

Research Policy

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Purpose:

The conduct of research and an active research culture is fundamental to what it means to be a University. The University of Tasmania is deeply committed to creating and promoting a culture dedicated to delivering high quality world-class research contributing to the needs of the Tasmanian, national and global communities, underpinned by the responsible and ethical conduct of all those engaged in and/or supporting research. Our researchers are committed to the highest standard of integrity, guided by the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research.

This policy sets out the principles that guide the design, conduct, management, funding, and communication of research undertaken by University researchers to ensure that research is carried out with integrity and honesty, and meets legislative, professional and community standards of conduct and quality.

1	Our research	Responsible
1.1	University researchers will be supported to undertake world-class fundamental discovery and/or translational and purpose-driven research, as assessed against nationally and globally accepted standards, that provides: - a significant contribution to advancing knowledge, and/or - a material contribution to improving the environmental, social, cultural, and/or economic well-being of our local, regional, and/or global communities.	Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research
1.2	The University will support deep disciplinary research and capitalise on the University's comparative advantage of our people and place by focusing and prioritising multidisciplinary research that meets the pressing needs of the Tasmanian, national and global communities.	Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research
1.3	University researchers will recognise, value and respect the diversity, heritage, knowledge, cultural property and connection to land of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.	Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research
1.4	The University will share with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities the outcomes of research which affects or is of significance to them, or in which they have been involved.	Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research
2	Responsible conduct of research	
2.1	The University will actively promote and support a culture of responsible research conduct.	Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research
2.2	University researchers will conduct research responsibly, ethically, and with integrity as a foundation for high-quality research, credibility, and community trust in the research endeavour.	Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research
2.3	University researchers will engage and consult Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples about research that involves or affects them, including the planning, design, conduct and dissemination of research.	Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research

2.4	The University will take all reasonable measures to manage conflicts of interest and mitigate against undue influence on research outcomes consistent with the principles of the Academic Freedom and Free Speech Policy .	Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research
2.5	The University will not undertake, engage in, or otherwise support research where that research could be used to perpetuate human rights abuses or where the beneficiary of the research may use the research for the purpose of human rights abuses.	Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research
3	Research funding and costing	
3.1	University researchers will manage research funds in line with public expectations of good governance, transparency, integrity, and sustainability.	Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research
3.2	University researchers will account for the full cost of research, including University direct and indirect costs, and ensure research pricing reflects the quality and value of University services, including in-kind contributions.	Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research
4	Research data and output	
4.1	University researchers will manage University research data in accordance with national and international standards for open access, including standards for Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Indigenous Data Governance, where: - Indigenous Data Sovereignty affirms the right of Indigenous Peoples, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, to exercise ownership and control over Indigenous data, and will be enacted at all levels of the data ecosystem inclusive of the creation, collection, access, analysis, interpretation, management, dissemination and reuse of Indigenous data¹. - Indigenous Data Governance is the right of Indigenous Peoples, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, to autonomously decide what, how, and why Indigenous data are collected, accessed, and used and re-used¹.	Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research
4.2	University researchers will manage their research outputs in accordance with national and international standards by: - Sharing research outputs openly whenever possible to facilitate free dissemination, thereby supporting knowledge creation and enhancing the value, influence, and impact of their research on local, national, and global communities and the academy. - Applying the principles of Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Indigenous Data Governance to the open sharing of research outputs.	Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research
4.3	University researchers will attribute the University of Tasmania as an institution of affiliation for research outputs that have resulted from work conducted by University researchers if either of the following conditions apply: the research has used resources (including human resources) or facilities of the University; and/or	Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research

¹ based on the definition from the *Maiam nayri Wingara Indigenous Data Sovereignty Collective, 2025*

- the funds for the research have been directed through the University.

Definitions and acronyms: [Breach of the Code](#) | [contract funding/agreement](#) | [open access](#) | [primary materials](#) | [research](#) | [research data](#) | [research funds](#) | [research output](#) | [the Code](#) | [University researcher](#) |

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