

Research Independence and Academic Freedom Policy

This policy affirms UNITAR's commitment to fostering a research environment that upholds academic freedom, research independence, and integrity, in alignment with the principles and performance indicators of the Malaysia Research Assessment (MyRA).

Guiding Principles

UNITAR recognizes that academic freedom and research independence are foundational to scholarly excellence and innovation. These principles are guided by:

- **Freedom of Inquiry:** Researchers shall have the liberty to pursue research topics of their choosing, within ethical and legal boundaries.
- **Freedom of Expression:** Academic staff may express scholarly opinions and publish research findings without institutional censorship, subject to responsible conduct and national laws.
- **Integrity and Ethics:** All research must adhere to ethical standards, including honesty, transparency, and respect for intellectual property and human rights.
- **Responsibility and Accountability:** Academic freedom must be exercised with responsibility, ensuring alignment with UNITAR's strategic goals and MyRA performance indicators.

This policy should be read in conjunction with Academic Integrity Policy (POL-FAC-02-V01)