegations of research misconduct (e.g., data fabrication, plagiarism), with defined sanctions.

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