

## 2026/27 RESEARCH SUPPORT FUND PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

Eligible Expenditure Category	Output	Performance Objectives	Indicator	Target Outcome
<b>Research facilities</b>	Projected: 1.6 % 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 2026/27 as compared to 2025/26.
		Support the operation and maintenance of institutional autoclave facilities to keep them compliant and accessible to researchers.	Number of researchers and/or research groups supported.	Reliable autoclave operation with minimal downtime. Stable user access.
<b>Research Resources</b>	Projected: 7.9% 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.
		Provide research administration support for animal research certification.	Transition from paper-based research administration to electronic platforms.	Implement a research management system that includes a module for lab animal certification.
<b>Management and administration of the institution's research enterprise</b>	Projected: 44.7% of RSF grant invested in administrative supports for uLethbridge's research community.	Provide research administrative support for pre- and post-award activities.	Total number of grant applications submitted annually with support from the Office of Research and Innovation Services.	Maintain or increase the number of grant applications submitted in 2026/27 as compared to 2025/26.
<b>Regulatory requirements and accreditation</b>	Projected: 41.8% 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

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				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.
<b>Intellectual Property</b>	Projected: 4.0% 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	Increase or maintain research collaborations and partnerships with industry.  Development of templates and other supports to facilitate commercialization activities.
<b>Research Security</b>	Projected: 100% of RSF Research Security grant invested.	Strengthen the UofL's research security by enhancing its ability to proactively identify, assess, and manage risks associated with international research partnerships.	Integrate research security screening and documentation into standard pre-award and partnership review processes to improve consistency, timeliness, and clarity in risk-based decision-making.	More consistent and timely research security reviews, leading to clearer, well-documented decisions on partnerships and funding that better withstand internal and external scrutiny.