

### **Academic Freedom Policy**

The fulfillment of the mandate of Quest University Canada is dependent upon its academic community having the protection of academic freedom. The common good of society depends upon the search for knowledge, its free exposition and application. Academic freedom is essential to these purposes in the teaching/learning, research, and service functions of the University.

In fulfilling their responsibilities, members of the academic community at Quest University Canada shall not be hindered or impeded in any way by the University or by any organization within the University from exercising their legal rights as citizens, nor shall they suffer any penalties because of the exercise of their rights. Members of the academic community are entitled, regardless of prescribed doctrine, to freedom in carrying out research and in publishing the results thereof, freedom of teaching and of discussion, freedom to criticize the University and any organization within the University, and freedom from institutional censorship.

Academic freedom carries with it the duty to use that freedom in a manner consistent with the scholarly obligation to base research and teaching on an honest search for knowledge. Moreover, academic freedom carries with it a corresponding obligation to use this freedom responsibly, with due concern for the rights of others, for the duties appropriate to the University appointment and for the purposes of the University. Academic freedom does not confer legal immunity either inside or outside the University, nor does it prevent collective self-governance and peer evaluation as conducted or approved by academic, research or professional bodies whether within or outside the University.