

2022-23 Performance Objectives Outcomes Report

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.

In 2022-23, the RSF, IPG and RS funding continued to allow the development of support and resources for UNB research. The following are examples of RSF investments; they do not cover all expenditures supported by the RSF program. The IPG funding was invested in research policy development and the RS funding in developing support for safeguarding research.

RSF 2022-23	Performance Objective	Performance Indicator	RSF Investment	Target Outcome	Reported Outcome
Research facilities	Maintain and where applicable enhance current research infrastructure	Number of faculty submitting research grant and award applications	Utility costs associated with research infrastructure	Increase previous years' figure	The number of faculty submitting applications was 236 compared to 229 in 2021-22.
Research resources	Improve support for researchers and research activity, and simplify research support activities	Number of grant applications Number of awards	Library holdings and IT tools critical to research	Increase previous years' figure	The number of applications processed was 700 compared to 645 in 2021-22. The number of awards received was 436 compared to 354 in 2021-22. Both figures are comparable to figures from 2019-20 (pre-pandemic); 659 applications and 458 awards.
Management and administration	Increase capacity and efficiency to better support researchers and research activity	Number of grant applications Number of awards	Research services office and other research support across the university	Increase from previous years' figure	The number of applications processed was 700 compared to 645 in 2021-22. The number of awards received was 436 compared to 354 in 2021-22. Both figures are comparable to figures from 2019-20 (pre-pandemic); 659 applications and 458 awards.
Regulatory requirements and accreditation	Invest in new tools to better manage regulatory and accreditation requirements	Maintain compliance with regulatory requirements / accreditations	Certification programs for animal and human ethics, biosafety, and radiation safety	New tools	Compliance
Intellectual property	Increase in research and innovation partnerships, and knowledge and technology transfer	Number of knowledge and technology transfers and industry engagement	Member status with Springboard Atlantic Inc.	Increase from previous years' figure	The number of knowledge and technology transfer files have increased to 141 from 125 in 2021-22. Comparable to the 2019-20 figure of 143 (pre-pandemic). Industry engagements increased to 235 from 223 in 2021-22. Comparable to the 2019-20 figure of 261 (pre-pandemic).

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IPG 2022-23	Performance Objective	Performance Indicator	RSF Investment	Target Outcome	Reported Outcome
Project: Research policy, guidelines, and frameworks	Increase innovation and commercialization activities through effective policy	Updated and new policy	Research policy analyst	Improved research policies	Policy updated / completed and under development: Responsible Conduct in Research, Research Ethics, and Research Centres and Institutes.

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Project: Research risk due diligence	Increase awareness	Support for NSERC alliance grants and general outreach	Develop knowledge for safeguarding research	Increased awareness	Knowledge and awareness regarding NSERC alliance grants and other research partnerships