

## 2025-26 RESEARCH SUPPORT FUND PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

| Eligible Expenditure Category   | Output  | Performance Objectives  | Indicator   | Target Outcome   |
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| <b>Research facilities</b>  | Projected: 2.1 % of RSF grant invested to support the maintenance of research facilities.                 | Support remote research facilities.   | Maintain access to the facility.  | Maintain or increase the number of researchers accessing the facility in 2024/25 as compared to 2023/24  |
|   |   | Provide research operating equipment support by funding a portion of the liquid nitrogen materials and supplies cost. | Number of researchers who benefit from the purchase of liquid nitrogen used to support research equipment | Maintain or increase the volume of liquid nitrogen used to support research activities.  |
| <b>Research Resources</b>   | Projected: 11.7% of RSF grant invested to support electronic databases in support of research activities. | Provide access to research resources for faculty and staff such as databases and electronic journals.                 | Provide access to Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN).   | Maintain access to the CRKN.   |
| <b>Management and administration of the institution's research enterprise</b> | Projected: 41.3% of RSF grant invested in administrative supports for uLethbridge's research community.   | Provide research administrative support for pre- and post-award activities.   | Transition of paper-based research administration processes to electronic platforms.                      | Implement a research management system.<br><br>Maintain or increase the number of grant applications submitted in 2024/25 as compared to 2023/24.                      |
| <b>Regulatory requirements and accreditation</b>                              | Projected: 40.3% of RSF grant invested to maintain compliance with regulatory standards.                  | Continued vigilance and oversight of regulatory requirements.   | Provide animal husbandry support in the aquatic and rodent research facilities.                           | Maintain or increase the number of research ethics protocols, annual reviews, and amendments processed in 2024/25 compared to 2023/24.                                 |
|   |   |   |   | Maintain CCAC accreditation and Certificate of Good Animal Practice  |
|   |   |   |   | Maintain or increase the number of researchers and students completing the animal research ethics training courses and/or students trained in hand-on animal handling. |

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| <b>Intellectual Property</b>  | Projected: 4.6% of RSF grant invested to increase research partnerships and commercialization activities. | Continued support by Office of Research and Innovation Services for administration of agreements and partnerships with industry and support for the creation of spin-off companies. | Improved services and opportunities offered to researchers to build partnerships with external stakeholders | <p>Increase or maintain research collaborations and partnerships with industry.</p> <p>Development of templates and other supports to facilitate commercialization activities.</p> |