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Research Support Fund

Updated program for gov't fiscal 2015-2016

About the program

- The Research Support Fund assists Canadian postsecondary institutions and their affiliated research hospitals and institutes with the expenses associated with managing the research funded by the three federal research granting agencies.
- Eligible institutions receive an annual grant through the fund to help pay for a portion of the central and departmental administrative costs related to federally funded research.
- The program (formerly known as the Indirect Costs Program) was introduced in 2003 as part of the federal government's strategy to make Canada one of the world's top countries in research and development. It currently has a budget of \$342 million and serves 126 postsecondary institutions across the country.

Indirect Costs Grants are based on funding (or research credits) that institutions have received from the three federal granting agencies in the three years preceding the grant cycle (based on the fiscal year).

Indirect Costs Grant for 2016-2017: \$3,377,194

Research Support Fund grant as a percentage of eligible federal granting agencies funding: 34.8%

Three year average: \$9,698,498

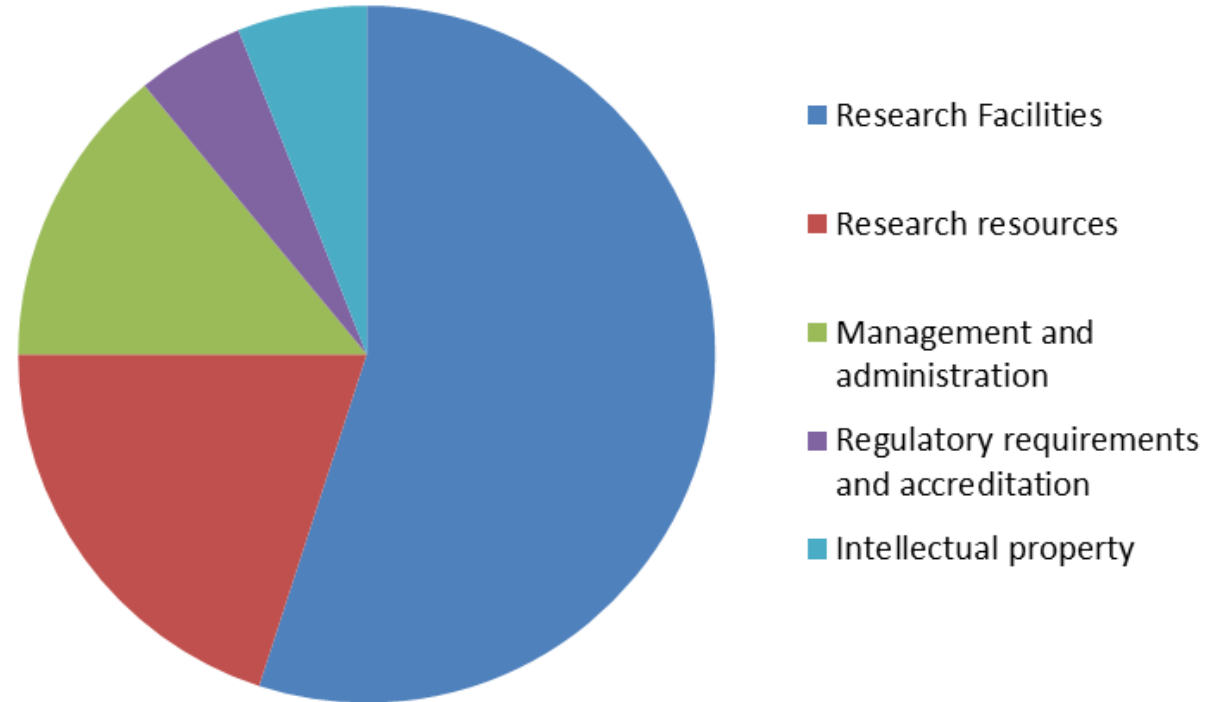
Total Funding (three previous years - see details below): \$29,095,495

Agency	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	NCE - 3 years
NSERC	\$7,444,733	\$6,954,343	\$5,898,113	\$1,098,299
CIHR	\$740,474	\$1,248,207	\$1,268,307	\$160,046
SSHRC	\$1,466,210	\$1,302,547	\$1,244,637	\$269,580

