

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	
1. Research facilities	Maintain quality of existing research facilities Improve quality of building systems in research facilities	Square footage of labs available throughout the year for research. Upgrades to select systems.	Custodial staff, utilities such as heat, power, water. Renovation of existing labs where needed. Improved efficiency, reliability and risk mitigation in systems.	Square footage of labs dedicated to research across the university compared to previous year. Renovations completed or in progress when applicable. Progress on building system upgrades (number and % completion).	There were no changes to square footage of labs this year.

<p>2. Research resources</p>	<p>Maintain library holdings most needed by researchers Provide support to Open Access policies.</p>	<p>Dollars spent on acquisitions through the university budget.</p> <p>Increased use of oURspace (the UofR institutional repository). 100% DOI coverage. 30% increase to scholarly works per year submitted to oURspace over previous year. 20% increase in ORCID uptake.</p>	<p>Books, journals (print and electronic), databases for use by researchers</p> <p>A mediated deposit service for scholarly works in oURspace, promotion campaign for the use of ORCID author identifiers, enhancement of oURspace to improve the display of alternate scholarship formats (e.g. video, audio). Linking of the Converis Grant Management System to library repositories.</p>	<p>Comparison of dollars spent on acquisitions between previous and current year</p> <p>Status of the deposit service. % of DOI coverage. % increase to scholarly works per year submitted to oURspace over previous year. % increase in ORCID uptake.</p>	<p>The budget for acquisitions increased by \$100,000 in 2019-20 over the 2018-19 levels. The percentage of acquisitions as a portion of overall library budget increased by almost 1%.</p> <p>Upgrades to the deposit service were completed in February 2020. Now that the deposit service upgrades are complete, we will be better able to track DOI coverage.</p> <p>oURspace as seen an increase of approximately 20% increase in works submitted.</p> <p>ORCID registration rose from 325 users in March 2019 to 427 users, an increase of over 31%.</p>
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<p>3. Management and administration of an institution's research enterprise</p>	<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 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. Greater administrative support to research centres through central resource.</p>	<p>Support initiatives implemented. Percentage change of Tri-Council grant applications. Completion of grants management system. Support position filled.</p>	<p>The Business Analyst position was retained, and the first module of the system is very near to go-live. It has been configured to allow Research Finance to see details about ethics and animal research approvals to support compliance with agency policies. An administrative assistant was hired to provide clerical support to the university-based research centres. The Cohort Program remains popular with faculty and supports approximately 30 faculty per year. Applications are down slightly to the Tri-Agency, but some of that is due to the cyclical nature of NSERC applications in particular.</p>
<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. Review and approval done electronically in a secure environment.</p>	<p>System implemented.</p>	<p>Work on the ethics portion was suspended as we moved to configure the grants/contracts portion in order to connect it to the Academic Performance Review module. A second Business Analyst position is starting in order to accelerate work on the ethics module.</p>

		Electronic review and approval of REB and ACC protocols.			
5. Intellectual property and Knowledge mobilization	Pursue opportunities with industry and other eligible institutions to take advantage of the NSERC and SSHRC partnership programs. Industry outreach events to connect faculty with issues faced by industry	An increase in the number of partnerships and related agreements connected to Tri-Agency funding.	Research funded through partnerships, templated contracts and a guide to their use developed.	Number of new projects with partners, Number of industry events.	The University had 192 new projects with partners. The current database does not track their connection to Tri-Agency funding, but Tri-Agency funding is an important cornerstone CIHR - 3 NSERC – 10 SSHRC – 16