



RSF Research Security Objectives 2025-2026

Notional amount for 2025-2026: \$55,823

Project Title	Output (investment of research security funds)	Performance Objective	Performance Indicator	Target Outcome	Reported Outcome
Containment Level 3 (CL3) Laboratory Administration and Operating Oversight Improvements	\$8,000 committed to establishing and implementing administrative and operating oversight improvements to Brock's CL3 laboratory.	Ensure security of the CL3 lab by maintaining access to the lab for key personnel.	Maintain accurate database of key personnel with access to the CL3 lab.	Keep personnel database up to date with periodic audits.	Key personnel database is up to date and has had periodic audits in compliance with the approved Brock University /Biosafety Plan for Administrative Oversight.
		Oversee improvement of Brock's biosecurity plan for the CL3 lab.	Develop standard operating procedures for the CL3 lab addressing biosecurity.	Ensure all users of the CL3 lab have read and understood biosecurity SOPs.	Standard CL3 biosecurity measures are in place, and all users of the CL3 lab are trained and completed proficiency tests.
		Increase participation and awareness about research security initiatives pertaining to the use of the CL3 lab.	Develop a training module on research security pertaining to the CL3 lab.	All CL3 lab users complete research security training.	All CL3 lab users have completed PHAC research security training.
Research Security Strategies Implementation	\$47,823 allocated toward management and administration, training, and support to improve research security across the institution. This will be	To provide support to faculty members, graduate students, research staff and research administrators in identifying, assessing	Administration of research security strategies and related activities are implemented, and the Institutional research community receives	Complete the updated Research Security webpage that includes research security resources leading to increased knowledge and awareness of the	The Research Security webpage was updated and was updated by the Research Security Officer as needed.

	used to offset the salary of the Research Security Officer.	and mitigating potential risks to research security.	support such that Provincial and Federal Research Security Attestation and Risk Assessment Forms are completed as required, while minimizing form rejection and risks identified a-priori.	federal and provincial research security policies within the Brock University community (April 2025 & continuing as needed). Research Security Officer to provide a Research Security workshop for Brock Research Community (Summer/Fall 2025). Continue to develop and update resources for researchers and research support staff (Research Officers) to assist them in conducting Open-Source Due Diligence.	A workshop was conducted by the Research Security Officer on May 27, 2025. Research Security workshops were provided throughout the year to Brock's research community (including to research administration, staff in both student and faculty facing positions, as well as to Faculty themselves). Research Security Officer assisted Brock researchers with federal and provincial research security forms as needed, including open-source due diligence assistance. During the reporting period, the Research Security Officer also assisted additional units with incorporating research security in their workflows, including Central
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					Procurement, International Services (Visiting Scholars), and the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs (i.e., post-doctoral funding).
		Provide professional development opportunities to research security champions (incl. Lead 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 champions engage in professional development (e.g., training and conferences), including but not limited to attending: 1) Monthly/on-going “Team Canada” and Ontario “Community of Practice” meetings. 2) McMaster University hosting University of Maryland re: Research Security and Research Administration Workshop: Lessons Learned from the US Landscape - April 16, 2025. 3) Research Security conference at University of British Columbia - 2025	Research security champions engaged in professional development training and conferences throughout the reporting period including all of the targeted opportunities and more.

				Research Security Conference: Navigating New Domestic and Global Frontiers, June 3–4, 2025.	
		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.	The Research Security Officer and Brock Research Security Working Group engage with external advisors as needed (e.g., Public Safety, Global Affairs) and utilize the resources and support provided by them.	Continue to maintain the Brock University Research Security Working Group and invite new institutional members/departments as required. Group to continue to meet monthly or as needed.	The Research Security Working Group continued to meet as needed during the reporting period. Membership was updated accordingly.