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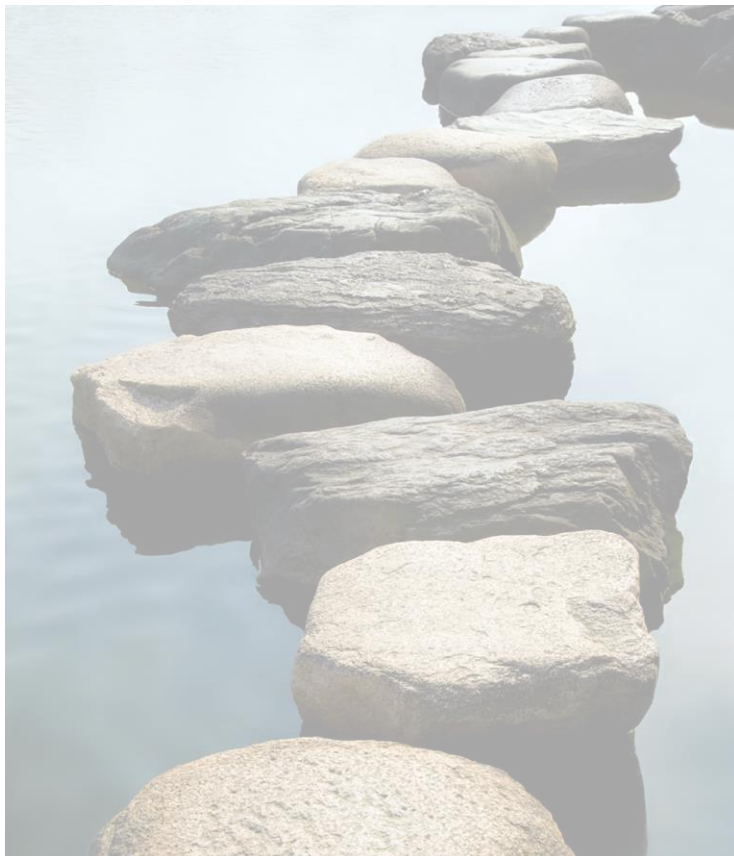
Building a **safe and resilient Canada**
Bâtir un **Canada sécuritaire et résilient**



Agenda

- Evolution of Research Security in Canada
- Implementation of the Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern (STRAC)
- The Roles & Responsibilities of Federal Organizations
- The Centre and its Team
- Our Mandate
- Available Resources

Evolution of Research Security in Canada



- **July 2021** - Implementation of the [National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships](#) (NSERC Alliance Pilot Project)
- **April 2022** - [Federal Budget](#) allotted resources to improve Canada's research security posture and establish a Research Security Centre
- **January 2023** - Research Security Centre Operational
- **February 2023** - [Ministerial Statement](#) on Protecting Canada's Research
- **January 2024** - [Ministerial Statement](#) on New Measures to Protect Research

Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern

- Grant applications relating to a prescribed sensitive technology research area will not be funded if any member of the research team is affiliated with, or in receipt of funding or in-kind support, from a named research organization that pose a risk to Canada's national security.
- For clarity, the Policy is supported by two lists that are non-exhaustive and country agnostic:
 - [Sensitive Technology Research Areas](#)
 - [Named Research Organizations](#)

Policy Process Overview

- Key questions for researchers prior to applying for a federal grant:
 1. Does the grant application involve work that advances a sensitive technology research area? If yes:
 2. Are any of the researchers involved on the project affiliated with, or receiving funding or in-kind support from a Named Research Organization?
- All members of the research team will be required to comply with the policy through an attestation scheme.
- Details on the attestation process is forthcoming.
- Policy to be implemented in Spring 2024.

