

Incremental Project Grants

INSTITUTIONAL PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES for RESEARCH SECURITY 2025-2026

In 2025/26, the University of Calgary will receive \$1,275,061 towards Research Security and has allocated the funding to the following projects:

Project Description	Priority area(s)	Allocated amount	Institutional Performance Objectives	Indicators	Targeted Outcomes
Embedding a Culture of Research Security into UCalgary's Research Ecosystem	Research Security	\$1,275,061	<p>The Research Security Division (RSD) is a one stop shop for research security (RS), touching many facets of UCalgary's operations. In 2025-28, RSD will build on existing initiatives and expand to new initiatives.</p> <p>A robust education and awareness program will ensure widespread understanding of RS with mandatory RS training, customized workshops, info sessions and extensive resources.</p> <p>An entity review process for private partners in research agreements, visiting student researchers, and reviews by request will expand in 2025.</p> <p>Development of Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) training and development opportunities in OSINT at UCalgary and across Canada.</p> <p>Compliance program for successful grants with compliance checklists and audits will expand to the controlled good program and sanction compliance.</p> <p>RSD will expand its lab security program, including assessments of research facilities and recommendations to improve security.</p> <p>Travel security initiatives (a joint initiative led by IT), will provide more support and additional equipment (i.e. loaner devices).</p> <p>RSD will author outward-facing publications aimed at practitioners and academic audiences, to share best practices and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entities vetted (minimum of 450 per year) • Risk assessment forms submitted (dependent on grant applications) • STRAC attestations verified (varies with successful grant applications) • Export controls and controlled goods assessments (as required) • Sanctions reviews completed for Supply Chain, Legal, travel (50 per year) • Loaner device users (60% increase YoY) • Travel briefings conducted (15% increase YoY) • Lab security assessments (program launched) • Attendees at information sessions (minimum 2500 attendees) • Mandatory RS training refresher course (over 70% completion) • Train early career researchers in RS (minimum 100 researchers) • Train representatives from Alberta PSIs in RS (minimum 100 individuals) • Presentations with external audiences (10-12 per year) • Outward-facing publications on RS (1-3 publications submitted) 	<p>Timeline: April 2025 – March 2028</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced awareness of research security risks, risk mitigation strategies, and federal research security requirements amongst the university community. • Recognition of UCalgary as a Canadian leader in research security. • Enhanced protections for sensitive research, including physical security, cyber security, and data management measures.

			advance the field of RS, while enhancing its reputation as a secure collaborator.		
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