Overview of the Regulatory Framework

The following short video, presented by Julie Wells, Vice-Principal Policy & Projects, provides an overview of the University of Melbourne Regulatory Framework, including:

- The University of Melbourne Act
- University Statute and University Regulations
- Delegations Framework
- University Policy and the Policy Framework
- University Process and the Process Management Framework.

Access the video via the following hyperlink: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dzlJaH-onLM

Research and Research Training Policies

Research and Research Training is one of the nine categories of University Policy. The Research and Research Training suite of policies consists of the following policies:

- Academic Freedom of Expression Policy (MPF1224)
- Authorship Policy (MPF1181)
- Centres and Institutes for Research and Research Training Policy (MPF1020)
- Graduate Research Training Policy (MPF1321)
- Intellectual Property Policy (MPF1320)
- Research Ethics and Biorisk Policy (MPF1242)
- Research Funding and Fee for Service Activities Policy (MPF1021)
- Research Integrity and Misconduct Policy (MPF1318)
- Research Pricing Policy (MPF1254)
- Supervisor Eligibility and Registration Policy (MPF1322)
Key messages from the Policy Stewards for the Research and Research Training category are:

- The Academic Freedom of Expression Policy has been converted to a new template, but there is no change to policy principle or practice.

- The Centres and Institutes for Research and Research Training Policy sets out the broad parameters for the establishment and operation of four different types of centres and institutes:
  - UoM research institutes and centres, with or without external partners, advocated by the academic divisions involved
  - UoM research institutes, centres or hubs, with or without external partners, established as the result of the award and acceptance of a competitive and peer reviewed funding scheme, grant or tender process which mandates the formation of a specific research entity.
  - External research entities similar to a) and b) in which the University is a participant, or hosts a node, but is not the administrating organisation
  - Interdisciplinary research institutes, established by the University Executive

- The Graduate Research Training Policy is made under the Academic Board Regulation and contains matters relating to graduate research candidates, candidature, supervision and examination. Matters relating to selection and admission of graduate research candidates are now located in the Selection and Admission Policy. This new policy contains matters some matters previously held in Statute 11.4 – Unsatisfactory Progress as well as matters previously contained in the Examination of Graduate Research Students Policy, Examination of Graduate Research Students Procedure, Preparation of Graduate Research Theses Procedure, Graduate Research Candidature Policy, Graduate Research Candidature Procedure, Graduate Research Progress Procedure, and some matters previously in the Supervision of Research Higher Degree Students Policy.

- The Supervisor Eligibility and Registration Policy is made under the Academic Board Regulation and contains matters relating to supervision of graduate research candidates previously held in the Supervision of Research Higher Degree Students Policy.
Policy Breakdown

**Academic Freedom of Expression Policy (MPF1224)**
*Policy Steward: Penelope Pepperell*

The objectives of this policy are to elucidate the:
  a) right to academic freedom of expression
  b) responsibilities of scholars in exercising academic freedom of expression.

**Authorship Policy (MPF1181)** – currently under review

**Centres and Institutes for Research and Research Training Policy (MPF1020)** – currently under review

**Graduate Research Training Policy (MPF1321)**
*Policy Steward: Penelope Pepperell*

The objectives of this policy are to:
  a) provide the framework to ensure academic standards and integrity in the University’s research training;
  b) set clear responsibilities and accountabilities for decisions affecting graduate research candidates; and
  c) ensure that the University’s graduate research training processes are transparent and that decisions affecting graduate research candidates are consistent and fair.

**Intellectual Property Policy (MPF1320)**
*Policy Steward: Marija Maher*

The objectives of this policy are to set out principles of management and administration of intellectual property in which the University asserts ownership under the Statute.

**Management of Research Data and Records Policy** – currently under review

**Research Funding and Fee for Service Activities Policy** – currently under review

**Research Integrity and Misconduct Policy** – currently under review

**Supervisor Eligibility and Registration Policy**
*Policy Steward: Penelope Pepperell*

The objective of this policy is to provide to ensure the maintenance of academic standards and integrity in the eligibility criteria and appointment of supervisors of graduate research candidates.
Key Contacts for Research and Research Training

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Key Resources

For all your policy development, review and approval resources head to: http://www.policy.unimelb.edu.au/

For all regulatory Mapping documents head to: http://unimelb.edu.au/governance/regulatory-framework

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