



INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

GOAL 2: STRENGTHEN UBC'S PRESENCE AS A GLOBALLY INFLUENTIAL UNIVERSITY

Objective: Strengthening our Global Presence

Purpose:

UBC is a globally significant university at the centre of research and teaching on major issues facing humanity. Our International engagement is more than a function – it is an enabler and facilitator of every aspect of scholarly endeavour, from the individual level interactions of colleagues and students, to institutional and multi-sectoral strategic initiatives that further the capacity and opportunities of each organization involved.

Definition:

Total International Research Funding:

Measure the total value of all international research funding at UBC. In combination with other metrics in Goal 1, total international research funding provides evidence of the level of international research activity at UBC.

Number and percentage of publications with international co-authors:

To track the level of international scholarly engagement of UBC faculty members with their international colleagues. In combination with other metrics under Goal 2, this measure is an indicator of the engagement of UBC scholars in international collaborations. Data obtained using the publicly available data at SCImago, from Scopus/Elsevier.

Place of UBC in leading international ranking lists (THE, ARWU):

To track UBC's global ranking status. Global rankings (ARWU: Academic Ranking of World Universities, THE: Times Higher Education), are recognized and externally determined markers of UBC's global reputation. In combination with other metrics under Goal 2, global rankings provide insight into UBC's global standings, and provide benchmarking data for comparison with similar institutions.

Overall Metrics (UBC-wide):

		UBC		
		2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Total International Research Funding		\$55.29	\$59.75	\$70.01
Publications with International Co-authors	Number	4165	4358	4332
	Percentage	47.3%	49.6%	51.8%
Institutional Rankings	AWRU	39	40	37
	THE	22	30	31

Explanation of the Results and Next Steps

Total International Research Funding: International funding, US and other Foreign, showed a strong 17% increase compared to FY13. The increase was consistent across all sectors from Industry to Non-Profit and Foreign Government. A strong US dollar did lead to a currency exchange gain for US dollar awards but even with this growth was solid in FY14. Growth in International funding continued to be felt across all sectors and engagement with foreign sponsors helps

diversify the funding landscape.

Next Steps: Retain focus on international research engagement and opportunities and explore further opportunities in FY15. Monitor total international research funding trends on an annual basis, as well as the major research funding programs, to determine how best to strengthen our efforts to promote international engagement at UBC.

Percentage of Publications with International Co-authors: The percentage of these publications continues to indicate a healthy and sustainable level of international research collaboration occurring across a range of fields at UBC.

Next Steps: Monitor annually to ensure that UBC researchers are appropriately supported to maintain and grow UBC’s global presence.

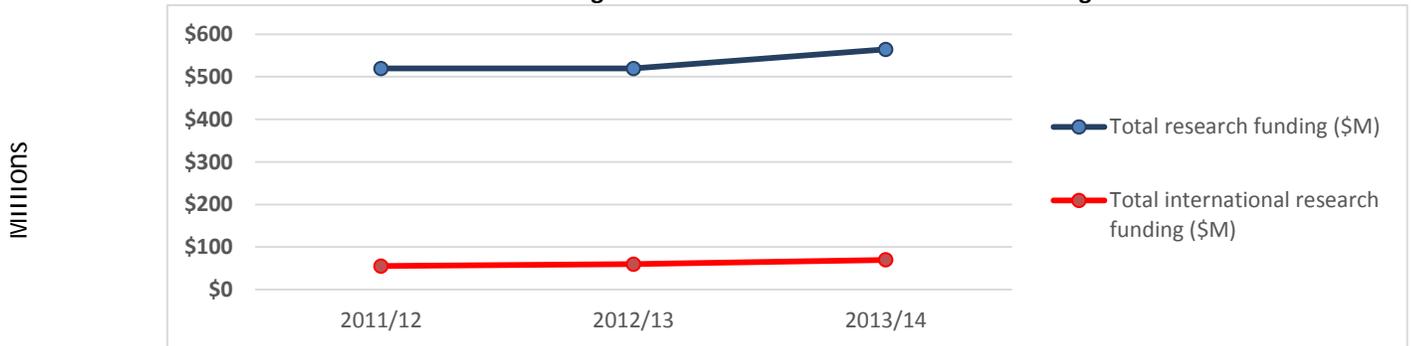
Institutional Rankings – ARWU and THE: Rankings from both ARWU and THE have remained relatively stable. THE has released its 2014-15 report, and UBC ranks 32 in the world. Data included in the table above represents the three prior fiscal cycles, to maintain consistency across all metrics categories for the current reporting cycle.

Next Steps: Monitor UBC’s international rankings, assess trends and benchmark against similar institutions.

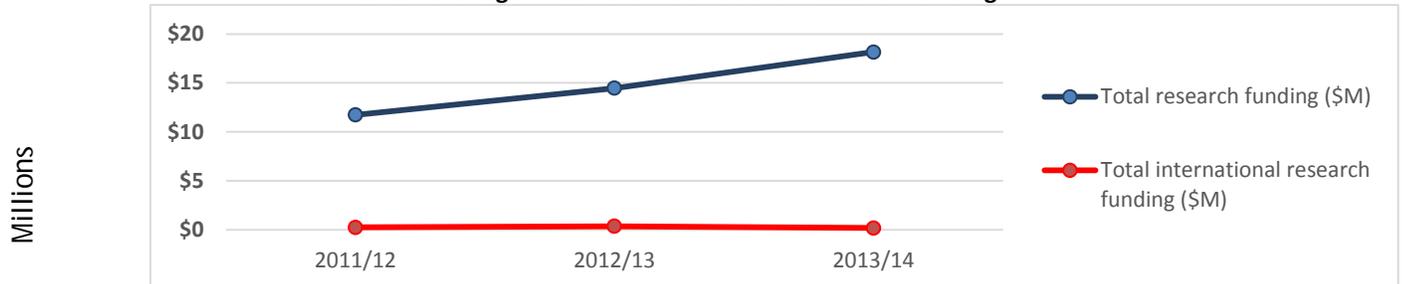
Total International Research Funding:*

	UBC - Okanagan			UBC - Vancouver and Okanagan		
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Total research funding (\$M)	11.74	14.47	18.16	519.47	519.61	564.28
Total international research funding (\$M)	0.24	0.35	.17	55.29	59.75	70.01

UBC - Vancouver and Okanagan Total and International Research Funding



UBC - Okanagan Total and International Research Funding



NOTES: *Data obtained from RISE; Total research funding is from all sources and includes international; Total international research funding includes all sources external to Canada; Total research funding is the amount of funding per fiscal year. Grants awarded over a multi-year period are allocated in RISE into annual funding amounts.

Supplementary Visuals

Number and Percentage of Publications with International Co-authors:

University of British Columbia	Overall	2012	2013	2014
(n) publications	12855	4165	4358	4332
(%) publications	49.5	47.3	49.6	51.8

Data set: Collaboration by year. Year range: 2012 to 2014. Data source: Scopus. Date last updated: 16-Feb-15.

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Place of UBC in leading international ranking lists (THE, ARWU):

THE World University Ranking Report 2014-15:

<http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/world-university-rankings/2014-15/world-ranking>.

ARWU (Academic Ranking of

World Universities) Report 2014: <http://www.shanghairanking.com/ARWU2014.html>