Roles & Responsibilities of Federal Organizations

Innovation, Science Economic and Development (ISED):

- Responsible for the development of the Research Security Policy; co-chairs the Government-Universities Working Group; hosts the Safeguarding Your Research Portal

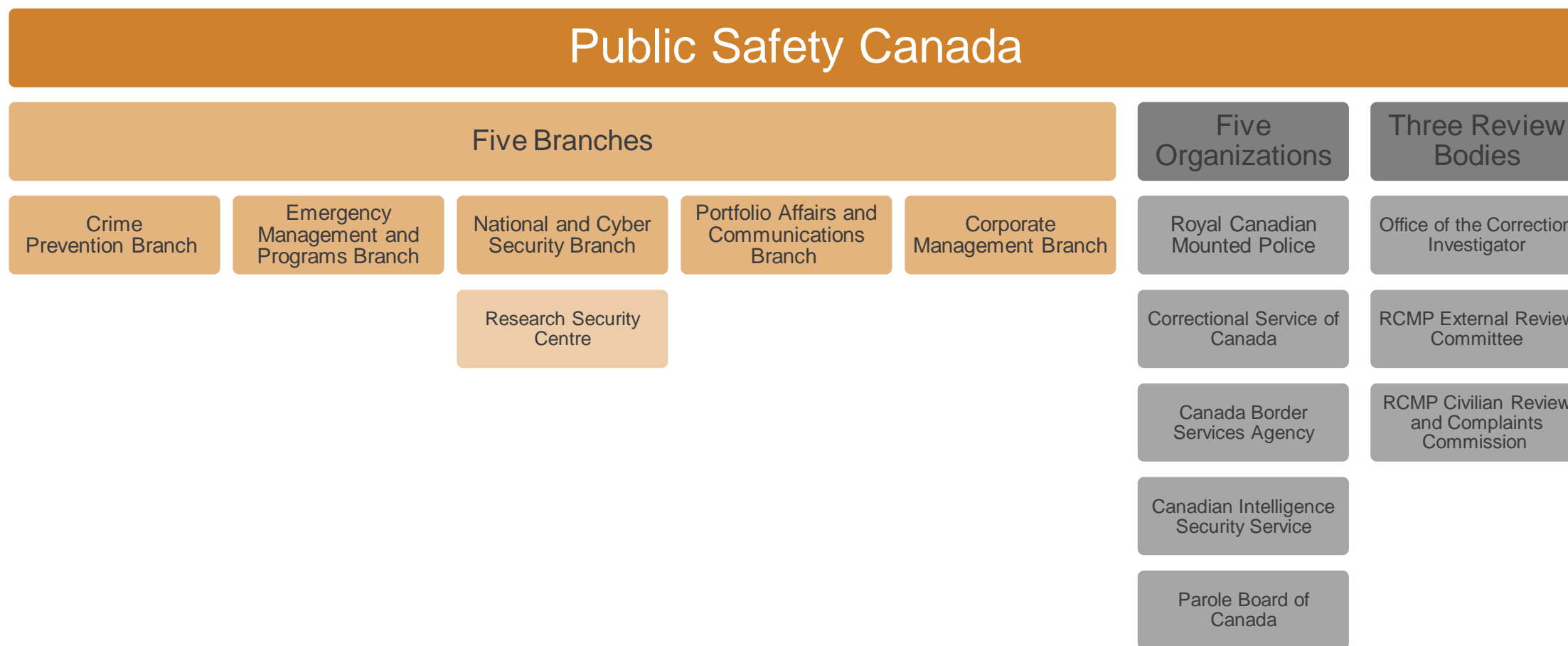
Federal Granting Agencies (NSERC, CIHR, SSHRC, CFI):

- Provides federal funding for institutions; administer *National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships*

