

# Research Security Requirements at a Glance

Are you applying for federal Tri-Agency or Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) research funding but are unsure if there are research security requirements? See the chart below to identify your next steps.

**Please note, more than one of these processes may be applicable for a single funding application.**

Scenarios	Research Security Considerations	Other Resources
1. Are you applying for federal Tri-Agency / CFI funding for research that aims to advance technology on the <a href="#">Sensitive Technology Research Areas (STRA)</a> list?	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes:</b> Each named researcher in the application is required to complete an attestation form (see right) confirming there are no affiliations with institutions on the <a href="#">Named Research Organizations (NRO)</a> list. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No:</b> You are not required to complete an attestation form. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Unsure:</b> Complete this <a href="#">STRAC Questionnaire</a> to determine if you and any co-applicants are required to complete an attestation form.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Tri-Agency Attestation Form</a></li><li>• <a href="#">CFI Attestation Form</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Tri-Agency Guidance on STRAC</a></li><li>• <a href="#">CFI Guidance on STRAC</a></li><li>• <a href="#">STRAC Definitions</a> and <a href="#">STRAC FAQs</a></li></ul>
2. Are you applying for federal Tri-Agency / CFI funding with <b>one or more private sector partners</b> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes:</b> As per the National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships (NSGRP), the funding program may require you to complete this <a href="#">Risk Assessment Form (RAF)</a> . Only one NSGRP-RAF is required per application, regardless of the number of partners. Review this <a href="#">list of eligible Tri-Agency programs</a> and <a href="#">CFI programs</a> to confirm if this is required of you. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No:</b> You are not required to complete the NSGRP RAF.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">NSGRP Overview</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Guidance on Completing the NSGRP-RAF</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Tri-Agency Guidance on NSGRP</a></li><li>• <a href="#">CFI Guidance on NSGRP</a></li></ul>
3. Are you applying for an <b>Ontario Research Fund (ORF)</b> opportunity?	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes:</b> Each named researcher must complete the <a href="#">Ontario attestation form</a> confirming there are no affiliations with institutions on the NRO list. For each application, one <a href="#">Mitigating Economic and Geopolitical Risk (MERG) checklist</a> must also be completed. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No:</b> You are not required to complete the Ontario attestation form or MERG checklist.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Research Security Guidelines for Ontario Research Funding Programs</a></li><li>• <a href="#">U of T Guidance on Completing the Mitigating Economic and Geopolitical Risk Checklist and Attestation Forms</a></li></ul>
4. You are applying for <b>US federal funding</b> .	Federal funding bodies have internal research security requirements, including reporting obligations for participation in foreign talent recruitment programs. Please contact the Research Security Team for more guidance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">US Research Security Standards</a></li></ul>

## University of Toronto (U of T) Research Security Team

The Research Security Team is here to help you. Services include providing guidance for research security processes, conducting partnership due diligence reviews, advising on completed NSGRP-RAFs and assessing graduate, PhD and post-doctoral offers for eligibility to participate in grant-funded research. **Contact us at [researchsecurity@utoronto.ca](mailto:researchsecurity@utoronto.ca) or visit [Safeguarding Research](#).**