

# UHN Research Solutions and Services

2016 Department Overview

Research Solutions and Services (RSS) comprises 278 staff across 15 departments that facilitate high-calibre research at University Health Network (UHN).

**Animal Resources Centre** provides facilities and support for biomedical research involving animal models of human diseases, including procurement, housing, husbandry, technical services, veterinary consultation and medical care. The facility is fully accredited by the Canadian Council on Animal Care.

**Clinical Research Support Systems** provides support, training and guidance for researchers to access clinical research systems and complete the processes necessary to conduct research involving humans at UHN. The team manages the non-oncology Clinical Research Record (CRR; an online tool linked to the Electronic Patient Record), Coordinated Approval Process for Clinical Research (CAPCR; a web-based application to obtain all the approvals required for research involving human subjects, including Research Ethics Board approval) and Institutional Authorization (IA) resources.

**Clinical Trial Agreements** provides support for drafting and negotiating all human subjects research agreements.

**Grant and Contract Services** supports the funding awards process through grant application management and post-award administration.

**Office of Research Trainees** registers all trainees at UHN, enhances the quality of the research training and mentoring experience, facilitates information exchange and interaction among trainees and assists trainees in obtaining external funding.

**Research Ethics Review Services** ensures that all research involving human participants conducted at UHN adheres to the highest scientific and ethical standards.

**Research Facilities Planning & Safety** provides support in space management, relocation, capital equipment procurement, construction/renovation, corporate grant administration and research safety.

**Research Financial Services** administers finances from federal, provincial, international and private grants and contracts.

**Research Information Systems** provides computing support, file and data management, application development and training across all sites.

**Research Laboratory Services** ensures that day-to-day laboratory operations needs are met, including sterilization services, supply centres and media facilities.

**Research Program Planning & Analysis** provides research activity reporting and bibliometric analysis for individuals, departments and programs.

**Research Quality Integration** conducts internal audits of clinical studies, ensures regulatory compliance and safeguards the rights and safety of research personnel and study participants through policy, standards and training.

**Strategic Research Initiatives Development** develops corporate grant proposals, manages the UHN Research profile and prepares communications and special projects for the Office of the Executive Vice President, Science and Research.

**Technology Development & Commercialization** works with researchers to create new intellectual property and advance it towards innovative commercial applications.

**Training & Development** develops and implements mandatory training programs for all research personnel through eLearning modules and classroom training sessions.