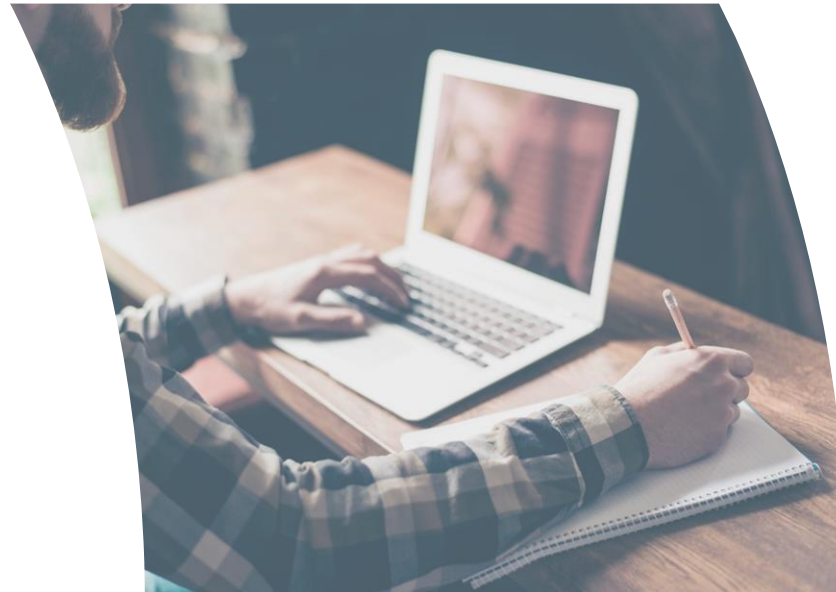
Public Safety (PS):

- Coordinates national security assessments under the Guidelines
- Safeguarding Science workshops; working to develop an additional suite of research security-related resources

