

BOUCHER INSTITUTE POLICY

Policy: Academic Freedom of Researchers
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Freedom in research is fundamental to the advancement of truth and academic freedom in teaching and research is fundamental to the protection of the rights of faculty members in conducting research and the students in learning how to conduct research. The Boucher Institute's research agenda clearly identifies the rights of faculty to academic freedom in conducting and publishing research. In addition, the Institute has an articulated policy on Academic Freedom that applies to all faculty members (see Academic Freedom Policy established and initially approved in January 2003).

The Boucher Institute also recognizes that implicit in the principle of academic freedom are the corollary responsibilities of the faculty who enjoy that freedom. Researchers at Boucher are expected to conduct research in diligent compliance with standards of professional conduct and to maintain the highest level of integrity in research commensurate with an institution of higher learning and a health care profession.