

Cape Breton University

Research Support Fund 2016-2017

What is the Research Support Fund Program?

The Research Support Fund (RSF) program is funded by the Government of Canada to assist Canadian post-secondary institutions with the costs associated with managing their research enterprise and helping universities and colleges to maintain a world-class research environment. This permanent program provides Canadian universities and colleges with an annual grant to help pay for a portion of their indirect costs of research. See <http://www.rsf-fsr.gc.ca/home> for more information about the program.



What are the Indirect Costs of Research?

The term “indirect costs” refers to the central and departmental administrative costs that institutions incur to support research which are not attributable to specific research projects. In other words, the costs institutions must cover to allow research activities to take place. Indirect costs can be divided into five general categories.

Questions about the RSF should be directed towards CBU’s Major Research Projects Officer

How is the Research Support Fund Calculated?

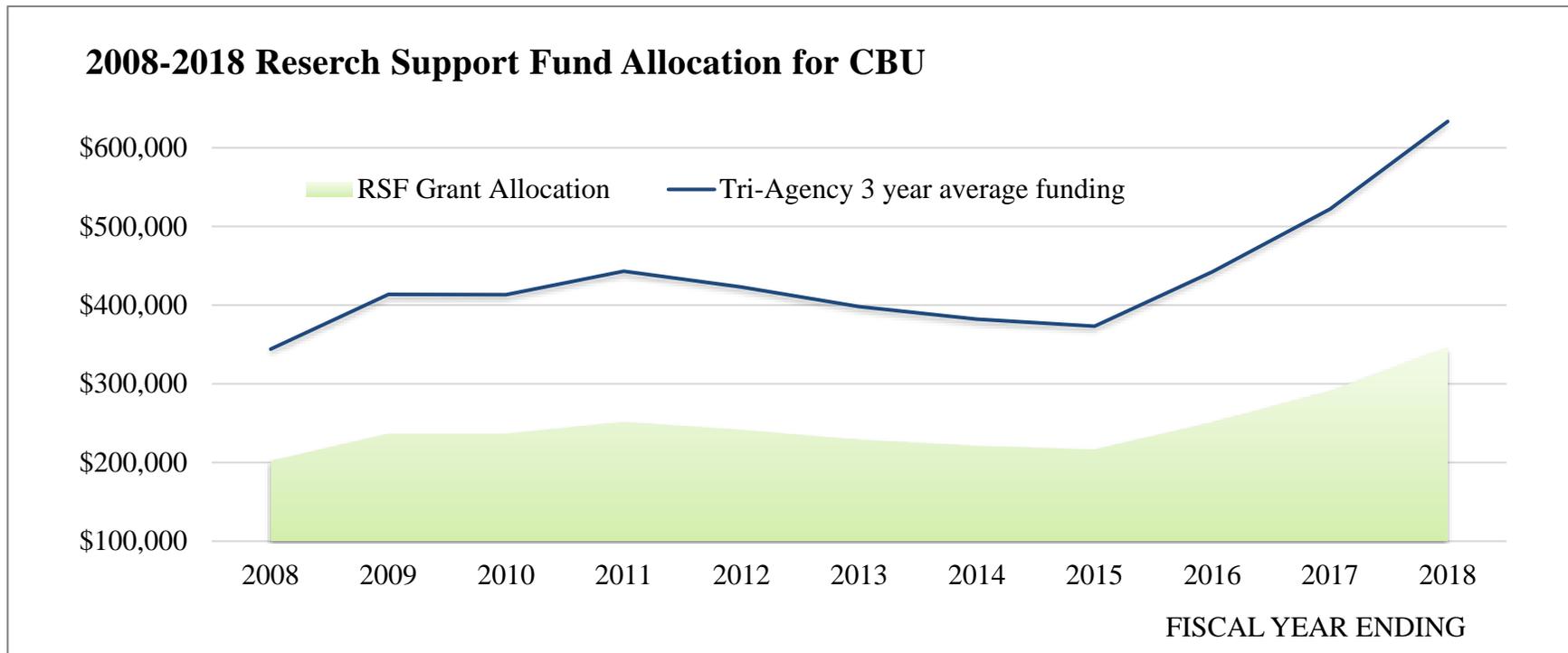
Grants are based on funding that institutions have received from the three federal granting agencies in the three years preceding the grant cycle.

| Average revenues from CIHR, NSERC & SSHRC | Funding from Research Support Fund |
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| First \$100,000 | 80% |
| Next \$900,000 | 50% |
| Next \$6 million | 40% |

This formula provides higher rates of funding for the institutions that receive the least amount of money from the federal research granting agencies. In this way, the Research Support Fund helps smaller universities and colleges provide adequate support to their research programs and strengthen their research capacity. See also <http://www.rsfsr.gc.ca/apply-demande/calculations-eng.aspx>

How Much Is CBU Allocated?

In 2016-2017, we were allocated \$291,112. We were also informed of our allocation for 2017-2018, which is \$346,724.



How Does CBU use the Institutional Allocation?

Total CBU Allocation of Research Support Fund in 2016-2017 was \$291,112

Expenditures incurred in 2016-2017:

4% Research Facilities

\$10,538 towards support for research area space

15% Research Resources

\$42,873 to library operating costs & administration

71% Management & Administration

\$208,854 contributed towards:

- Institutional support for completing grant applications and proposals
 - Human resources and payroll
 - Financial and audit costs
- Research planning, promotion and public relations

7% Regulatory requirements and accreditation

\$20,142 for tech support for animal care & handling of dangerous materials and ethics board review

3% Intellectual Property

\$8,705 for administration of agreements and partnerships with industry, invention patent applications, and associated legal fees

