



# 2024/25 RSAW Priorities

Mid-year update



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RSAW**



**Increase the  
impact of  
RSAW at  
USask**



**Increase RSAW  
revenue and  
supports to amplify  
USask RSAW**



**Prioritize  
Indigenous  
RSAW and  
researchers**



**Increase health  
research at  
USask**



# Support researchers to do RSAW

- Human ethics processing times
- Funding in place for new ethics application software
- Inventions MOA
- Coordinating research facilitation efforts across USask
- More flexibility in faculty startup funding
- Responsible Conduct of Research – software to enable researchers to pre-screen for plagiarism
- Implementation of RSAW infrastructure tracking and booking system

# Increase the impact of RSAW at USask

- RSAW planning with colleges and schools
  - Discussions underway to support the plans
- GIEMS and Nuclear Innovation
  - IAEA nuclear energy school
  - Nuclear science chairs from SaskPower
- TEDx USask event
- Launching the Signature Series podcast
- Impact-driven media events (eg. CEPI/VIDO, Nutrien)
- Moving innovation to industry: Opus has actively engaged over 600 people this year through programs and services





# Increase RSAW revenue and supports

- \$24M from Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (VIDO), \$15M from Nutrien (Ag Bio)
- Incubation of research clusters targeting NFRF & CFREF
- NSERC Alliance Society Grant Catalyst program
- SSHRC Bridge Funding for IG and IDG
- Horizon Europe
- Leverage Agricultural Development Fund – NSERC Alliance Advantage – Mitacs
- USask-US working group to amplify our links with the US
- Recruiting a new tri-agency lead for NSERC

# Prioritize Indigenous RSAW and researchers

- Indigenous Peoples Signature Area leadership
- Métis Nation-Saskatchewan/ USask relationship
  - MOU
  - Métis Institute for Research and Governance





# Increase health research at USask

- Create health sciences governance and administrative structure to support RSAW
- Collaborate with Saskatchewan Health Authority and the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency to facilitate access and data sharing
- Revisioning of the clinical trials services unit

# Scholarly and Artistic works highlights

- Books published:
  - *It's Nation Time* by Dr. Jerry White
  - *For the Public Good: Reimagining Arts Graduate Programs in Canadian Universities* by Dr. Loleen Berdahl, Dr. Jonathan Molloy and Dr. Lisa Young
- School for the Arts
- Drama performance to celebrate the international year of quantum science and technology
- Nuit Blanche Eve event: weaving creativity and community at USask



