

University of Ottawa – 2020-2021 Research Support Fund – Institutional Performance Objectives

Eligible Program Expenditure Category	Output (Investment or expense of RSF grant funds)	Institutional Performance Objective	Institutional Performance Indicators	Target Outcomes	Outcomes Reported at Year-End
Research Facilities	Percentage of RSF grant invested in supporting operation of research facilities: 27.3%	Maintain facilities that serve to attract researchers	Total research space in Net Assignable Square Meters (NASM) ¹	To maintain the total research space in Net Assignable Square Meters	123,650
Research Resources	Percentage of RSF grant invested in supporting operation of research resources: 17.3%	Continue support of digital and print library resources	Number of journal subscriptions (electronic formats) held by the institution	To maintain the number of journal subscriptions	*
Management and Administration of Research Enterprise	Percentage of RSF grant invested in research administration tools, systems and processes: 41.0%	Continue maintenance of research tools and systems	Number of active research files	To maintain the number of active research files in research administration systems	10,581
Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation	Percentage of RSF grant invested in initiatives supporting regulatory requirements and accreditation: 8.8%	Maintain support for ethics services	Number of active human ethics certificates	To maintain the number of active human ethics certificates managed at university	6,623
Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation	Percentage of RSF grant invested in initiatives supporting regulatory	Provide essential support for animal care and training	Animal Care protocols and training materials ²	To maintain the current animal care protocols and training materials	-

	requirements and accreditation: 8.8%				
Intellectual Property	Percentage of RSF grant invested in supporting intellectual property development and management: 5.6%	Maintain support to protect intellectual property generated at the university	Number of invention disclosures ³	To maintain number of invention disclosures	48

¹ The amount of area (in NASM) used for research purposes in square meters. 1 square meter = 10.76 square feet

² The Animal Care Committee reviews and approves just over 500 protocols regarding animal use with the assistance of the Director of Animal Ethics & Compliance, the Training and Communications Coordinator, the Animal Ethics Coordinator, and with the assistance of a Research Coordinator for a few months in 2021. Protocols are normally reviewed and approved within 8 weeks unless some information is missing or when the volume of protocols is particularly high. The years 2020-2021 have brought some additional complications with the Covid-19 pandemic and also with a major upgrade of the Topaz software for animal use protocols. The backlogs are being addressed to bring the work up to date by early 2022. Training materials and processes continue to be improved and are well suited to the various clientele.

³ As the university closed in March 2020, there were projects that were put on hold and therefore caused delays in disclosures. The lack of face-to-face meetings with researchers during Covid due to social distancing measures has reduced the number of disclosure conversations as well.

*The Library implemented a new interface with a new method to count the number of e-journals held at the University of Ottawa in 2018-2019. Therefore, the number of active e-journals since 2018-2019 is incomparable to the previous years. The number of e-journals subscriptions held at the institution will not be used as a performance indicator for Research resources.