

Intellectual and Academic Freedom

The Institute is committed to protecting freedom of speech, intellectual and academic freedom, and academic autonomy. Students and staff are encouraged to explore new and controversial areas of inquiry, express their views and participate in academic discussion without fear of prejudice.

Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom

Students and staff have freedom of speech in Institute activities, including activities conducted on campus and online. Academic staff and students also have the freedom to pursue knowledge, engage in academic inquiry and contribute to academic discussion and debate.

The Institute recognises that robust academic discussion can involve different or conflicting points of view. Open discussion of ideas is encouraged within an environment of mutual respect, respectful engagement and civility.

Responsibilities and Limitations

Freedom of speech and academic freedom are not unrestricted. These freedoms must be exercised in accordance with the law and reasonable Institute requirements, including those necessary to support teaching and scholarly activities, protect the wellbeing of students and staff, and meet the Institute's legal obligations.

Students and staff are expected to:

- › pursue knowledge and participate in learning, teaching and research in accordance with relevant academic, ethical, legal, professional and research standards;
- › engage in academic activity and debate in a fair, balanced, open and ethical manner;
- › respect the rights of others to express and receive information, opinions and different points of view; and
- › comply with reasonable Institute policies, directions, academic standards and requirements.

Raising a Concern

If a student believes their right to free intellectual inquiry has been improperly restricted in a way that is inconsistent with this policy, they may raise the matter through the Institute's Non-Academic Complaints and Appeals process.