

Progress on UCalgary IPG Project Objectives – 2020/21 report

Total IPG award: \$2,120,488

Project name	Objective(s)	Allocated amount	Progress
Indigenous Research Support Team	<p>Strengthen and identify resources for Indigenous communities and stakeholders, university researchers, and partners to promote collaborative, reciprocal, culturally responsive research</p> <p>Priority area: Equity, diversity and faculty renewal</p>	\$380,450	<p>In the reporting year, we have engaged and supported Indigenous scholars through various interactions, including introductory meetings, ethics support, grants and funding support, editing and review of manuscripts, and provided support for hiring. IRST has supported requests from Indigenous faculty members over 170 times, including 10 post-doctoral research requests, 15 research requests by Indigenous leadership, and 37 other research requests, which includes students, Indigenous staff, instructors, and sessionals. IRST has hosted 4 drop-in sessions for miscellaneous research support with 21 participants in attendance.</p> <p>There were 30 non-Indigenous project support requests, including faculty/instructors, students, and other internal support units. This included tri-agency grant support, general funding inquires, report review/editing, award selection, legal agreements, community engagement, etc.</p> <p>428 Indigenous research ethics applications were processed, including a number of applications that have been approved with a “Yes” response to the Indigenous Peoples question on the IRISS application (Participant Information 7.0).</p> <p>There have been 17 community organizations engaged, including meetings and presentations with Indigenous leadership, partner organizations, non-profit and private entities.</p>
EDI initiatives	<p>Gather data and develop support processes related to EDI in Canada Research Chairs and other research programs.</p> <p>Priority area: Equity, diversity and faculty renewal</p>	\$84,300	<p>An EDI specialist was hired in May 2020. Initial consultations focused on building capacity for applicants and Research Services staff on incorporating EDI principles into proposals for specific funding opportunities. Additional guidance and training resources are in development.</p> <p>Presentations on mitigating unconscious bias were delivered for Research Services staff and academic members of our internal peer</p>

			<p>review committees, who provide review and feedback on all major funding applications and research awards.</p> <p>Several Research Services administrators have completed the Canadian Association of Research Administrators EDI Certificate to more effectively support researchers in addressing EDI considerations for research funding applications.</p>
Knowledge Engagement	<p>Build capacity in KE; facilitate partnership development for research; provide a robust support structure for KE initiatives</p> <p>Priority area: Innovation and commercialization activities</p>	\$300,000	<p>Pivoted to online delivery of services in March 2020. While planned in-person events were cancelled, the team supported a number of online events organized by campus and community partners, and organized a well-attended series of workshops, Navigating Partnered Research for campus researchers. A SharePoint Online site created as a resource library for internal and external partners.</p> <p>33 requests for partnership matchmaking and brokering from external organizations and members of the campus community were managed and 18 SSHRC PDG and IG applications were supported by the KE team in 2020.</p>
Innovation Initiatives	<p>Community outreach and engagement; entrepreneurship programming/early stage venture creation support; inspiration initiatives and showcasing innovators</p> <p>Priority area: Innovation and commercialization activities</p>	\$701,738	<p>Community engagement and showcasing innovators: Online innovation events drew over 500 student, staff and faculty participants. New innovation programming and resources targeted participants from a broader range of fields, expanding the types of innovation entering the Innovation@UCalgary ecosystem.</p> <p>IMPACT clinical trials accelerator: completed due diligence of 8 eligible ventures; brought 6 ventures to planning stages of clinical trials; initiated one clinical trial; MVP release of TRACr platform in late 2020.</p>
IT Infrastructure	<p>Address critical upgrades, augment HPC infrastructure and develop information and data management resources</p> <p>Priority areas: Facilities renewal and Information resources</p>	\$654,000	<p>IPG funds supported secure access to Statistics Canada data and analytics through the Prairie Regional Data Centre and provided access to data on research performance, strategic partnerships, and emerging research trends through subscription to SciVal</p> <p>Increased data storage and software development for research data management through collaboration between Information Technologies and Libraries and Cultural Resources units.</p>