

Research Security

INSTITUTIONAL PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES 2025-2026

In 2025/26, the University of Alberta will receive Research Security funding of \$1,434,979 and has allocated the funding to the following projects:

Project Description	Allocated Amount	Institutional Performance Objective	Indicator	Targeted Outcomes
Maximizing the Impact of the Safeguarding Research Office	\$ 1,434,979	Increased awareness of research security across campus and mitigation of risks to research security; increased percentage of researchers who have completed research security training; acquisition of related competencies - particularly in graduate students and early career researchers; continued upgrades to physical and cyber security measures; greater integration of the SRO into university processes; submission of Risk Assessment Forms which do not require additional risk mitigation.	Number of Risk Assessment Forms reviewed and approved at U of A; Number of Risk Assessment Forms requiring additional mitigation by the GoC; Number of uses of Attestation Application; Qualitative feedback from funding agencies on Risk Assessment Forms; Number of risk mitigation plans implemented and related support meetings with grant recipients; Average turnaround time for service/support requests; Number of researcher support engagements, briefings, products, services; Number of travel security briefings delivered; Qualitative and quantitative feedback collected from users of SRO services and support; Number of new subscribers to SRO newsletter and podcast; Completion numbers for GoC research security courses; Number of individuals briefed and assessed for Controlled Goods Program; Number of individuals briefed and security cleared for Contract Security Program; Number of breaches of Controlled Goods Program or Contract Security Program; Number of policy documents approved	<p>Greater awareness of the Safeguarding Research Office and the support it provides across the University of Alberta.</p> <p>Greater integration of safeguarding research activities into institutional decision-making processes, governance, and systems.</p> <p>Increased acceptance and understanding of the value of research security measures and the role of the SRO within the academic community.</p> <p>Capacity to provide additional support to the research community in a time of rapidly evolving and expanding research security requirements.</p>