

Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i



2022-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN

The 2022-2026 RCUH Strategic Plan was created by the RCUH Leadership Team and adopted by the RCUH Board of Directors on December 14, 2021. It serves as the basis of a living document to be reviewed annually. Although the primary goals will remain relatively constant, additions and revisions may be made to the objectives and benchmarks as conditions change.

GOAL 1: EVALUATE AND IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE RCUH TASK FORCE		2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
OBJECTIVE	BENCHMARKS					
A. Update the UH/RCUH Internal Agreement	 Evaluate and determine an appropriate fee structure between UH and RCUH 					
	 Create specific guidelines for UH and RCUH roles, responsibilities, expectations, and obligations 					
	 Complete negotiations no later than April 30, 2022 with an effective date of June 30, 2023 					
	4. Include a clause that requires a review of the Internal Agreement every five years (or earlier)					
	5. Evaluate decoupling major infrastructure investments from the UH management fee					
B. Determine the appropriate level of and proper use of RCUH's reserves, line of credit	 Develop policy regarding appropriate RCUH reserve levels and use, including coverage of UH/RCUH liabilities 					
	 Provide board report specific to annual reserve usage 					
	8. Evaluate purpose and need for line of credit					
C. Collaborate with UH in an effort to minimize IT costs	9. Collaborate with UH IT on replacement of RCUH's AS 400 system					
	10. Collaborate with UH IT on solicitation and implementation of MFA system					
	11. Determine and evaluate areas for possible integration between UH and RCUH systems					
GOAL 2: CLARIFY RCUH'S IDENTITY WITH UH AND THE STATE.		022	023	024	025	026
OBJECTIVE	BENCHMARKS	2	2	2	2	2
A. Clearly define RCUH's role and relationship with UH, State of Hawai'i	12. Revisit the RCUH/State of Hawai'i's Master Agreement and determine if an update or clarification is necessary					
	 Engage with stakeholders to establish guidelines, expectations for RCUH's scope of work 					
	 Evaluate and possibly revise RCUH's mission, vision statement 					
B. Ensure stakeholders understand RCUH's role and limitations	15. Increase engagement with board members					
	 Develop marketing strategy, materials for outreach purposes 					
	 Educate government agencies, private companies, not-for-profits about RCUH's services and capabilities 					

GOAL 3: REFORM RCUH'S INTERNAL OPERATIONS.		022)23	124	125	126
OBJECTIVE	BENCHMARKS	20	20	20	20	20
A. Identify and implement efficiencies in RCUH's operations	 Evaluate internal procedures and streamline for efficiencies 					
	 Perform operational audit/SWOT analysis and consider recommendations for improvements 					
	20. Identify and prioritize RCUH services to accommodate budget reduction, if necessary					
	 Evaluate current roles/positions to consider modification of RCUH's organizational chart 					
	22. Develop a formal remote work policy					
	23. Establish a single physical location for core staff					
B. Invest in development of RCUH core staff	24. Professional development plan for core staff developed and implemented as necessary and appropriate for each position					
	25. Develop SOPs for each core staff position					
	26. Utilize and implement feedback from core staff					
	27. Increase retention of core staff					
C. Ensure systems are secure and in compliance with applicable policies, regulations	28. Perform security audit of RCUH practices and consider recommendations for improvements					
	29. Implement MFA for all RCUH systems no later than calendar year 2022					
	30. Develop and implement an action plan for data and systems security					
	31. Conduct random inspections to ensure internal policies are being followed					
D. Reduce the administrative burden for researchers	32. Re-evaluate RCUH's policies and procedures by the end of 2023; modify as appropriate					
	33. Develop digital user guides, manuals for RCUH transactions					
E. Enhance IT systems to reduce manual processes and eliminate paper documents*	34. Re-evaluate and prioritize IT initiatives based					
	on available budget 35. Replace AS 400 system					
	36. Develop electronic service order processing					
	for intramural/revolving accounts * Additional benchmarks will be added at a later time					
	* Additional benchmarks will be added at a later time upon re-evaluation of the 2020 IT Transformation Plan, and dependent upon available funds					

GOAL 4: INCREASE ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH TO CLIENTS.		022	023	024	025	026
OBJECTIVE	BENCHMARKS	2(2(50	2(50
A. Strengthen relationships with Pls, FAs, and Project Staff	37. Consider focus groups with Pls, FAs, and Project Staff to generate ideas on efficiencies and create consistencies					
	38. Schedule annual meetings on all islands for RCUH Leadership Team and Pls					
	39. Conduct virtual Q&A sessions each quarter on various RCUH-related topics					
	40. Coordinate professional development opportunities for project staff					
B. Improve external communications to projects	 Develop communication strategy based on use of current platforms 					
	42. Respond to inquiries in a timely manner					
	43. Conduct annual forum on research-related topics					
	44. Collaborate with UH on transparency and use of targeted communications (consider adoption or modification for RCUH needs)					

2022 ANNUAL PLAN

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