

2021-22 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 Grants (IPG) funding is a stream of the RSF Program. The IPG funding provides further support for the indirect costs of research.

In 2021-22, the RSF and IPG funds allowed UNB to continue to support UNB's research capacity and research impact associated with Tri-Agency funding. The following are examples of RSF investments; they do not cover all expenditures supported by the RSF program. The IPG funding was invested into two projects, research policy development and Impact Test Lab improvement.

2021-22	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 229 compared to 215 in 2020-21.
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 645 compared to 551 in 2020-21. However, the number of awards received was 354 compared to 375 in 2020-21.
Management and administration	Increase capacity and efficiency to better support researchers and research activity	Number of grant applications Number of awards	Research services office	Increase from previous years' figure	The number of applications processed was 645 compared to 551 in 2020-21. However, the number of awards received was 354 compared to 375 in 2020-21.
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 through the Fulcrum initiative	Number of knowledge and technology transfers and industry engagement (Springboard metrics)	Member status with Springboard Atlantic In. in an effort to support the management of intellectual property and commercialization opportunities	Increase from previous years' figure	The number of knowledge and technology transfer files have decreased to 125 compared to 143 in 2020-21. However, industry engagements slightly increased to 223 compared to 218 in 2020-21.

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Project #1: Facility renewal	Impact Test Lab improvement	Lab adhered to continue safety and operational standards	Operational support	Updated to current standards / needs	Compliance
Project #2: Innovation and commercialization activities	Research policy development	Updated and new policy	Research policy analyst	Improved research policies	Policy updated / completed and under development: Responsible Conduct in Research, Conflict of Interest, and Research Centres and Institutes.

The pandemic continued to have a lingering impact on research activities in 2021-22. However, research revenues for 2021-22 stayed relatively the same as 2020-21, with over \$54 million.