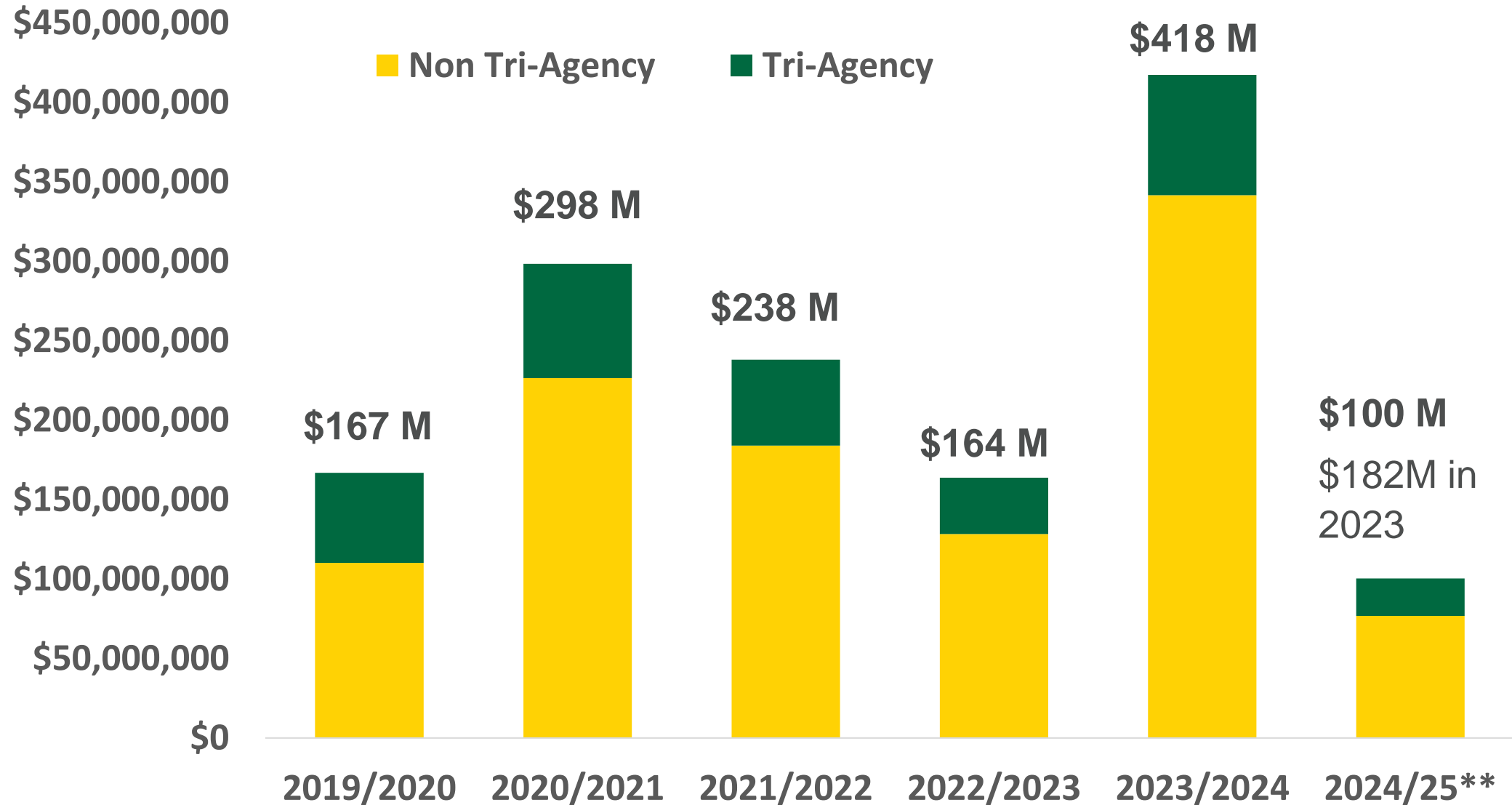




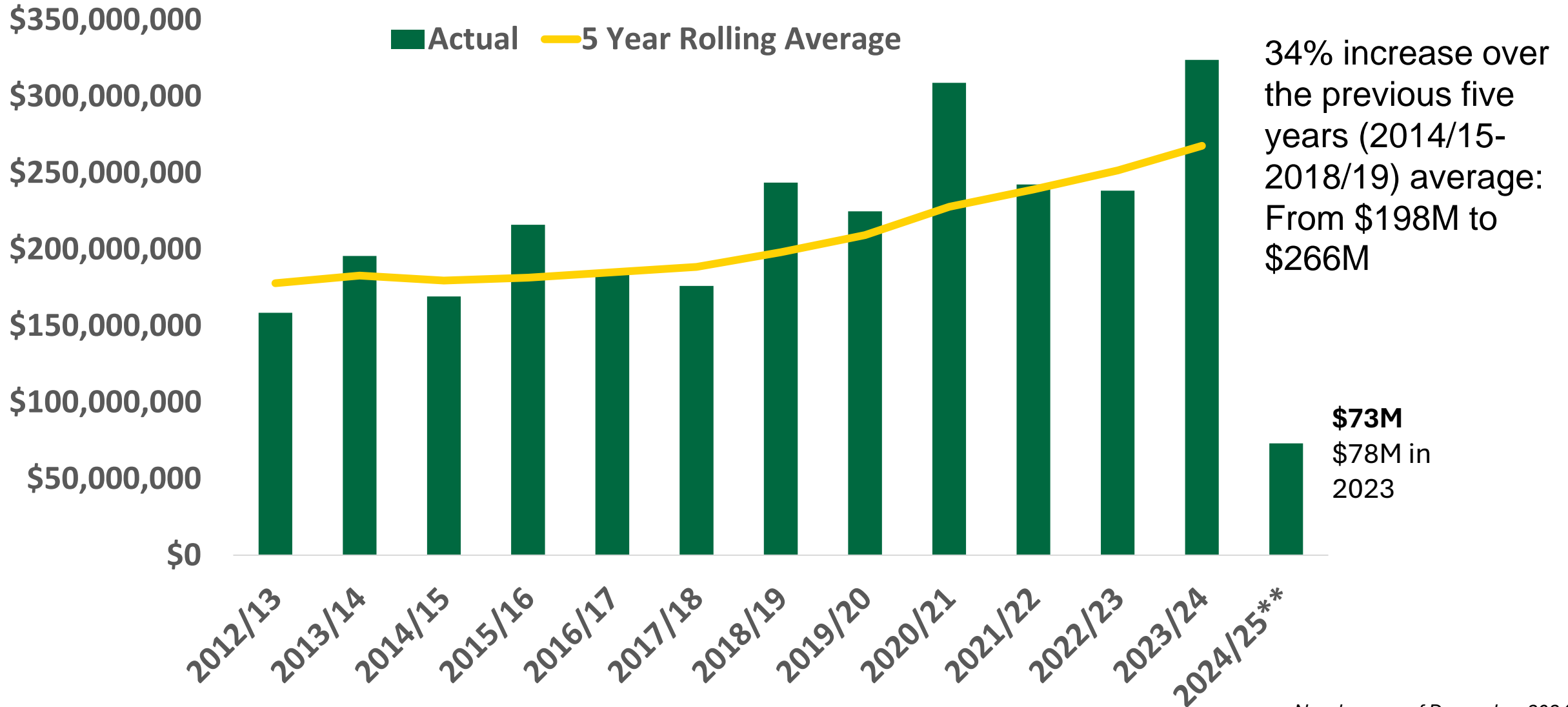
# Internationalization

- **Germany** – partnerships with Nuclidium & DAAD, connections with Horizon Europe
- **Bangladesh** – Grad student recruitment, research chairs, Ag tech centre
- **India** – Major source of international students and research partnerships in animal health.
- **Brazil** - Rebuilding and strengthening institutional connections for collaboration.

# Awarded Research - Status



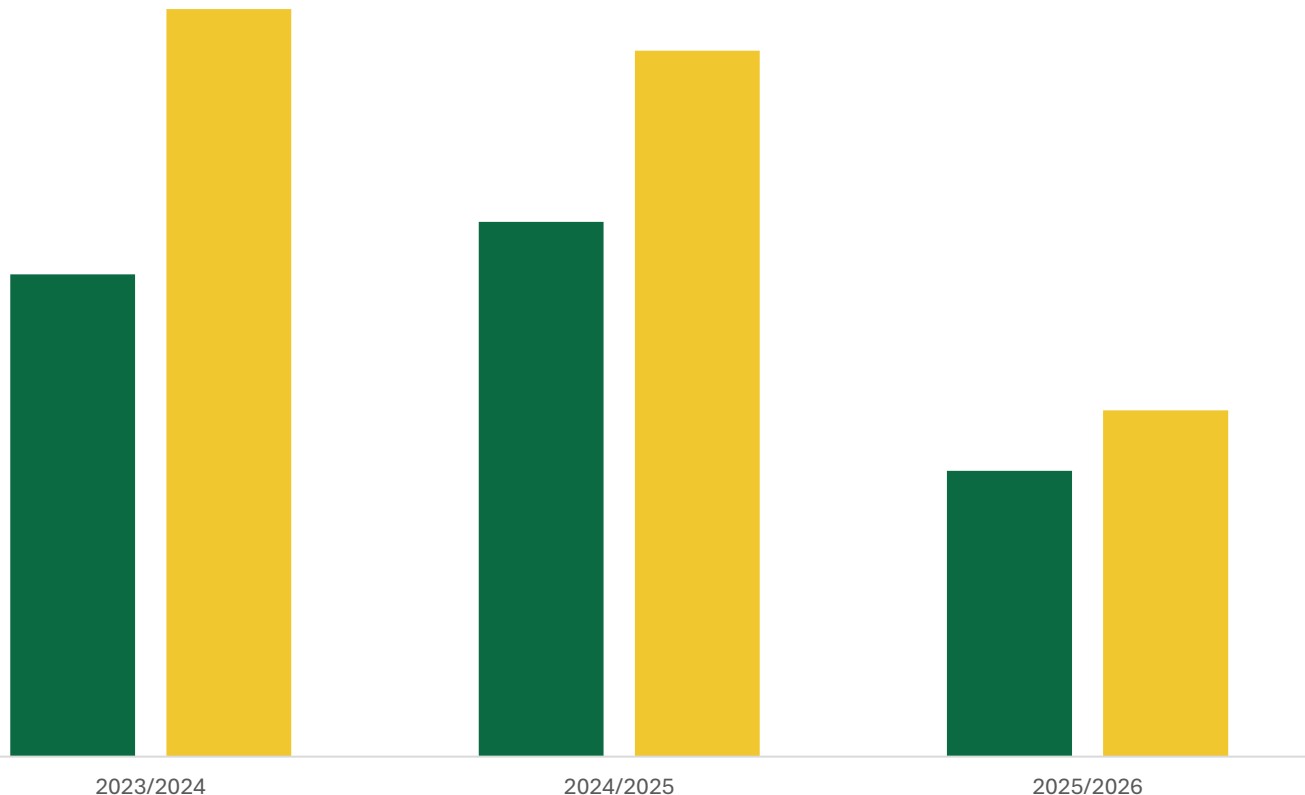
# Research Revenue - Status



# Graduate Student – Applications

International Applications by Program Type

■ Professional ■ Research



## Overall applications ↓ 34%

- International down by 49% but holding and offset by a 33% ↑ in domestic applications

## Department recommends ↑ 28%

- Recommendation for admission made by units are stabilizing and up in both domestic and international markets

## Confirmation of acceptance ↑ 19%

- +51 students have confirmed acceptance of their admission offers; +2 domestic, +49 international



Thank you

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