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## Academic Freedom Policy



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# MOPG on freedom to choose areas of research

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#### The School Research and Innovation Councils (SRICs)

Each school has its own Research and Innovation Council, chaired by the respective School Dean. This includes as members the Undergraduate Research and Innovation Coordinator (UGRIC), Faculty Research and Innovation Promoter (FRIP), the Graduate Program Coordinator (GPC), and the Heads of the various School Departments. In schools where there are no research units or graduate programs, two or three other faculty or administrative staff members may be designated as Council members.

The SRICs act as the focal bodies for promoting research and innovation undertakings at the school levels, and thus serve a vital role in the furtherance of the University Research and Innovation Agenda. In this regard, each SRIC develops its own School Research and Innovation Agenda (i.e., what it aims to achieve in terms of research and innovation, and in what area/s does it intend to contribute) as well as Action Plan (i.e., mechanisms and strategies by which to achieve its research objectives). Each SRIC is given a free hand on how to go about its tasks, including the generation, if possible, of financial support for its own research initiatives or the linking up with other groups for collaborative research and the enhancement of research capabilities.

Faculty and students have the freedom to choose the research topic that will contribute to society. Researchers also can collaborate with other departments or outside the university, locally and internationally, for more productive outputs.