

RESEARCH SUPPORT FUND

INSTITUTIONAL PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES 2025-2026

In 2025-26, the University of Alberta received RSF funding of 16,863,216 and allocated the funding to the following categories:

Eligible Expenditure Category	Output	Institutional Performance Objective	Indicator	Targeted Outcomes	Outcomes Reported at end of the year
Research Facilities	Projected: 6.9% of RSF funding invested in support of Research Facilities maintenance and upgrades	Compliance with lab research requirements as well as reducing deferred maintenance through renewed and upgraded laboratory spaces	Canadian Council of Animal Care (CCAC) compliant of building interior components (research space). Annual recertification of biocontainment lab facilities (BSL2). Animal Lab Fire Alarm Design and Implementation: Renew the fire alarm system to meet code requirements for animal facilities Bio Sci Aquatics Lab Vapour Tight Light Fixtures: Replace regular lighting fixtures with vapour/water tight fixtures for sanitary purpose to meet CCAC guidelines	Renewed and CCAC compliant animal research lab space Biosafety Level 2 compliant research space.	Actual 6.9% of RSF funding invested: Achieved: Various upgrades to infrastructure and building systems in animal research labs to comply with CCAC recommendations. One deficiency was determined in the BSL 2 Laboratories and successfully resolved to achieve full compliance.
		Provide reliable and safe research facilities for researcher use	Re-certify fumehoods through annual inspection, as required by environmental health and safety.	Fumehood certification updates annually.	Fumehood stations were inspected and recertified. Fumehood with deficiencies were resolved and maintain operational readiness
		Fumehood and Emergency Shower/Eyewash Station Oversight.	Instruments/equipment used to perform the annual fume hood and emergency shower/eyewash inspections are calibrated and functional.	Reduced risk of fumehood and emergency shower/eyewash failure when instruments are calibrated and functional.	Testing equipment was calibrated and certified to ensure reliable fume hood inspection. Provided support to lab occupants to promote safe and efficient operation of the fume hood.
		Provide renewed and operational eyewash and emergency showers for research spaces	Installation of compliant eyewash and emergency shower stations for labs. Field inspections and certifications of the Emergency Shower/Eyewash.	Enhanced lab research safety and reduced institutional risk Emergency Shower/Eyewash certifications annually maintained.	50 work orders were completed to maintain compliance Emergency shower and eyewash stations were inspected and recertified. Stations with deficiencies were resolved and maintain operational readiness
Research Resources	Projected: 21% of RSF funding invested in electronic subscription-based database for research resources	Reliable, cost-effective access to current research resources for faculty and staff. These resources include access to subscription-based databases and electronic journals essential to modern university-based research communities.	Number of unique text downloads of Elsevier Direct Package [part of Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN) resources]	1.5 million unique downloads of Elsevier Direct Package (controlled access and Open Access) materials.	Actual 22.6% of RSF funding invested: Achieved: 1,356,329 unique downloads of Elsevier Direct Package (controlled access and Open Access) materials.

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Management and administration of an institution's research enterprise	Projected: 38.2% of RSF funding invested in providing administrative support to UAlberta's research community and federal granting agencies	Provide necessary research administrative support for processing of new grants and awards as well as amendments for UAlberta's research community and federal granting agencies.	Number of new grants and awards set-up Number of amendments processed	2,900 new grants and awards set-up 3,600 amendments processed	Actual 39.8% of RSF funding invested: Achieved: 2,795 new grants and awards set up 3,595 amendments processed
Regulatory requirements and accreditation	Projected: 28.1% of RSF funding invested to maintain regulatory requirements and accreditation	Ensure UAlberta's research biological, chemical or radioactive waste is disposed via well established and defined processes. Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) provides staff and facilities to ensure that waste products are disposed of in approved processes.	Volume of hazardous waste processed	Volume of hazardous waste processed for 2025-26: - 82,314 liters of liquid waste - 77,544 kgs of solid waste	Actual 24.8% of RSF funding invested: Achieved: Volume of hazardous waste processed for 2025-26: - 47,000 liters of liquid waste - 73,340 kgs of solid waste.
		Continual development of an integrated Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) Management System of processes and procedures in research settings that efficiently meet regulatory requirements.	Reportable incidents to third party regulators Number of non compliance items identified in scheduled HSE inspections of research settings	Reduction in the number of research related reportable incidents of 8 or less Target for non compliance items in research settings under development	Non-Injury Serious Reportable Incidents: 2 Lower Severity Reportable Incidents (Potentially Serious Incidents reported to OHS or Voluntary Reports to PHAC): 23 There was 1 serious injury incident in a research setting. Quarterly Research Inspection Compliance varied from 71-87%, below the target of 95% compliance
		Ensure all the animal care and welfare standards set out by the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) are met or exceeded, and that the University of Alberta retains a current Certificate of Good Animal Practice from the CCAC. This is achieved through support of technical staff and the North Campus Animal Services (NCAS) preclinical research activities of research laboratories across the University of Alberta campus.	Provide preclinical research services to researchers (approximately 140 researchers from 7 Faculties). These services include animal husbandry and care, technical services, and training services for researchers and associated staff. Continue to maintain CCAC accreditation and a Certificate of Good Animal Practice that is necessary for University of Alberta researchers to access Tri-Council grant funding.	1. Monitor number of researchers and active animal use protocols receiving preclinical research support services: At any time, there are approximately 140 researchers using preclinical research services and approximately 280 active Animal Use Protocols. 2. Maintenance of CCAC accreditation and University of Alberta research community access to Tri-Council Funding. 3. New faculty recruitment of researchers who receive preclinical support services through HSLAS for each quarter are tracked and recorded.	Achieved: 1. Approximately 140 researchers using preclinical research services and 280 active Animal Use Protocols. 2. Maintained CCAC accreditation and University of Alberta research community's access to Tri-Council Funding. 3. New faculty researchers who receive preclinical support services through NCAS = 3

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Intellectual property	Projected: 5.8% of RSF Funding invested in patent protection and commercial activities	Accelerate translation of new discoveries into marketable products by Identifying, protecting, and facilitating development of new technologies and companies where applicable, emanating from UAlberta inventors. Build connections between UAlberta inventors, industry and funding agencies to facilitate the development and transfer of technologies through licensing opportunities and/or spin-off company creation.	# Inventions reported in fiscal year 2025-26	110 new inventions reported	Actual 5.9% of RSF funding invested: 80 new inventions reported
			# Patents filed in fiscal year 2025-26	85 new patents filed	95 new patents filed
			# Patents granted in fiscal 2025-26	40 new patents granted	29 new patents granted
			# Spin-offs created in fiscal year 2025-26	9 spin-offs created	10 spin-offs created