

2023-24 Performance Objectives

The Research Support Fund (RSF) Program assists Canadian postsecondary institutions, such as the University of New Brunswick (UNB), with the indirect costs associated with managing the research funded by the Tri-agency. The Incremental Projects Grant (IPG) funding and Research Security (RS) are streams of the RSF Program. The IPG funding provides further support for the indirect costs of research and the RS funding supports activities related to the indirect costs of research security.

The majority of the funds from the RSF program continue to support on-going indirect costs such as library acquisitions and IT services. However, specific initiatives that contribute to the improvement and growth of research services are also supported. These initiatives continue to focus on the adoption and implementation of software tools to improve research services through improved capacity, efficiency, and management. The IPG funding is being applied to develop support and resources for researchers working with Indigenous peoples and communities. The RS funding is being applied to develop support and resources for safeguarding research.

The following performance objectives are proposed for 2023-24, with the goal of continued investment into supporting UNB's research community.

2023-24	RSF Investment	Performance Objective	Performance Indicator	Target Outcome	Reported Outcome
Research facilities	Continued investment in infrastructure	Maintain and where applicable enhance current research infrastructure	Number of grant applications	Increase previous years' figure	To be reported summer 2024
Research resources	Continued investment in library acquisitions and IT services	Improve support for researchers and research activity, and simplify research support activities	Number of grant applications	Increase in efficiency of research support	To be reported summer 2024
Management and administration	Continued investment in improving research support services	Increase capacity and efficiency to better support researchers and research activity	Number of grant applications Number of awards	Increase from previous years' figure	To be reported summer 2024
Regulatory requirements and accreditation	Continued investment in regulatory / accreditation resources	Invest in new tools to better manage regulatory and accreditation requirements	Maintain compliance with regulatory requirements / accreditations	New tools	To be reported summer 2024
Intellectual property	Continued investment in technology transfer process	Increase in research and innovation partnerships, and knowledge and technology transfer through the Fulcrum initiative	Number of knowledge and technology transfers and industry engagement (Springboard metrics)	Increase from previous years' figure	To be reported summer 2024

2023-24	IPG Investment	Performance Objective	Performance Indicator	Target Outcome	Reported Outcome
Project: Indigenizing Research	Develop support and resources for researchers working with Indigenous peoples and communities	Increase awareness and training of Indigenous knowledge, epistemologies, methodologies and practices	Number of consultations Number of users accessing resources	Increase in awareness	To be reported summer 2024

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Project: Research risk due diligence	Develop support and resources for safeguarding research	Increase awareness and training	Research security plan, guidelines, and/or frameworks Number of consultations	Increase in awareness and decrease in research risk	To be reported summer 2024