

2025-26 RESEARCH SUPPORT FUND PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES REPORT

Eligible Expenditure Category	Output	Performance Objectives	Indicator	Target Outcome	Reported Outcome
Research facilities	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	Actual: 1% of the RSF invested Achieved: Supported the operations of the Westcastle Field Station. 17 researchers used the facility, staying a total of 331 nights.
		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.	Maintained liquid nitrogen support for researchers in the Science Commons facility, including the NMR and x-ray machine.
Research Resources	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.	Actual: 6% of the RSF invested Achieved: CRKN subscription maintained.
Management and administration of the institution's research enterprise	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. Maintain or increase the number of grant applications submitted in 2025/26 as compared to 2024/25.	Actual: 54% of the RSF invested. Achieved Implemented grants management platform to manage pre- and post-award activities. The module supporting laboratory animals is in development, with a September 2026 launch expected. The number of grant applications increased 35% (283 applications in 205/26 v. 209 in 2024/25)

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Regulatory requirements and accreditation	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	Actual: 49.9% of the RSF invested. Achieved: 479 ethics approvals (93 animal, 386 human participant). This includes new protocols, renewals, and amendments. Maintained compliance with the following regulatory standards: • CCAC Good Animal Practice Certificate • Continued good standing with Controlled Goods Program and PHAC pathogens and toxins license. • Institutional Cannabis License renewed. Facilitated animal care training: • 55 people completed the University's animal research ethics course. • 11 general ethics information sessions were delivered. Additionally, the Animal Care Services staff supported researchers' training needs at the vivarium and the aquatic research facility (ARF). Courses offered included: • Vivarium orientation • ARF orientation • Rat and mouse handling • Bio-methodology

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				.	• Surgical & Post-op care assistant • Surgery • Euthanasia/perfusion safety training • Growth chamber / autoclave training
Intellectual Property	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	Increase or maintain research collaborations and partnerships with industry. Development of templates and other supports to facilitate commercialization activities.	Actual: 4% of the RSF invested. Achieved: Restructured a position within the Office of Research and Innovation Services to focus primarily on facilitating research partnerships. Developed templates to standardize agreements for nondisclosure, interinstitutional partnerships, and fee-for-service.

RESEARCH SECURITY

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Implement a risk analytics platform	Projected: 100% of RSF Research Security grant invested.	Implement the risk analytics platform to ensure compliance with STRAC guidelines and mitigate risks related to foreign influence and export controls.	Completion of staff training on the Kharon platform, including designation and active use by ORIS.	Complete comprehensive training of all research facilitators within 3 months of subscription.	Actual: 100% of the RSF invested. Achieved: The institutional Research Security Officers (2) received Kharon software training. Screened 3 research proposals for

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			Number of screenings conducted and reports generated.	Increase the number of research partnerships and grant applications screened in sensitive or high-risk areas.	sensitive or high-risk areas.