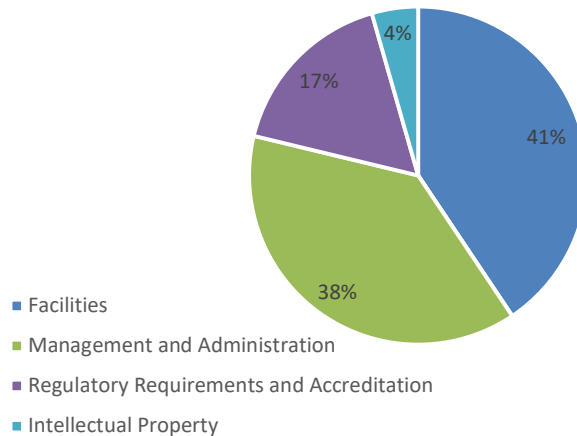


RSF Performance Indicators

2024-25



Research Facilities

Performance Objective

- Custodial, security, maintenance, utilities, and leasing costs; and costs for capital planning associated with research spaces and research equipment, and insurance on research spaces

Performance Indicators

- Faculty have access to research labs that are well maintained

Target Outcomes

- Research labs that are well maintained and accessible to researchers

Targeted Outcomes reported

- Research facilities across the institution continue to be supported and maintained across the Institution. The RSF supports the access to a wide variety of labs for faculty students and Postdoctoral fellows to support hundreds of research projects annually

Management and Administration

Performance Objective

- Provide a high level of research administrative support for processing of new grants and awards

Performance Indicators

- Growth in applications and awards

Target Outcomes

- USask continues to see an increase in applications submitted and grants awarded

Targeted Outcomes reported

The RF supports the university research community in the incubation and development of research grants, infrastructure projects and initiatives, and management of the federal research chairs programs. Key goals of RASI are to provide researchers and the university with services and programs that create a competitive edge when applying for external research funding, ensure alignment with granting agency and national research security requirements, and support good management of external funding. RASI supports the development of a robust research culture through targeted programs and initiatives, including the Undergraduate Research Initiative and the

Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation

Performance Objective

- Good Animal Practice from the CCAC. This is achieved through support of technical staff and the Health Sciences Laboratory Animal Services (HSLAS) preclinical research activities of research laboratories as well as support for Human ethics reviews and approval

Performance Indicators

- Number, quality, and speed of processing of animal and human ethics applications

Target Outcomes

Shorter times to completion of applications. Maintain compliance with human and animal ethics

Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation

Performance Objective

- Strengthening and Safeguarding the integrity of our Research Enterprise

Performance Indicators

- Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our Animal and Human Ethic reviews

Target Outcomes

Reduce wait times by 10%-15%

Targeted Outcomes reported

Animal Care

The Animal Care and Research Support (ACRS) office has improved sustainability and support for researchers who use animals in response to an increased workload and the growing complexity of the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) requirements. ACRS is currently working through an RFP process to contract use of a new software system for animal protocol administration and animal ordering and management. This will streamline various facets of ACRS work and improve the animal user experience. In 2024-25 ACRS accomplished the following: Organized the annual Canadian Association for Laboratory Animal Science (CALAS) symposium in Saskatoon in June 2024. (CALAS represents animal technicians, veterinarians, and animal scientists across Canada). CALAS was last held in Saskatoon nearly 30 years ago. Supported over 1,000 active animal users, at USask and its affiliates, who completed animal-based activity on 100,000 animals and totaling \$850,000 in animal purchase costs. Managed 460 animal use protocol submissions. Completed 100 animal user training sessions. Trained veterinary students in laboratory animal medicine through first year lectures, senior year rotations, and the WCVM laboratory animal medicine club.

Human Research Ethics

In 2024-25, the Human Research Ethics Office (REO) processed over 3,600 research ethics applications (new applications, acknowledgements, exemptions, amendments, renewals and closures). This volume continues to increase year by year, which correlates with increased research activity by USask researchers. The focus for 2024-25 was finding efficiencies in our work processes to decrease the time from file submission to approval. Our efforts have been very successful. When comparing our 2024-25 approval times with 2023 metrics, we achieved the following improvements: 23.39 per cent faster for Behavioural REB delegated reviews. 24 per cent faster for Behavioural REB full board reviews. 31 per cent faster for Biomedical REB full board reviews. Organized the annual Canadian Association for Laboratory Animal Science