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Academic Freedom and Professional Autonomy: Librarians' Research and Scholarship in Canadian Academic Libraries

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This paper examines how policies and collective agreements that govern the working conditions and terms of employment for academic librarians in Canadian universities are influencing and defining what constitutes research and scholarship for academic librarians. This analysis is based on an examination of the policies and collective agreements, a survey on Canadian academic librarians and academic freedom, and a review of job postings for Canadian academic librarians. Forming part of a broader study, it focuses on several key questions that have an impact on the professional autonomy and academic freedom of librarians as these relate to research and scholarship.