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The priority of the Theatre Institute is its **scientific and researching activity** consisting of research of Slovak drama covering the time from establishing the first permanent professional stage in 1920 until today. It also takes part in other research works, co-operates with its partner institutions in various research activities concerning theatre culture in Slovakia and abroad, it takes part in organising scientific symposiums, seminars, colloquia and other forms of presentation of their research activity.

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