

University of Ottawa – 2021-2022 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: 28.3%	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	125,713
Research Resources	Percentage of RSF grant invested in supporting operation of research resources: 17.4%	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: 39.9%	Continue maintenance of research tools and systems	Number of active research files	To maintain the number of active research files in research administration systems	10,854
Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation	Percentage of RSF grant invested in initiatives supporting regulatory requirements and accreditation: 9.3%	Maintain support for ethics services	Number of active human ethics certificates	To maintain the number of active human ethics certificates managed at university	6,826
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: 9.3%				
Intellectual Property	Percentage of RSF grant invested in supporting intellectual property development and management: 5.1%	Maintain support to protect intellectual property generated at the university	Number of invention disclosures ³	To maintain number of invention disclosures	45

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 close to 550 animal use protocols (with various amendments and yearly renewals) with the assistance of the Director of Animal Ethics & Compliance, the Training and Communications Coordinator and two Animal Ethics Coordinator (one position created in 2019 and the second one in mid-2022). The goal is to complete protocol review within 8 weeks unless information is missing or is problematic, or when the volume of protocols is particularly high. The years 2020-2022 have brought additional complications with the Covid-19 pandemic and with a major upgrade of the Topaz software for animal use protocols. The protocol review backlogs are being largely addressed to bring the work up to date by early 2023. Training materials and processes continue to be updated/improved and are well suited to the various types of animal use.

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.