

2025-26 Incremental Project Grants Outcomes Report

Project Title	Performance Objective	Indicators	Results/Outcomes/Impacts
<p>Tri-Agency Open Access Policy Compliance, Scholaris, and Research Impact Template Projects</p>	<p>Improve compliance with OA mandates; enhance the reach and use of institutional research, and strengthen the quality of research grant applications and evaluations</p>	<p>A centralized open access compliance support framework with dedicated staffing and online resources;</p> <p>Success in system migration, with increased volume and quality of deposits in Scholaris, supported by streamlined workflows;</p> <p>A suite of discipline-sensitive Research Impact Templates, training workshops, and sample narratives, as well as improved visibility of institutional research outputs both within and beyond academia</p>	<p>TMU Libraries has a goal of investing in initiatives that support open access and improve the discoverability of TMU researchers' outputs. The digital repository works to give public access to TMU research by hosting open access articles created by TMU researchers and students. Open Access is also facilitated and assisted by APC waivers and discounts made available by current Read and Publish agreements. To learn more about TMU Libraries commitment to Open Access you can visit the website Investing in Open: Our Approach.</p> <p>During the period of April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026, the Toronto Metropolitan University Libraries took further steps to populate our open access Research Repository, RShare, while actively preparing for our migration to Scholaris (a National Institutional Repository Service hosted by Scholars Portal). This migration is scheduled to officially commence in Fall 2026. Work on metadata clean-up and migration is almost complete. This migration was delayed in part because of internal university integrations. The Librarian involved with the Scholaris migration and the support of Rshare answers questions in the TMU community and manages Rshare, as well as strategic planning, and workflows, as well as helping guide the migration process and development of new documentation.</p> <p>In the last few years TMU Libraries has been part of Read and Publish agreements via our CRKN library subscriptions and OCUL agreements that offer fee waivers or discounts for Article Processing Charges (APCs) for journal article publishing that helps ease the cost of making journal articles open access. This means that TMU researchers can publish their journal articles open access in select (mostly hybrid) journals. One way to find where faculty can publish without APCs or with APC discounts is to search our new database Scifree, which indicates journals that are covered. In 2025 the savings to faculty was \$1,311,299 CAD, with 308 articles supported. The Librarian who supports Read and Publish agreements answers Read and Publish questions, suggests journals that have full fee waivers and reaches out to faculty that did not choose the open licence available to them from these select publishers,</p>

			<p>to provide guidance and information on how to change the licence to a CC licence.</p> <p>Training Workshops related to Rshare and Read and Publish agreements: Impactful Open Access Publishing and Read and Publish Agreements (January 2026) An Introduction to Scholarly Publishing for Graduate Students (various times through the year)</p>
Strengthening, Growing, and Advancing the IP Portfolio and Protection Strategy	Focus the support of inventions and patents to increase the impact of the institutional innovation capacity and researcher commercialization	Number of disclosures supported and ventures, researcher engagements, and commercialization agreements initiated	<p>Focused on stabilizing 5 high-priority patent families and initiating a centralized audit of historical data</p> <p>Supported evaluation of 6 new invention disclosures</p> <p>Executed 6 license agreements and initiated 2 new licensing discussions</p> <p>Onboarded a Partnership Manager to stabilize existing industry agreements during turnover</p>
Advancing EDI and SRC Analytics Through Dedicated Evaluation and Governance Coordination Capacity	Build institutional capacity to evaluate EDI efforts, support Dimensions Action Plan implementation, and improve rankings analytics	<p>Position hired and onboarded</p> <p>Evaluation framework developed</p> <p>At least 3 analytical reports or dashboards produced to support EDI, Dimensions, or rankings</p>	<p>Program Evaluation and Governance Specialist recruited through competitive external process and onboarded in September 2025 to support institutional coordination and evaluation related to equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility (EDIA) in scholarly, research, and creative (SRC) activities.</p> <p>Revitalized institutional governance and cross-Faculty coordination through the establishment of the Dimensions Steering Committee (DSC).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conducted consultations and engagement with SRC Leaders, DSC members, Dimensions Faculty Leads (DFLs) to better understand existing EDIA-in-SRC initiatives, barriers, gaps, and opportunities across Faculties. - Findings informed the development of Dimensions governance structures and the starting point for an institutionally informed evaluation framework. <p>Developed the foundation for an institutionally informed evaluation framework with initial focus areas including research participation, research culture, and inclusive research practices.</p>

			<p>Produced analytical and reporting materials to support institutional monitoring and decision-making including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SRC Leaders Consultation Summary (Nov 2025) - DSC Consultation Synthesis (March 2026) - URO Program participation baseline and data collection to inform evaluation framework (ongoing) <p>Strategic SRC Initiative Fund scoping to understand participation and funding patterns (ongoing)</p>
<p>Research Integrity – Outreach, Awareness and Education (Phase 2)</p>	<p>Monitor and evaluate the integrity e-resources to enhance research integrity educational resources</p> <p>update and expand educational opportunities</p> <p>support the research integrity event and related resources</p> <p>support broader policy implementation infrastructure</p> <p>Continued growth of engagement with research community and institutionalization of strong research integrity practices across the university through a continued comprehensive evaluation exercise resulting in updates to digital educational resources, the delivery of an inaugural research integrity day and policy implementation infrastructure</p>	<p>Enhanced engagement with the research integrity resources across the SRC community</p> <p>Continued review and revision of the eLearning Module</p> <p>Strong attendance and engagement at the research integrity day with follow up evaluation</p> <p>Implementation, tiered introduction to, and assessment of the use of the e-submission form for allegations of breach of research integrity</p>	<p>This project continues to focus on enhancing outreach and education to ensure both the necessary educational tools are available across the research community and there is continued education with regard to the appropriate use of TMU’s research integrity policy.</p> <p>The addition of a policy coordinator is enhancing our ability to update and expand educational opportunities toward the next phase of research integrity education. This includes the development of more targeted outreach initiatives, the evaluation of initiatives, the expansion of research integrity resources, and allows for the development of a second research integrity event.</p> <p>Critical touch points were enhanced through: 1) a very successful inaugural Research Integrity Day event, 2) updates to the e-learning modules, 3) enhanced focus on research integrity at the new faculty orientation, and 4) enhancing outreach to post-doctoral fellows.</p> <p>In addition, there has been significant progress on the development of the on-line allegation form, tied to clarifying the appropriate use of the submission form in line with the standards of TMU’s research integrity policy.</p>

Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer Support	Deliver IP support services and education sessions to increase research commercialization outcomes	Number of patents supported (new filings and maintained)	<p>The project met its core target by supporting 5 patent filings. These spanned provisional, PCT, and National Phase applications, ensuring TMU inventions remain strategically managed and protected within Canada.</p> <p>The team conducted over 130 consultations with faculty members to discuss IP and commercialization pathways, significantly exceeding the target of 20 meetings.</p>
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