

# **Stockholm Charter for Academic Freedom**

**To meet the economic, institutional, and political challenges that academia faces, we call upon our governments and institutions for science and higher education to protect academic freedom and its attendant rights:**

1. Freedom of teaching: The freedom of scholars to determine educational content, learning methods, and forms of evaluation.
2. Freedom of research: The freedom of scholars to define research questions and pursue these using the research methods of their choosing.
3. Freedom to disseminate: The freedom of scholars to engage in evidence-based communication with colleagues, scientific communities, and the wider public and to freely choose how to do so.

**Safeguarding these freedoms requires:**

- Protection in law;
- the availability of funding for curiosity-driven research, in parallel with other types of funding;
- sufficient resources for a functional work environment;
- a transparent, independent, and scholar-led recruitment process;
- the availability of secure and permanent employment;
- shared governance, i.e., the right of scholars to participate in the decision-making in their institutions.

**We recognize that academic freedom is not absolute and comes with responsibilities, including adhering to professional and ethical standards.**

**Academic freedom comes with an obligation to create an inclusive, collegial, and responsible academic community, conducive to curiosity and exchange.**

**Through this charter, we commit to a vision of a free academia.**