

# Cape Breton University

## Research Support Fund 2019-2020

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### 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> for more information about the program.

### What are the Indirect Costs of Research?



The “indirect costs of research” 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: research facilities (includes renovations, upgrades, maintenance and operation of research spaces, labs, research offices, etc.); research resources (acquisition of library holdings, information resources, insurance on research equipment, etc.); management and administration of the institution’s research enterprise (salaries of research support staff, financial and audit costs, information system software, databases, training, etc.); regulatory requirements and accreditation (ethics boards costs, faculty and research personnel training, health and safety, animal care, etc.); and intellectual property and knowledge mobilization (patent applications, technology transfer, licensing, administration of partnership agreements, development of incubators)

## How is the Research Support Fund Calculated?

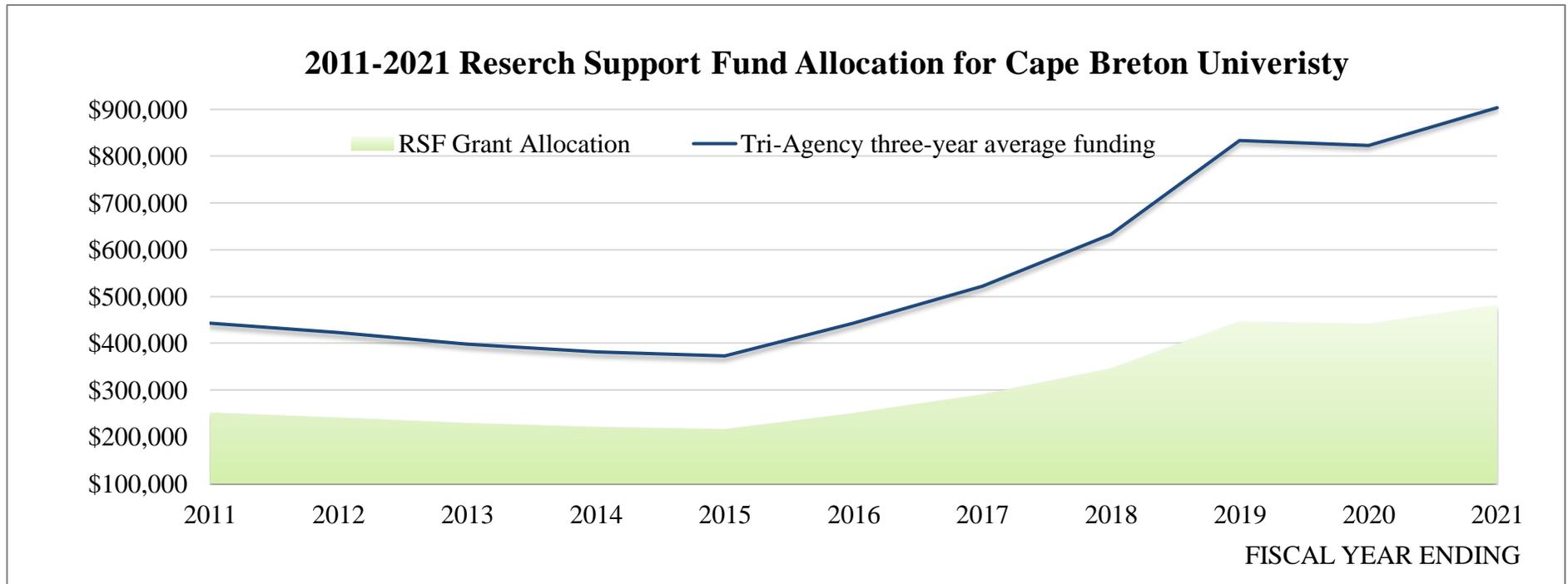
Grants are based on funding that institutions have received from the three federal granting agencies in the three years preceding the grant cycle.

Average revenues from CIHR, NSERC & SSHRC	Funding from Research Support Fund
First \$100,000	80%
Next \$900,000	50%
Next \$6 million	40%
Balance	Percentage calculated annually, based on the total amount available.

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 2019-2020, CBU was allocated \$441,728. We were also informed of our allocation for 2020-2021, which is \$481,838.



# How did CBU use the Institutional Allocation?

**Total CBU Allocation of Research Support Fund in 2019-2020: \$441,728**

## Expenditures incurred in 2019-2020:

**11.9% Research Facilities**

\$52,549 towards support for research facilities space

**11.9% Research Resources**

\$52,415 to library operating costs & administration

**61.6% Management & Administration**

\$272,088 contributed towards:

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

**7.7% Regulatory requirements and accreditation**

\$34,123 for tech support for animal care & handling of dangerous materials and training

**6.9% Intellectual Property**

\$30,553 for administration of agreements and support for partnerships with industry, invention patent applications, and associated legal fees

