

Preamble	Curatorial research at ROM serves the people of Ontario by increasing human knowledge and understanding of art, culture, and nature. It unlocks the meaning and value of ROM's collection, yielding cultural insights, scientific advances, and social understanding, and allowing humankind to make informed choices about our world. Research on ROM's collection generates original exhibitions, publications, and public programs for a wide public.
Policy	Curatorial research on ROM's collections and related collections worldwide
<i>Collections</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develops understanding of the human and natural world, and generates vital new knowledge related to essential topics such as biodiversity, climate change, human cultural expression, the arts, and the scope of human and natural history. This research on art objects, artifacts, specimens, organisms, and processes advances disciplinary knowledge and provides essential information for collections stewardship and development.
<i>Dissemination</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides vital information and insights which generate temporary and travelling exhibitions, public programs, permanent galleries, public communications, and fundraising opportunities.• Is shared with and made accessible to broad public and academic audiences through media, written publication, and public presentation.
<i>Ethics</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is conducted within the ethical framework of academic disciplines, of ROM's ethics policies and in accordance with law.• Is accountable to the people of Ontario and Canada for the wise use of the resources made available to ROM in its annual operating budget.• Aligns with the strategic goals of the Museum
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MONITORING

Adherence to Policy

Board: The Collections, Engagement & Research Committee will periodically review management's adherence to the policy.

Management: The Director & CEO and the Deputy Director, Collections & Research will ensure that the Collections, Engagement & Research Committee has all the relevant information for determining adherence.

Policy Review

<i>Method</i>	Internal Report
<i>Responsibility</i>	Collections, Exhibitions & Research Committee
<i>Minimum Frequency</i>	Every three years