

Total Research Security Funding for 2025-2026:
\$780,152

Project Title	Institutional performance objectives	Indicator	Output (Investment of research security funds)	Outcomes reported at year-end
Strengthening Research Security Capacity at Western University: \$606,452	Enhance and mature research security programming by fully enabling government guidelines and regulations.	The availability and adoption of training modules and guidelines along with the establishment of a cross-functional team to guide the integration of research security processes into existing workflows.	Researchers are equipped to navigate increasingly complex international research environments while safeguarding Canada's national interests.	Western strengthened its research security capacity through increased national engagement, improved due diligence processes and enhanced institutional risk oversight. Western joined a Public Safety Canada-led working group advising Global Affairs Canada on export-control training requirements for universities. Due diligence assessments increased by 140 per cent, from 511 in FY2024/25 to 1,227 in FY2025/26, reflecting process improvements and greater demand from the research community. Western also established a baseline of institutional risk exposure and began discussions with senior leadership on appropriate mitigation strategies.
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Secure Research Data Storage Environment – Planning, Procurement, and Deployment: \$89,532	Infrastructure is in place for research data management and protection.	Acquisition of appropriate platform(s) for research data management and security.	Research data is managed, stored and secured efficiently and effectively.	Completed the discovery phase to assess existing research data storage solutions and identify institutional requirements for a secure, scalable research data management environment. The findings established a clear roadmap for procurement and future implementation, ensuring the selected solution aligns with researcher needs and security requirements.

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Information Resources to Support Research Security at Hospital Research Institutes: \$84,168	Upgrades to a research data management platform and introduction of a learning management system to enhance research data security.	Adoption and ease of use of updated platform and new system.	Research data is managed, stored and secured efficiently and effectively.	Three complementary projects strengthened how research data is managed, stored and secured. Articulate Rise was implemented to deliver scalable, role-specific training that promotes consistent data-management practices. E-consent templates and a secure storage solution improved the collection, protection and regulatory compliance of research data. The development and pilot of the AMS, supported by defined audit metrics and REDCap auditing, strengthened data oversight, risk identification and mitigation. Together, these initiatives improved the efficiency, consistency, security and compliance of research data management.