

## **POLICY REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP INTEGRITY**

**University Policy No.:** RH2027

**Classification:** Research

**Parent Policy:** HR3100 Academic Integrity and Ethics Policy

**Approval Authority:** General Faculties Council and Board of Governors

**Effective Date:** August 2017

**Supersedes:**

**Last Editorial Change:**

**Mandated Review:** August 2024

### **Associated Procedures:**

None

### **POLICY PURPOSE**

This policy provides for the creation of discipline-specific fundamental principles of research and scholarly integrity (hereafter “discipline-specific fundamental principles”) that are in addition to the fundamental principles listed in the Research and Scholarship Integrity Policy at Concordia University of Edmonton (CUE).

### **DEFINITIONS**

- **Discipline** - For the purpose of this policy, a “discipline” is a field of academic or professional study and practice that has:
  - a) its own internationally recognized code of conduct or fundamental principles of integrity that member of that discipline must adhere to in order to remain a member of that discipline; and
  - b) a means to sanction those members of the discipline who breach the discipline’s code of conduct or fundamental principles of integrity.

Some examples of a “discipline” include education, law, medicine, engineering, etc.

### **JURISDICTION/SCOPE OF THE POLICY**

This policy applies to all CUE faculty members, academic colleagues, adjunct academic colleagues, sessional instructors, contract sessionals, visiting faculty members, staff members, students, and visiting students.

### **POLICY**

In order for any discipline-specific fundamental principle to be applicable to CUE faculty, staff, students, adjunct professor, sessional instructors, as well as visiting scholars and students, it must meet the

following requirements:

- a. It must demonstrate substantive merit;
- b. It must be introduced using a fair and equitable process;
- c. It must clearly define the substantive requirements that must be met for a standard to be approved by the discipline;
- d. It must be more stringent than those fundamental principles already described in the Research and Scholarship Integrity Policy;
- e. It must not conflict with any existing provisions of any relevant CUE agreement, or any other CUE policy or procedure;
- f. It must be approved by the majority of the CUE faculty members of the discipline prior to its implementation;
- g. It must be approved by CUE's Vice President Research prior to its implementation;
- h. It must be approved by the relevant Faculty Council of the discipline prior to its implementation;
- i. Copies of the discipline-specific fundamental principle must have been made available online and in the offices of the faculty of the discipline and any affected department at CUE;
- j. The faculty or department requesting that a discipline-specific fundamental principle be enforceable has taken reasonable steps to bring the said discipline-specific fundamental principle to the attention of those members at CUE who will be affected by the said discipline-specific fundamental principle.

Only when the above requirements have been met will a violation of a discipline-specific fundamental principle be treated as misconduct pursuant the Research and Scholarship Integrity Policy.

## **CONSEQUENCES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE**

Any CUE faculty member, staff member, student, adjunct academic colleague, visiting scholar, contract sessional, sessional or visiting student who does not comply with this policy may be subject to disciplinary proceedings applicable to them.

## **AUTHORITIES AND OFFICERS**

A list of authorities and officers for the policy:

- a. Approving Authority: General Faculties Council and Board of Governors
- b. Designated Executive Officer: Vice-President Research
- c. Procedural Authority: Vice-President Research
- d. Procedural Officer: Vice-President Research

## **RELATED LEGISLATION**

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## **RELATED POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS**

Research and Scholarship Integrity Policy

Intellectual Property Guidelines

Guidelines Regarding Attribution of Ownership

Policy Regarding the Ownership of Research Materials

Policy for Students Supported By Research Grants or Affiliated Institutions

Research and Scholarship Integrity Enforcement Procedure

Ethics Education Policy

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