

2025-26 Performance Objectives Outcomes Report

The Research Support Fund (RSF) 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) and Research Security (RS) grant are streams of RSF. IPG provides further support for the indirect costs of research with a focus on four priority areas that cut across the five categories of RSF eligible expenses. The four priority areas include: innovation and commercialization, facilities renewal, information resources, and equity, diversity, and inclusion. RS is categorized as a fifth priority area of the IPG. The RS grant supports activities related to the indirect costs of research security and to the National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships.

In 2025-26, the RSF, IPG, and RS funding continued to allow the development of support and resources for UNB research.

The majority of the funds from the RSF grant continued to support on-going indirect costs such as library acquisitions, IT services, and research support.

The IPG funding was applied to develop supports and resources for researchers and support staff working with Indigenous peoples and communities. The funding was also applied to agreement support and to modernizing research administrative support.

Similarly, the RS funding was applied to develop supports and resources for safeguarding research.

The following are examples of RSF, IPG, and RS investments; they do not cover all expenditures supported by the programs.

Research Support Fund:

2025-26	Performance Objective	Performance Indicator	RSF Investment	Target Outcome	Reported Outcome
Research facilities	Maintain and where applicable enhance current research infrastructure	Number of grant applications Number of faculty submitting grant applications	Continued investment in infrastructure	Increase in research funding attracted	The number of grant applications and contracts processed is 742 compared to 757 in 2024-25; a 2% decrease. The number of faculty submitting grants applications is 262 compared to 222 in 2024-25; an increase of 18%.
Research resources	Improve and simplify support for researchers and research activity	Number of grant applications Number of faculty submitting grant applications	Continued investment in library acquisitions and IT services	Increase in research funding attracted	The number of grant applications and contracts processed is 742 compared to 757 in 2024-25; a 2% decrease. The number of faculty submitting grants applications is 262 compared to 222 in 2024-25; an increase of 18%.
Management and administration	Maintain and where applicable enhance capacity and efficiency to better support researchers and research activity	Number of grant applications Number of awards Number of faculty submitting grant applications Number of agreements	Continued investment in research support services	Increase in research activity	The number of grant applications and contracts processed is 742 compared to 757 in 2024-25; a 2% decrease. The number of awards received is 431 compared to 408 in 2024-25; an increase of 6%. The number of faculty submitting grants applications is 262 compared to 222 in 2024-25; an increase of 18%. The number of agreements completed is 576.
Regulatory requirements and accreditation	Improve support for researchers and research activity	Compliance with regulatory requirements / accreditations	Continued investment in regulatory / accreditation resources	Maintain compliance with regulatory requirements / accreditations	Compliance maintained
Intellectual property	Increase research and innovation partnerships, and knowledge and technology transfer	Number of knowledge and technology transfers and industry engagement - Springboard metrics	Continued investment in technology transfer process	Increase in commercialization activity	The number of knowledge and technology transfer files is 111 and the number of industry engagements is 196; both an increase from 2024-25 of 9% and 11%, respectively.

Incremental Projects Grant:

2025-25	Performance Objective	Performance Indicator	IPG Investment	Target Outcome	Reported Outcome
Project: Indigenizing Research	Increase awareness and training of Indigenous knowledge, epistemologies, methodologies, and practices	Number of users accessing resources	Continued investment in developing supports and resources for researchers working with Indigenous peoples and communities	Increase in cultural competency and ethical awareness	UNB's Indigenous Research resource page had 296 page views since going live in February 2024, resulting in an increase in page views from 2024-25. OCAP training was provided to over 30 faculty and staff, and some graduate students, all with a focus on research ethics activities.
Project: Modernization of Research Administrative Supports	Improve support for researchers and research activities, and streamline research support activities such as certifications, IP management, grant applications	Number of research support processes, forms, etc. streamlined, standardized, and/or digitally enabled	Investment in supports, including software tools, to enhance efficiency and capacity	Efficient management of human ethics, IP, and other activities and files	The animal care module for ROME0 was implemented, office files prepared for transitioning to SharePoint; and IP, ethics and other processes and tools were being worked on. Four research support processes were streamlined and digitally enabled; these include Researchgram Email Generator, HRP table from MS Access to SharePoint List, GF Automation for Info Session Registration, and Strategic Partnership Tracker for auto reporting.
Project: Agreements Support	Enhanced support for Research Centres and Institutes	Number of research agreements	Investment in agreements support for Research Centres and Institutes	Improve turnaround time for collaborative research agreements	The number of agreements completed is 576, with 70 collaborative research agreements being completed. Turnaround times are improving.

Research Security:

2025-26	Performance Objective	Performance Indicator	RS Investment	Target Outcome	Reported Outcome
Project: Research Security Framework	Development and implementation of a research security framework	Research security framework	Continued investment in developing resources and support for safeguarding research	Continued compliance and better-informed researchers, faculty, and staff on responsible research practices	The research security framework has been drafted.