

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	2017-18 Report
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	Research space increased slightly in 2017-18 to 125,469 sq. feet from 125,119 sq. feet in 2016-17. In addition, the University undertook major renovation of the building that houses many of its research laboratories. Renovations included asbestos removal, upgrades to ventilation and lighting, replacement of

					fume hoods, upgrading of main exhaust system, and installation of fire protection throughout most of the building. A portion of the RSF grant was used for this work.
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	Library holdings is only one way the Library supports the research enterprise at the UofR. Library holdings is only one way the Library supports the research enterprise at the UofR. With the help of the RSF, and despite declining funding at the University, the library acquisitions budget allocation was increased by 1% in 2017-18.
3. Management and administration of an institution's research enterprise	Efficient, effective support of needs of researchers, managed according to all relevant policies and guidelines.	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.	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.	Support initiatives implemented. Percentage change of Tri-Council grant applications. Status of grants management system.	The Cohort Program was implemented across all disciplines. For 2017-18, applications to Tri-Agency increased 34%. Tri-Agency revenue increased 24%. New funding announcements (multi-year) increased across all three agencies. The grants management system is progressing.

<p>4. Regulatory requirements and accreditation</p>	<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 has been designed and undergone partial configuration and testing. The Converis system has proven to take more time than previously estimated, so work is ongoing. The UofR is working with the UofS and other institutions in Saskatchewan to streamline the ethics review process in the province through reciprocity agreements.</p>
<p>5. Intellectual property and Knowledge mobilization</p>	<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>Template for service contracts complete. Active funded projects with industry increased 10%. The UofR participated in two AIMday (Academic-Industry Meeting day) events with the University of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Polytechnic. The UofR is part of the Protein Industries Canada supercluster, which will further enhance industry opportunities.</p>