

RESEARCH SUPPORT FUND

INSTITUTIONAL PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES 2026-2027

In 2026-27, the University of Alberta will receive RSF funding of \$16,311,715 and has allocated the funding to the following categories:

Eligible Expenditure Category	Output	Institutional Performance Objective	Indicator	Targeted Outcomes
Research Facilities	Projected: 7.9% of RSF funding invested in support of Research Facilities maintenance and upgrades	Annual recertification of biocontainment lab facilities (BSL2): Ensure biosafety containment to allow for uninterrupted research activity and safety of University	Recertification of bio safety containment to maintain operational safety standard across all research laboratories	Resolve all deficiencies to prevent disruption to research activities
		Certification of the fumehood stations to ensure safe and fully functional equipments for research activities	Perform field inspection and compliance certifications for all fumehood stations	Meet the fumehood stations compliance certifications
		Repair, renewal, and upgrades to various building systems, interiors, and equipment to infrastructure upgrades to address recommendations related to Canadian Council for Animal Care guidelines for animal research labs	Completion of CCAC recommendation-related work orders for animal research labs.	Achieve full alignment with compliance standards recommended by the CCAC
		Optimize temperature and environmental control to protect historical artifacts and optimize air circulation in the laboratory to support critical research activities	Perform and complete the HVAC upgrades to ensure full regulatory and code compliance	Meet compliance standard for the HVAC upgrades to Tory Anthropology research collection and Lika Shing Research Lab
		Bio Sci Aquatics Lab Vapour Tight Light Fixtures: Replace standard lighting fixtures with vapour/water tight fixtures to meet facility sanitation requirements	Completion of the standard lighting fixture replacements and ensure full compliance with CCAC guidelines	Meet compliance standard outlined in the CCAC guidelines
		Animal Lab Fire Alarm Design and Implementation: Upgrade the fire alarm system to meet code compliance and protect the animal research infrastructure	Completion of the fire alarm upgrade and ensures full code compliance	Meet compliance standards to protect the animal research programs and reduce institutional risk
		Renewal, repair, and operational verification of the laboratories research backflow preventer devices	Service and maintain the backflow preventer device to ensure optimal performance and provide a safe environment for research activities	Meet compliance standards, enhance lab research safety, and reduce institutional risks

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		Certification of the emergency shower/eyewash stations to ensure safe and fully functional equipments for the lab occupants	Perform field inspection and compliance certifications for all emergency shower/eyewash stations	Meet the emergency shower/eyewash stations compliance certifications
		Repair and replace failed emergency showers and eyewash stations to ensure safe environment for research activities	Perform and complete the repair and installation of the emergency shower/eyewash stations.	Meet all requirements to ensure equipment remain safe
		Minimize liability and guarantee operational reliability	Perform regular inspections to ensure equipments are fully operational	Meet compliance standards, enhance lab research safety, and reduce institutional risks and fully operational.
Research Resources	Projected: 22.5% 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]	1.34 million unique downloads of Elsevier Direct Package (controlled access and Open Access) materials.
Management and administration of an institution's research enterprise	Projected: 34.2% 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	2,600 new grants and awards set-up 3,300 amendments processed

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Regulatory requirements and accreditation	Projected: 29.4% 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 2026-27: - 59,500 liters of liquid waste - 76,270 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 compliant items in research settings is currently set at 95%
		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 Health Sciences Laboratory Animal Services (HSLAS) 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.

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Intellectual property	Projected: 6.1% 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 2026-27	125 new inventions reported
			# Patents filed in fiscal year 2026-27	100 new patents filed
			# Patents granted in fiscal 2026-27	42 new patents granted
			# Spin-offs created in fiscal year 2026-27	10 spin-offs created