



RSF Research Security Objectives 2026-2027

Notional amount for 2026-2027: \$59,154

Project title	Output (investment of research security funds)	Performance objective	Performance indicator	Target outcome
Research Security Strategies Implementation and Maintenance	\$59,154 allocated toward offsetting the salary of Research Security Officer as well as their Professional Development Opportunities as they oversee the management, administration, training, and support of research security initiatives across the institution and implementation of the Institutional Research Security Plan Framework. A portion may also be used to pursue Open-Source Due Diligence software solutions.	To provide continued support to faculty members, graduate students, research staff and research administrators in identifying, assessing and mitigating potential risks to research security.	Number of research security attestations and risk assessment forms reviewed and supported. Percentage of submissions meeting funding agency research security requirements on first submission. Open-Source Due Diligence software solutions evaluated (as presented) to determine feasibility for Brock's Research Enterprise.	Maintenance and updates of Research Security webpage including research security resources leading to increased knowledge and awareness of the federal and provincial research security policies within the Brock University community. Research Security Officer to provide training and workshop opportunities throughout the reporting period to support strengthened institutional capacity in identifying and addressing research security risks ahead of project implementation. Continued development and updates on resources for research support staff provided to assist in conducting Open-Source Due Diligence, including an

				Open-Source Due Diligence standardized process for the Research Enterprise. Development of and draft version of the Institutional Research Security Plan Framework to be completed during the reporting period.
		Provide professional development opportunities to research security champions (including Research Security Officer) who lead the implementation of research security strategies.	Professional development enhances knowledge and better equips the research security champions to support the institutional research community.	Research Security Officer engages in at least 3 professional development opportunities (e.g., training and conferences) throughout the reporting period.
		Brock Research Security Working Group to equip the institutional research community with knowledge and resources related to research security and provide education to ensure compliance with institutional and government guidelines.	Number of engagements with external advisors as needed (e.g., Public Safety, Global Affairs) as well as internal stakeholders.	Maintenance and continued engagement between the Brock University Research Security Working Group and appropriate external advisors as well as appropriate internal stakeholders.
		Continue to ensure security of the CL3 lab and incorporate into larger institutional framework as part of the Built Environment component, which pertains to the secure and authorized	Maintain CL3 lab security through a 3-pronged approach: 1) Maintain accurate database of key personnel with access to the CL3 lab.	1) Keep personnel database up to date with periodic audits. 2) Ensure all users of the CL3 lab have read and

		access of campus research spaces and facilities.	2) Maintain and update (as needed) standard operating procedures for the CL3 lab addressing biosecurity. 3) Maintain and update (as needed) training module(s) on research security pertaining to the CL3 lab.	- understood biosecurity SOPs. 3) All CL3 lab users complete research security training.
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