

## 2026-27 Performance Objectives

The Research Support Fund (RSF) assists Canadian postsecondary institutions, including the University of New Brunswick (UNB), with the indirect costs associated with managing research funded by Canada's Tri-agency programs. The Incremental Projects Grant (IPG) and Research Security (RS) grant are streams within the RSF program. The IPG provides additional support for indirect research costs, with a focus on four priority areas that span the five categories of eligible RSF expenses: innovation and commercialization; facilities renewal; information resources; and equity, diversity, and inclusion. RS is recognized as a fifth priority area of the IPG. The RS grant supports activities related to the indirect costs of research security and to the implementation of the National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships.

The RSF funding continues to support on-going indirect research costs, including library acquisitions, information technology services, and institutional research support. To ensure continued investment in and enhancement of UNB's research environment, the following performance objectives are proposed for the 2026-27 RSF funding period.

### Research Support Fund:

2026-27	RSF Investment	Performance Objective	Performance Indicator	Target Outcome	Reported Outcome
<b>Research facilities</b>	Continued investment in research infrastructure	Maintain and strengthen current research infrastructure that supports a productive, competitive, and sustainable research environment	Number of grant applications and research revenue	Researchers have continued access to high-quality infrastructure	To be reported June 2027
<b>Research resources</b>	Continued investment in library acquisitions and IT services	Maintain and enhance research information resources and tools that support research excellence and competitiveness	Number of grant applications and research revenue	Researchers have access to the information resources, collections and tools required to support their research	To be reported June 2027
<b>Management and administration</b>	Continued investment in research administrative support services	Maintain and enhance research management and administration services that support the research lifecycle	Number of grant applications Number of awards Number of agreements	Researcher are supported in securing and managing externally funded research	To be reported June 2027

2026-27	RSF Investment	Performance Objective	Performance Indicator	Target Outcome	Reported Outcome
<b>Regulatory requirements and accreditation</b>	Continued investment in regulatory and accreditation resources	Maintain and enhance the institutional systems, processes, and support required to meet regulatory requirements and accreditation associated with research activities	100% compliance with regulatory requirements and accreditations	UNB maintains regulatory requirements and accreditation in good standing	To be reported June 2027
<b>Intellectual property</b>	Continued investment in technology transfer process	Strengthen institutional capacity to identify, protect, and mobilize intellectual property arising from research and innovation activities	Number of knowledge and technology transfers and industry engagement (Springboard metrics)	Researchers receive timely and effective support for commercialization and knowledge mobilization activities	To be reported June 2027

The IPG funding is being invested in the development of supports and resources for researchers and research support staff, with a focus on research agreements, and Indigenous awareness, training, and engagement. Funding is also being directed toward the modernization of research administrative processes and support services. These investments are intended to strengthen institutional capacity, improve service delivery, and enhance the overall effectiveness of research administration at UNB. The following performance objectives are proposed for the 2026-27 IPG funding period, with the goal of enhancing efficiency, capacity, and support for the University's research enterprise.

#### Incremental Project Grant:

2026-27	IPG Investment	Performance Objective	Performance Indicator	Target Outcome	Reported Outcome
<b>Project: Indigenous Research</b>	Continued investment in developing supports and resources for researchers collaborating with Indigenous	Build institutional capacity through increased awareness and training of Indigenous knowledge, epistemologies,	Number of users accessing resources Knowledge sharing and training activities	Increase in cultural competency and ethical awareness among researchers and research	To be reported June 2027

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	peoples and communities	methodologies, and practices		administrative staff	
<b>Project: Modernization of Research Administrative Supports</b>	Investment in process improvements and software tools to enhance efficiency and capacity	Improve support for researchers and research activity, and streamline research support activities such as certifications, IP management, and grant applications	Number of research support processes digitized or automated	Research administrative processes are streamlined, standardized and digitally enabled	To be reported June 2027
<b>Project: Agreements Support</b>	Investment in agreements support for Research Centres and Institutes	Improve efficiency, accuracy, and compliance of research agreement management	Number of research agreements processed Agreements compliance rate	Researchers experience timely, and transparent support in negotiating and finalizing research agreements	To be reported June 2027

Similarly, RS funding continues to support the development of resources, tools, and services that strengthen the safeguarding of research activities at UNB. These investments are intended to enhance institutional capacity to address research security requirements and support compliance with relevant regulations, policies, and best practices. The following performance objective is proposed for the 2026-27 RS funding period, with the goal of fostering a broader understanding of research security considerations and the associated regulatory and policy landscape among researchers and research support personnel.

**Research Security:**

2026-27	RS Investment	Performance Objective	Performance Indicator	Target Outcome	Reported Outcome
<b>Project: Research Security Framework</b>	Continued investment in developing resources and supports for safeguarding research	Implementation of the research security framework, including the research security program and monitoring plan	Number of risk assessments completed Number of educational and awareness offerings; and participation in offerings	Continued compliance and better-informed researchers, faculty, and staff on responsible research practices	To be reported June 2027