



## Planned Usage of the Research Support Fund and Objectives 2021-22

### Research Fund Objectives and Indicators 2021-22

Eligible Expenditure Category	Output (Investment or Expense of RSF Grant Funds)	Performance Objectives	Performance Indicators	Target Outcomes
Research Facilities	11.2% of the RSF grant will be used to upgrade research space, support equipment operations and maintain a research website.	Improved sustainability and efficiency of research equipment.  Maintenance of an institutional website for research communications and partnership building.	Number of pieces of research equipment supported.  Total support for research equipment.  Number of visitors to the research services website.	Support for 9 major pieces of equipment.  Increased support for research equipment.  An increase of 5% in web traffic (internal and external).
Research Resources	9.1% of the RSF grant will support software licensing; namely, a funding/collaborator database (Pivot), survey tool	Enhanced support for researchers in finding external funding through the use of Pivot database.	Number of users of Pivot, Qualtrics, and MatLab resources.	Increased usage of Pivot funding database and Qualtrics survey tool.

	instruments (Qualtrics) and a site license for MatLab.	Sustained usage of Qualtrics software for research survey design and implementation.  Implementation of MatLab institutional license for use by researchers.		Sustained usage of the institutional license for MatLab.
Management & Administration of Institution's Research Enterprise	54.4% of the RSF envelope will be used for the salary of research officers, accounting and other research support staff who provide services to Brock researchers. Funding will also be used for next installment of costs for the development and purchase of an electronic research administration system.	Improved administrative efficiency with the introduction of the research administration system and additional research officers.  Improved support from research services staff in the preparation of grant applications, agreements and financial administration.	Number of applications to external granting programs.  Time savings for researchers and staff as a result of improved efficiency conferred by additional staff and deployment of the research administration system.	5% increase in the number of applications to external agencies.  Reduced administrative burden and satisfaction with research services as reported by researchers through survey.
Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation	9.4% of the RSF fund will be used to support the operation of the Research Ethics Board (REB), the Animal Care and Use Committee, and Research Safety.	On-going operations of the REB, animal care committee and research safety boards.	Timely support of researchers using the services of the boards.  Sustained compliance record	Increased user satisfaction with board/office services.  No breaches in compliance or change in accreditation.

			and maintenance of existing accreditations for animal care.	
Intellectual Property	15.9% of the RSF will be used to offset staff salaries in the Partnerships, Innovation and Intellectual Property Development team, including legal counsel who advises on IP management strategies.	Improved support to researchers seeking to advance innovations or build research partnerships.	Client satisfaction as is evidenced through client feedback.  Number of research partnerships.	Increase in client satisfaction with services provided by the Partnerships, Innovation and Intellectual Property Development team.  Increase in number of research partnerships with industry and community groups.