PS Organizational Structure



The Research Security Centre

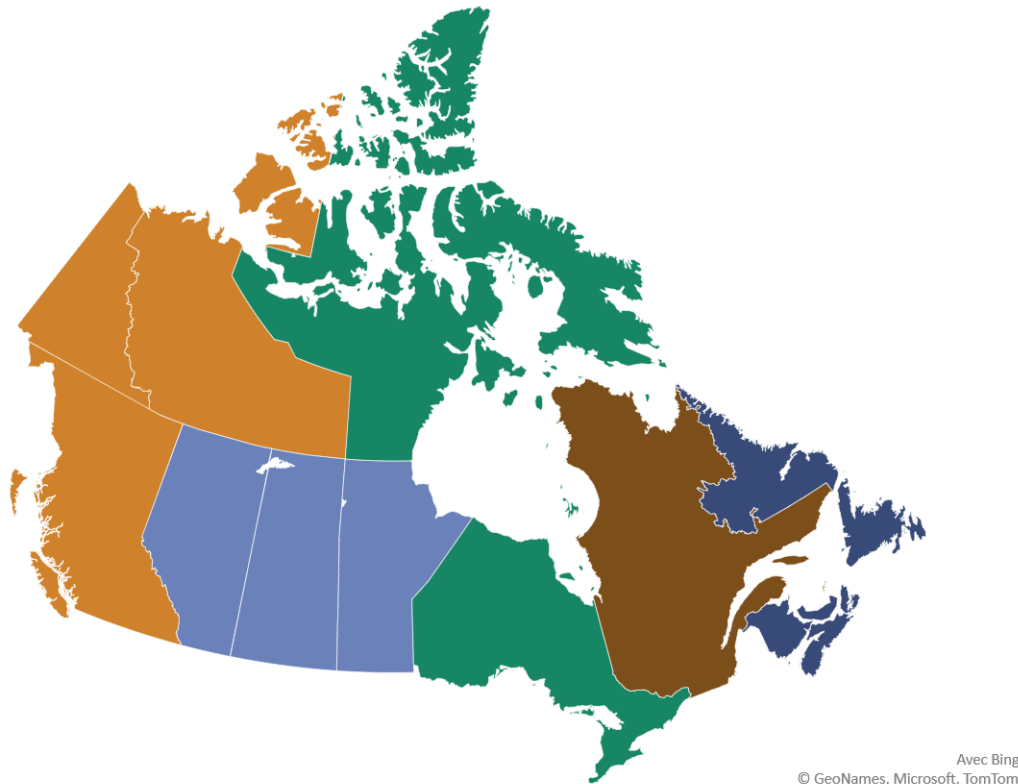


Team of 12 people

- Ottawa
- Provinces and territories

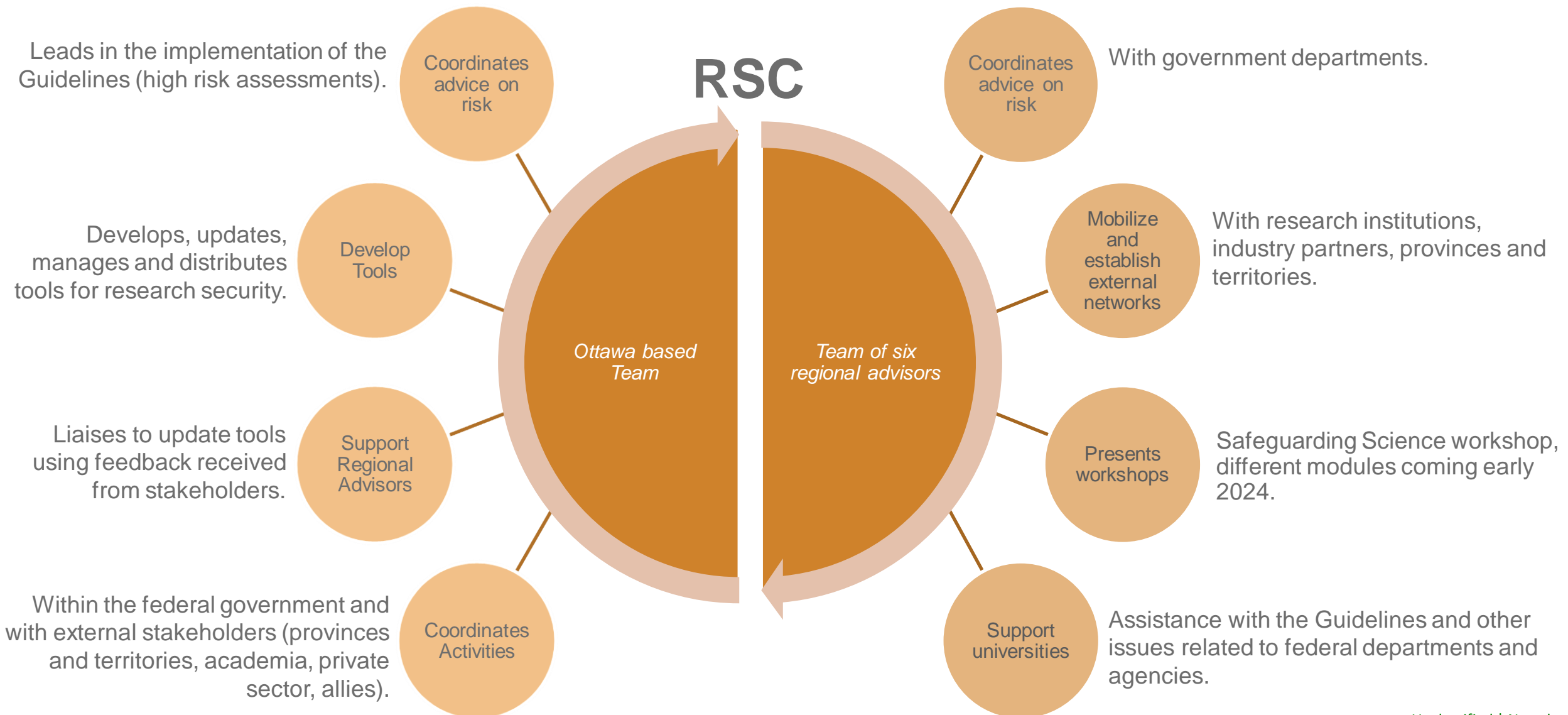


Regional Advisors

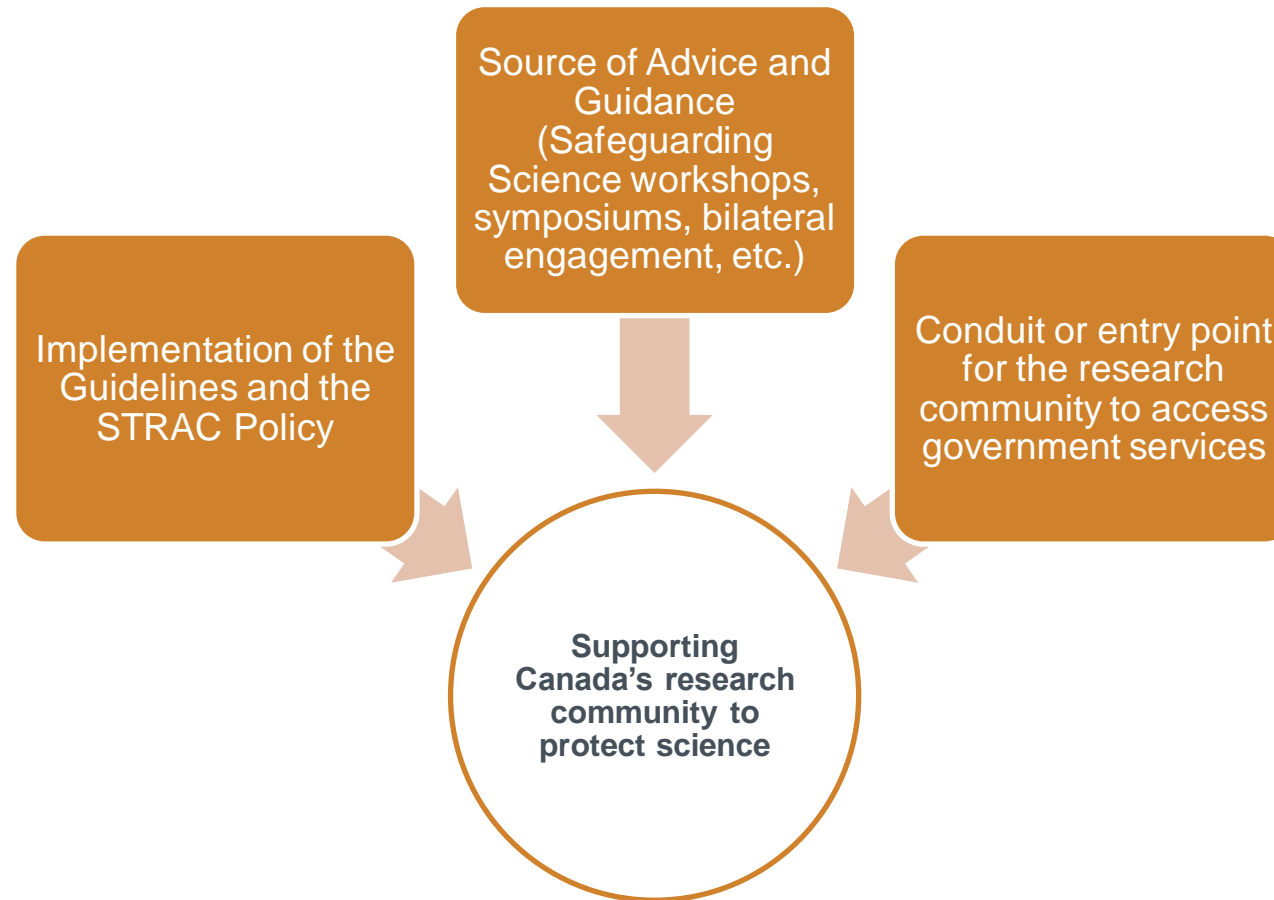


- British Columbia/Yukon/N.W.T (Nigel Fitch)
- Prairies (Erin Dorgan)
- Ontario/Nunavut (Jennifer Weese & Todd Bielarczyk)
- Québec (Laurie-Eve Rioux)
- Atlantic (Beth Cainen)

Our Mandate



Main areas of focus



How to receive support?



Safeguarding Science Workshop



- The workshops have been in place since 2016, with a revised version launched in February 2024.
- Workshops are geared towards academia, and contain up-to-date information on the risk environment, as well as applicable guidelines and policies.
- We are working on the development of specific modules to ensure presentations are adapted to the needs of the universities.

Available Resources

- [Safeguarding your Research Portal](#)
- [Mitigating Your Research Security Risks](#)
- [Research Security Training Courses](#)
- **New:** [Safeguarding Research Partnerships with Open Source Due Diligence](#)
- **New:** [Conducting Open-Source Due Diligence](#)
- **New:** [Safeguarding Research in Canada: A Guide for University Policies and Practices](#)
- [National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships](#)



Thank you

Public Safety welcomes any input or comments on Canada's current Research Security initiatives.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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