



Research Security INSTITUTIONAL PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES 2025-2026

In 2025/26, the University of Alberta received Research Security funding of \$1,434,979 and has allocated the funding to the following projects:

Project Description	Allocated Amount	Institutional Performance Objective	Indicator	Targeted Outcomes	Outcomes Reported at end of the year
Maximizing the Impact of the Safeguarding Research Office	\$ 1,434,979	Increase awareness of Safeguarding Research Office and full implementation of programs and expanded service offerings in core areas. Support overall institutional research security governance.	Number of Risk Assessment Forms reviewed and approved at U of A; Number of Risk Assessment Forms requiring additional mitigation by the GoC; Number of uses of Attestation Application; Qualitative feedback from funding agencies on Risk Assessment Forms; Number of risk mitigation plans implemented and related support meetings with grant recipients; Average turnaround time for service/support requests; Number of researcher support engagements, briefings, products, services; Number of travel security briefings delivered; Qualitative and quantitative feedback collected from users of SRO services and support; Number of new subscribers to SRO newsletter and podcast; Completion numbers for GoC research security courses; Number of individuals briefed and assessed for Controlled Goods Program; Number of individuals briefed and security cleared for Contract Security Program; Number of breaches of Controlled Goods Program or Contract Security Program; Number of policy documents approved.	Timeline: 1 April 2025 - 31 March 2028 Greater awareness of the Safeguarding Research Office and the support it provides across the University of Alberta. Greater integration of safeguarding research activities into institutional decision-making processes, governance, and systems. Increased acceptance and understanding of the value of research security measures and the role of the SRO within the academic community. Capacity to provide additional support to the research community in a time of rapidly evolving and expanding research security requirements.	In Progress: Awareness of Safeguarding Research Office programs and expanded service offerings was demonstrated in the reporting period as demonstrated in the number of requests for support with Risk Assessment Forms, due diligence requests, implementation support meetings, travel security briefings, risk consultations, engagement opportunities and training completion rates. These results were reported in the SRO's second annual Impact Report (https://www.ualberta.ca/en/research/media-library/services/safeguarding-research-office-impact-report-2025.pdf). Results were also evidenced in the quality of Risk Assessment Forms submitted to funding agencies and in the implementation of the risk mitigation plans included in those RAFs (as monitored by our Implementation Support Program). Results for the wider Alberta and National research security community can be demonstrated through the provision of information updates and knowledge via the SRO Research Security Review newsletter and Power Plant Sessions podcasts and through active leadership and participation in provincial and national communities of practice.