

Research Support Fund (RSF) Institutional Performance Outcomes 2023-2024

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 of managing their research enterprise and maintaining a world-class research environment. This permanent program provides Canadian universities and colleges with an annual grant to pay a portion of their indirect costs of research. See <https://www.rsf-fsr.gc.ca> for more information about the program.

What are the indirect costs of research?

"Indirect costs of research" refers to the central and departmental administrative costs, which are not attributable to specific research projects, that institutions incur to support research. In other words, the costs institutions must cover to allow research activities to take place. Indirect costs can be divided into five general categories: 1) research facilities (includes renovations, upgrades, maintenance and operation of research spaces, labs, research offices, etc.); 2) research resources (acquisition of library holdings, information resources, insurance on research equipment, etc.); 3) management and administration of the institution's research enterprise (salaries of research support staff, financial and audit costs, information system software, databases, training, etc.); 4) regulatory requirements and accreditation (ethics boards costs, faculty and research personnel training, health and safety, animal care, etc.); and 5) 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 the amount of funding that institutions have received from the three federal granting agencies in the three years preceding the current grant cycle.

This formula provides higher rates of funding for 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 <https://www.rsf-fsr.gc.ca/apply-demande/index-eng.aspx>

How much is CBU allocated?

In 2023-2024, CBU was allocated \$454,225. This allocation has been increased for 2024-2025, with CBU receiving \$510,819.

How did CBU allocate these funds?

Expenditures incurred in 2023-2024:

- 63.8% Management & Administration
 - \$289,676 contributed towards:
 - Institutional support for completing grant applications and proposals
 - Human resources and payroll
 - Financial and audit costs
 - Research planning, promotion, outreach and recognition
- 13.7% Research Facilities
 - \$62,408 toward support for research facilities space
- 11.2% Research Resources
 - \$50,900 to library operating costs & administration
- 5.6% Regulatory requirements and accreditation
 - \$25,387 for tech support, animal care & handling of dangerous materials and ethics
- 5.7% Intellectual Property
 - \$25,854 for administration of agreements and partnerships with industry, invention patent applications, and associated legal fees

Research Support Fund Allocations 2023-24

