Incremental Project Grants

INSTITUTIONAL PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES for RESEARCH SECURITY 2024-2025

In 2024/25, the University of Calgary will receive $1,257,955 towards Research Security and has allocated the funding to the following activities:

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| Activation of Research Security Best Practices in UCalgary's Research Ecosystem | Research Security         | $1,257,955       | UCalgary is committed to ensuring a safe and secure environment for researchers to conduct their work. The Research Security Division (RSD), along with IT Security, supports cutting-edge research and global collaborations by proactively managing risk in a rigorous, transparent and geopolitically informed manner. RSD supports researchers in complying with federal research security policies and legislative requirements. UCalgary works with post-secondary institutions across Alberta and Canada to advance research security to the benefit of the entire post-secondary sector. The three pillars of the program are:  
  • **Education and Outreach.** Builds awareness of research security risks and requirements.  
  • **Due Diligence.** Vets potential collaborators through open-source intelligence, advises researchers on potential risks and the creation of risk mitigation plans.  
  • **Compliance.** Ensures mitigation plans are enacted once funding is awarded, delivers personalized travel and security briefings, supports the travel loaner device program, ensures compliance with sanctions and export controls, manages the Contract Security program and will manage the controlled goods program. | • # of potential partners and collaborators vetted  
  • # of risk assessment forms submitted without being returned  
  • # of users of the travel loaner program  
  • # of travel briefings conducted  
  • # of individuals reached through workshops and information sessions  
  • # of STRAC attestations verified  
  • # of researchers assisted with export controls and controlled goods  
  • completion of an updated on-campus controlled goods inventory  
  • # of outward facing publications on research security  
  • # of facilities upgraded  
  • # of info sessions, workshops and consultations provided to share expertise with other universities and research institutions | Timeline: April 2022 – March 2025  
  • Enhanced awareness of research security risks, risk mitigation strategies, and federal research security requirements amongst the university community.  
  • Recognition of UCalgary as a leader in research security, including an enhanced reputation as a partner of choice amongst potential collaborators.  
  • Heightened safeguards for sensitive research, including physical security, cyber security, and data management. |