

RESEARCH PRIMER 2024: CONNECTING RESEARCH TO POLICY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Urdaneta City University (UCU), through its Office of the Center for Research and Development (OCRD), continues to strengthen its commitment to academic freedom by empowering students and faculty to explore research topics that advance policy development and contribute to sustainable community impact. In a recent gathering of students and research coordinators, OCRD highlighted that academic freedom is essential to innovation and meaningful knowledge creation. The activity emphasized that researchers at UCU are free to choose their research focus, encourage diverse perspectives, and share their findings publicly.

Guided by the theme “Connecting the Dots: Research, Policy, and Sustainable Development,” this year’s Research Primer showcases how academic freedom enables researchers to identify relevant issues, connect research outcomes to policy, and propose solutions that support sustainable development goals. By giving researchers the autonomy to pursue their areas of interest without unnecessary restrictions, UCU ensures that research outputs are grounded in genuine curiosity and aligned with both societal needs and emerging global challenges.



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