

Institutional Performance Objectives and the Research Support Fund

The University of Regina has established performance measures and targets for the Research Impact strategic priority in the University's 2015-2020 Strategic Plan. These measures are:

- Total number of active, externally-funded research projects administered by the University through the financial system. Active means either revenue or expenses in the relevant fiscal year.
- Total research funding received from all active externally-funded research projects administered by the University through a financial system in the given period.
- Average of Relative Citations (ARC) - The number of citations received by papers authored by University of Regina faculty during a 5-year period following the year of publication. Citation counts are normalized by the average number of citations received by all papers in the world in the same subfield. ARC values are 5-year averages with a 2-year lag.
- The percentage of total publications co-authored with researchers outside of Canada. Five-year average with a two-year lag.

The Research Support Fund is critical to the success of all these activities.

Performance Measures for Eligible Expenditure Areas

| Eligible expenditure category | Institutional performance objective | Indicator | Output | Outcomes reported at year end | 2018-19 Report |
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| 1. Research facilities | Maintain quality of existing research facilities | Square footage of labs available throughout the year for research. | Custodial staff, utilities such as heat, power, water. Renovation of existing labs where needed. | Square footage of labs dedicated to research across the university compared to previous year. Renovations completed or in progress when applicable. | Research space stayed the same at 125,469 square feet. This does not include space in the Library which supports research through space required for holdings, staff, etc. This space totals xxx sq. feet. |
| 2. Research resources | Maintain library holdings most needed by researchers | Dollars spent on acquisitions through the university budget. | Books, journals (print and electronic), databases for use by researchers | Comparison of dollars spent on acquisitions between previous and current year | The University increased the acquisitions budget by 2%. |

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| 3. Management and administration of an institution's research enterprise | <p>Efficient, effective support of needs of researchers, managed according to all relevant policies and guidelines.</p> | <p>Increased support to faculty through the Research Office. A portion of the funds will be dedicated to the Business Analyst position that is implementing the new grants management system.</p> | <p>Implementation of programs like the Tri-Council Cohort Program to foster applications to the federal agencies. Grants management system configured to UofR research administration needs. New Research Data Management position to support growing needs of researchers in this area.</p> | <p>Support initiatives implemented. Percentage change of Tri-Council grant applications. Status of grants management system. Data Management position filled.</p> | <p>Tri-Agency cohort program is in its third year. To date, over 100 researchers have registered for the program. Applications to SSHRC for Insight and Insight Development combined are higher than the 2016-17 benchmark, with a 50% increase. The Research Data Management position has been redefined to a research software support position and will be hired shortly.</p> |
| 4. Regulatory requirements and accreditation | <p>Improved management of certification portfolio (REB, ACC, etc.) and continued vigilance on oversight of research expenditures</p> | <p>Integration of ethics database with grants information system to improve efficiency and accuracy of the connection of grants and ethics files.</p> | <p>Automated system to forward a request to open a research account from within the grants management system once all certifications have been approved.</p> | <p>System implemented.</p> | <p>The REB module and the Grants/Contracts module are in the final stages of design and testing. Go-Live is set for Fall, 2019. Ethics approval status will be displayed for Financial Analysts to confirm before funding is released.</p> |
| 5. Intellectual property and Knowledge mobilization | <p>Pursue opportunities with industry and other eligible institutions to take advantage of the NSERC and SSHRC partnership programs. Simplify contract negotiation process through templated agreements.</p> | <p>An increase in the number of partnerships and related agreements connected to Tri-Council funding.</p> | <p>Research funded through partnerships, templated contracts and a guide to their use developed.</p> | <p>Number of agreements, template progress.</p> | <p>The Research Office has developed templates for eight different types of projects (sponsored research agreement, material transfers, non-disclosure, data sharing, grants-in-aid, Mitacs research partnerships, and transfer of Tri-Agency funds to eligible and non-eligible institutions. The number of agreements signed increased 33%, from 100 to 133.</p> |