

UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
RESEARCH SUPPORT FUND
2025-26 PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

The Research Support Fund (RSF) has allowed UPEI to maintain its research infrastructure, support the research enterprise at UPEI, and invest in technology transfer. At UPEI the RSF is spent in all categories.

2025-2026 Total RSF Allocation - \$1,168,176-->ACUTAL \$1,168,176 (excludes Research Security – see page 3)			
Performance Objective	Indicator	Targeted Outcomes	2025-2026 OUTCOMES
Research Facilities - \$184,115 (15.8%)-->ACTUAL \$222,166 (19.0%)			
• Maintain UPEI research facilities and equipment in support of the research enterprise	1. Funds are used to offset operating costs, renovations, or additions to research infrastructure	1. Research facilities operating costs are maintained	1. RSF funds were used for operating costs for UPEI's research facilities.
Research Resources - \$116,818 (10%) --> ACTUAL \$116,818 (10%)			
• Continued investment in library acquisitions and library research infrastructure and services	2. Funds are used to support core database subscriptions 3. Funds are used for memberships in library consortia and open-source communities, 4. Funds are used for library related research support and services	2. Core database subscriptions maintained or enhanced 3. Ongoing membership and support of consortia and open-source communities and services. 4. Institutional repositories and associated services are maintained	2. The Library has been able to maintain its core database subscriptions to enhance the support of research 3. The Library continues to be a member of the Islandora Foundation and librarians and staff have been involved. We've maintained membership in the Council of Atlantic Academic Libraries. Maintained our membership in the national Canadian Research Knowledge Network consortia and provided additional support through committee work on CRKN's Platform Technical Sub-Committee. 4. The Library completed the update of IslandScholar, the University's institutional repository, to the latest version, Islandora. During this reporting period, there have been a number of research sites that have either been "sunset" or migrated to other platforms. We have also migrated/updated several of our digital collections of historical archival documents, such as Island Newspapers.
Management and Administration of Research Enterprise - \$306,797 (26.3%) -->ACTUAL \$313,835 (26.9%)			

• Maintain staffing in support of UPEI research • Provide assistance with proposal preparation • Process grants, contracts and agreements • Regular updates for Application and Event Forms for Researchers • Support staff to attend educational opportunities	5. Number of full-time equivalent positions supported by the RSF 6. Number of researcher outreach (workshops, presentations) 7. Application and Event forms to be reviewed 8. Staff participate in useful training opportunities 9. Mitigate research security risks	5. Invest a portion of RSF in human resources in support and administration of research at UPEI 6. Number of research outreach activities hosted by ORS 7. Review event and application forms annually, and update as required 8. Provide training days for research and compliance staff, membership in CARA 9. Improve cyber security risks in Research Administration Software	5. 26.3% of RSF was invested to support research administration roles 6. Hosted three outreach activities 7. Updated 7 applications; updated 5 events 8. Staff attended 8 training sessions and maintained CARA memberships. 9. Selected software to reduce cybersecurity risks. Implementation has been initiated.
Regulatory Requirements & Accreditation - \$255,109 (21.8%) -->ACTUAL \$220,260			
• Invest a portion of RSF in supporting regulatory requirements for research compliance • Maintain human resources involved in regulatory requirements of research at UPEI • Support awareness of regulatory requirements for researchers at UPEI	10. Full-time equivalent positions supported by the RSF 11. Membership in regulatory bodies 12. Outreach to the research community and support materials for regulatory requirements	10. Invest a portion of RSF in supporting compliance with regulatory requirements for research and ensuring applications are processed based on requirements 11. Membership in CAREB 12. Number of outreach sessions and new materials	10. 17.7% of RSF was invested in support of compliance and application processing. 11. Maintained CAREB membership, attended conference and workshop attendance. 12. REB conducted 12 outreach sessions, 5 new materials, and 2 revised materials. Biosafety conducted 9 outreach sessions and had 5 revised materials.
Intellectual Property & Knowledge Mobilization - \$305,337 (26.1%) -->ACTUAL \$295,097			
• Provide support to the Office of Commercialization, Industry, and Innovation (OCII), UPEI's technology transfer office and investing a portion of RSF in supporting IP and knowledge mobilization • Provide tech transfer services to the university community • Develop and process collaborations with industry, government and community groups • Assist in licensing technology or creation of spin-out companies	13. Number of researchers working with OCII 14. Number of events with partners, funders and researchers 15. Number of technologies assessed 16. Number of patent applications and number licenses or spin-out companies 17. Number of engagements with partners, including confidentiality agreements 18. Number of funded collaborations with partners	13. Engage with at least 15 researchers per quarter. 14. Host 6 events with researchers, partners and / or funders 15. Evaluate 8 technologies with commercial potential 16. Facilitate 2 patent applications and 2 licenses or spin-out companies 17. Engage with 60 partners 18. Engage with 35 partner collaborations.	13. 110 total researchers engaged, or an average of 27 per quarter 14. 9 events hosted for researchers, partners and / or funders 15. 6 technologies evaluated with commercial potential 16. 1 patent application, 2 licenses, 4 spin-outs facilitated 17. 120 partners engaged 18. 79 partner collaborations

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RESEARCH SUPPORT FUND – Research Security
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With increased Research Security funding, UPEI is required to implement the National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships. The Research Security funding will help to build capacity within UPEI to identify, assess and mitigate the potential risks to research security.

2025-2026 Research Security Allocation - \$7,719-->ACTUAL \$7,719					
Project title	Output (investment of research security funds)	Performance objective	Performance indicator	Target outcome	2025-2026 OUTCOMES
Assessment and enhancement of digital research security threats within eRAS	\$7719 invested in improving software security for electronic research administration system (eRAS).	Complete assessment of options and update software security.	Complete review and assessment of potential options to improve security and implement chosen option.	Review and assess options that mitigate software security risk with improvements to the software (eRAS); Implement improvements.	Completed review of three software vendors and solutions for eRAS, selected a vendor and completed contract negotiations. Implementation and integration into UPEI security is underway. The project is delayed; testing is planned now from May 2026 to June 2027.