UNB's RSF Allocation 2015-2016

As per the institutional obligations as a recipient institution, the Office of VP Research has posted the most recent performance objectives and "Indirect Costs Outcomes Reports" at:

<http://www.unb.ca/research/vp/research-support-fund.html>



Use of grant funds:

- **Five expenditure categories**
- Institutions have flexibility in deciding how to use their grant, provided that the funds are used for the payment of current expenditures attributed to federally-sponsored research that falls within the following five categories:
 1. Research facilities
 2. Research resources
 3. Management and administration of an institution's research enterprise
 4. Regulatory requirements and accreditation
 5. Intellectual property and Knowledge mobilization

1. Research facilities

- Renovation and maintenance of research facilities
- Upgrades and maintenance of research equipment and other devices
- Operating costs
- Technical support for laboratories, offices and other facilities

- **Ineligible expenses**
- Purchase or construction of a building
- Purchase of laboratory equipment, or any other equipment eligible for funding under other federal programs.
- The purchase of basic laboratory equipment
- Collateral on mortgage financing and payment of interest charges
- Rental costs for space that is owned by the institution
- Purchase or lease of land
- Purchase of furniture for the offices of researchers

2. Research resources

- Acquisition of library holdings
- Improved information resources
- Library operating costs and administration
- Insurance on research equipment and vehicles

- **Ineligible expenses**
- Start-up grants or pilot studies
- Purchase of hardware or software to be used in a specific research project and/or teaching exercise

3. Management and administration of an institution's research enterprise

- Institutional support for the completion of grant and award applications / research proposals
- Acquisition, maintenance and/or upgrade of information systems to track grant applications, certifications and awards
- Training of faculty and research personnel
- Human resources and payroll
- Financial and audit costs
- Research planning and promotion, and public relations

- **Ineligible expenses**
- Recruitment of new faculty
- Support for fellowships, scholarships and stipends
- Research time stipends / teaching release
- Costs associated with collective agreements
- Costs for scholarly conferences, or expenses associated with presenting papers and findings at national or international conferences
- Costs of publication for scientific journals

4. Regulatory requirements and accreditation

- Creation and support of regulatory bodies (eg. REBs)
- Training of faculty and other research personnel in health and safety, animal care, ethics review, handling radiation and biohazards, and environmental assessments
- International accreditation costs related to research capacity
- Upgrades and maintenance of research facilities and equipment to meet regulatory requirements
- Technical support for animal care and for handling of dangerous substances and biohazards
- The purchase of animals exclusively used for training purposes (not research)

- **Ineligible expenses**
- Purchase of animals for research purposes

5. Intellectual property and Knowledge mobilization

- Creation, expansion or sustenance of a technology transfer office or similar function
- Administration of invention patent applications
- Support for technology licensing
 - Legal fees for technology licensing **are** eligible.
- Administration of agreements and partnerships with industry
- Development of incubators
- Support for the creation of spin-off companies
- Outreach activities undertaken to transfer knowledge through venues not eligible for funding under other federal programs
 - Costs associated with research conferences, symposiums or lectures **are eligible if** the general public is the target audience.
- Marketing of teaching materials, scientific photo libraries, survey instruments, statistical packages, data sets and databases, software, computer models and other tools

Financial monitoring of accounts

- Representatives of the granting agencies (CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC) and the Secretariat will periodically review the institution's financial administration to:
- assess whether the institution has the necessary financial/administrative tools to properly and effectively manage its grant;
- review the effectiveness of procedures, systems and controls in place at the institution to ensure that agency and program policies and requirements are followed and that program funds are well managed;
- review expenditures from the account to ensure that these were made in accordance with the established policies and requirements and for the purpose intended (institutions must be prepared to provide full supporting documentation for all expenses charged to the Research Support Fund grant); and
- share and disseminate information on policies, requirements and expectations for financial accountability.

Links:

- <http://www.rsf-fsr.gc.ca/home-accueil-eng.aspx>
- <http://www.rsf-fsr.gc.ca/administer-administrer/guide-eng.aspx>
- <http://www.unb.ca/research/vp/research-support-fund.html>