

Research Security

INSTITUTIONAL PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES 2026-2027

In 2026/27, the University of Alberta will receive Research Security funding of \$1,391,194 and has allocated the funding to the following projects:

Project Description	Allocated Amount	Institutional Performance Objective	Indicator	Targeted Outcomes
Maximizing the Impact of the Safeguarding Research Office	\$ 1,391,194	Increased awareness of research security across campus and mitigation of risks to research security; increased percentage of researchers who have completed research security training; acquisition of related competencies - particularly in graduate students and early career researchers; continued upgrades to physical and cyber security measures; greater integration of the SRO into university processes; submission of Risk Assessment Forms which do not require additional risk mitigation. Integration of research security content into additional university courses and release of a Pressbook providing a primer and resources on research security. Continued compliance with Contract Security Program and Controlled Goods Program requirements. Expanded delivery of advanced security awareness training.	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 users 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. Number of action items completed to address Research Security Readiness and Maturity Assessment.	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. Expanded activities to address risks identified in a Research Security Readiness and Maturity Assessment. Continued compliance with federal programs linked to defence and dual-use research on campus (Contract Security Program and Controlled Goods Program).