

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY POLICY ON OPENNESS IN RESEARCH

The principles of open scholarly exchange and academic freedom are essential to the mission of the University. As a policy, the University will not undertake research with restrictions on openness or academic freedom on its campus. Examples of unacceptable restrictions include classification, required external approval of research results before publication, or exclusion of members of the University's community from participation in research. In particular, foreign faculty, students, or scholars should not be singled out for restriction in access to the University's educational and research activities. Most research can be conducted in accord with this policy and with the ideals of freedom of inquiry and open exchange of knowledge.

The University recognizes that, in a few compelling instances, the best interests of society will weigh against broad participation in research and open exchange of information. In such cases, the Vice Provost for Research may grant exceptions to this policy. Exceptions will be rare and will require that the research is critically important to the University's mission and serves a demonstrable greater good.