



Research Security

INSTITUTIONAL PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES 2023-2024

In 2023/24, the University of Alberta will receive Research Security funding of \$1,461,151 and has allocated the funding to the following projects:

Project Description	Allocated Amount	Institutional Performance Objective	Indicator	Targeted Outcomes
The UA Research Security Office: Enhancing Safeguarding Research Capacity on campus	\$ 550,000	The UA will expand our research security staff to support campus-wide coordination of safeguarding research programs, by March 31, 2025.	Number of human resources in a dedicated, central office that support the university's safeguarding research activities. This will include a Director of Research Security, Safeguarding Research Specialists and other staff dedicated to supporting training, compliance, cybersecurity, and inter-organizational coordination.	A centrally-reporting safeguarding research team that is engaged with university academic units, and infrastructure, risk assessment and IT support services teams to develop and implement institutional safeguarding research policies, programs and services.
Enhancing Campus-Wide Awareness of Research Security	\$ 250,000	The UA will develop a campus-wide safeguarding research training program, including an expanded library of supports and resources in collaboration with regional and national partners that will enhance awareness and adoption of research security best practices, by March 31, 2025.	Proportion of research community participating in safeguarding research and cybersecurity training; number of inter-institutional workshops and training sessions	A knowledgeable research community that supports best practices in safeguarding research. Improved compliance with institution policies and national guidelines.
Digital Tools to Support Research and Cyber Security	\$ 661,151	The UA will develop and expand the digital tools available to our campus community to improve risk assessment and risk mitigation, by March 31, 2025.	Turnaround time to review and approve due diligence investigations and risk assessments; proportion of campus community protected by enhancements to cybersecurity infrastructure	Efficient reporting and management of project and partnership risks through a secure and centrally managed digital portal.