



POLICY & PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

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I. Scope and Purpose

This policy covers all policies under the purview of the Office of Research and Creative Activity. The purpose of this policy is to define which research policies are active, and which policies take priority.

II. Policy

1. All policies in the research series (i.e., numbered 2.xxxx) and held in the WKU Policies and Procedures Repository are definitive policies of the Office of Research and Creative Activity and supersede any other extant policies on corresponding subjects.
2. Policies on the website of the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) or the Office of Research and Creative Activity (OR), or within the electronic or paper archives of OSP or OR have the status of policy of the Office of Research and Creative Activity, unless superseded as in Section II.1.

III. Procedure

1. The Office of Research and Creative Activity shall progressively bring policies under Section II to the Council of Academic Deans for review/approval to be moved forward to the President's Cabinet as definitive policies under Section II.1.
2. Where policies existing under Section II.2. contradict each other, the arbiter of supersession shall be the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.
3. Such contradictory policies shall be promptly revised and presented for approval to the Council of Academic Deans for review/approval to be moved forward to the President's Cabinet.
4. The Office of Research and Creative Activity may, from time to time, propose new policies under Policy 0.000V Policy on Policies.

IV. Reason for Revision

November, 2015

Policy revised to reflect name change of the Office of Research; new organizational structure and correct policy/section numeration.

June, 2021

Non-substantive changes resulting from fifth year review in accordance with Policy 0.000V.

V. Related Policies

Policy 0.000V Policy on Policies