

Reducing Administrative Burden in Canada (ABC)



More time for research, less time on
admin & paperwork, better information

Who is Involved?

- CASRAI as convenor and secretariat: Consortia Advancing Standards in Research Administration Information
- A Steering Committee comprising stakeholder groups representing research performing organizations and issues
- Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and federal funders
- Anyone who wishes to join a Working Group

ABC Steering Cttee

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The Context for ABC

The Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Strategy 2014

- Our government will work with the post-secondary sector and other research-funders to **reduce the administrative burden associated with research**, while maintaining a strong commitment to uphold our high standards of research excellence and accountability ...

The ABC Initiative

- A partnership initiative led by stakeholder groups involving post-secondary institutions
- Supports and informs efforts at Ministry of Innovation, Science & Economic Development (ISED), the funding agencies, and institutions to achieve a tangible reduction in the adverse impacts of undue research administration burden in the Canadian research ecosystem.

ABC – Seven Thematic Thrusts

LifeCycle Step	Examples
Personnel Recruitment	International recruitment, work permits, etc.
Program Design	Eligibility, applications, deadlines, etc.
Financial Compliance	Reporting, monitoring and audit
Non-Financial Compliance	Human and animal ethics, controlled goods, etc.
Post-Award Management	Negotiation of funding agreements, inter-institutional transfers, project charges
Reporting	Progress/Performance/Impace
Scholarly Communications	Open access, open data

http://ref.casrai.org/Admin_Burden_in_Canada/Issues

Current ABC Priorities

1. Harmonized, machine-readable, funding announcements
2. Balancing risk and control in auditing/monitoring low risk & low dollar value internal charges
3. Canadian Common CV
4. **ORCID in Canada**