

University of Ottawa – 2022-2023 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	Projected 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	130,657
Research Resources	Projected percentage of RSF grant invested in supporting operation of research resources: 17.1%	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	Projected percentage of RSF grant invested in research administration tools, systems and processes: 40.4%	Continue maintenance of research tools and systems	Number of active research files	To maintain the number of active research files in research administration systems	11,207
Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation	Projected percentage of RSF grant invested in initiatives supporting regulatory requirements and accreditation: 10.2%	Maintain support for ethics services	Number of active human ethics certificates	To maintain the number of active human ethics certificates managed at university	6,939
Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation	Projected 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: 10.2%				
Intellectual Property	Projected percentage of RSF grant invested in supporting intellectual property development and management: 4.0%	Maintain support to protect intellectual property generated at the university	Number of invention disclosures ³	To maintain number of invention disclosures	49

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

² Every year, the Animal Care Committee (ACC), supported by the Office of Animal Ethics and Compliance (AEC: director of animal ethics, training and communications coordinator, and two animal ethics coordinators), reviews and approves approximately 530 animal use protocols, including various annual renewals and amendments. The ACC aims to review and approve protocols within eight weeks, unless information is missing or problematic, or the volume of protocols is particularly high. Although protocol software developments and COVID-19 pandemic response have resulted in some delays and a backlog in the protocol review process in recent years, these issues have largely been addressed. The ACC and AEC continue to work towards addressing the remaining backlog under the direction of a new director of animal ethics, who joined the program in spring 2023. The AEC animal user training program continues to regularly grow and develop novel materials and processes to better meet the needs of the uOttawa research community while meeting or exceeding regulatory requirements.

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.