# Canada's Research Security Framework

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| Initiatives or Measures | Implementation Status | Description of Initiatives or Measures | Date |
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| *Coordination & Dialogue with Academic Sector* | ✓ | **Government of Canada - Universities Working Group**: established to inform policy development and collaboratively identify, share, and promote best practices to mitigate security risks, protect data and intellectual property. | 2018 - Ongoing |
| *Online Research Security Portal* | ✓ | **Safeguarding Your Research Portal**: an online repository of resources (i.e., online courses, case studies, etc.) meant to raise awareness on research security. | 2020 - Ongoing |
| *FPT Engagement* | ✓ | **Federal Engagement with PTs**: to develop complementary measures to identify, assess, and mitigate national security risks to Canada's research ecosystem. | 2020 - Ongoing |
| *Partnership Risk Assessment* | ✓ | **National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships**: used for identifying, analyzing, and mitigating national security risks in research partnerships. Currently applicable to some federal funding programs with a private partner. | 2021 - Ongoing, Expansion in Progress |
| *Outreach* | ✓ | **Multidepartment Initiatives**: to raise awareness and share best practices on research security through several federal platforms, for example - Public Safety's Safeguarding Science initiative, CSIS' threat briefings, and CSE's Cyber Security Centre. | 2021 - Ongoing, Expansion in Progress |
| *International Engagement* | ✓ | **Bilateral and Multilateral Dialogues**: engagement with likeminded countries and various organizations to develop an evidence-informed and comprehensive strategy to research security (i.e., G7, OECD, and 5EYES). | 2021 - Ongoing |
| *Research Security Centre* | ✓ | **Canada's Research Security Centre**: located at Public Safety Canada and mandated to provide guidance and advice to the research community and research institutions on how to protect their research. | 2023 - Ongoing |
| *Affiliations of Concern in Sensitive Technology Research Areas* | ***Awaiting Announcement*** | **February 2023 Statement on Research Security and Implementation Framework:** February statement being implemented, including list of sensitive research areas and list of research performing institutions of concern. | 2023 - Pending Announcement |