



Research Support Fund Objectives 2019-20

Statement of Research Fund Objectives and Indicators 2019-20

Eligible Expenditure Category	Output (Investment or Expense of RSF Grant Funds)	Performance Objectives	Performance Indicator	Target Outcome
Research Facilities	5.6% of the RSF grant will be used for upgrades to research space, support equipment operations and to maintain a research website	<p>Improved sustainability and efficiency of research equipment</p> <p>Maintenance of an institutional website for research communications and partnership building, including launch of a new Brock 'connect' platform.</p>	<p>Number of research equipment supported</p> <p>Number of visitors to the research services website</p> <p>Number of partnership prospects identified through the Brock connect web platform</p>	<p>Support for 5-10 major pieces of equipment</p> <p>An increase of 10% in web traffic (internal and external)</p> <p>25% increase in partnerships explored</p>
Research Resources	1.5% of the RSF grant will support software licensing, namely; a funding/collaborator and publication databases (Pivot) and	Enhanced support for researchers in finding external funding, collaborators and publication opportunities	Number of users of Pivot and Qualtrics resources	Increased usage of Pivot funding database and sustained usage of Qualtrics survey tool

	the licensing of survey tool instruments	through the use of Pivot database Sustained usage of Qualtrics software for research survey design and implementation		
Management & Administration of Institutions Research Enterprise	59.3% of the RSF envelope will be used for the salary of research officers, accounting and other research support staff who provide core services to Brock researchers. Funding will also be used for the purchase of an electronic research administration system to improve efficiency	Improved administrative efficiency with the introduction of the research administration system Improved support from research services staff in the preparation of grant applications and administration post award	Number of applications to external granting programs Time savings for researchers and staff as a result of improved efficiency	5 – 10% increase in the number of applications to external agencies Time savings / reduced administrative burden as reported by researchers through survey
Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation	9.6% 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 and maintenance of existing accreditations for animal care	Increased user satisfaction with board/office services No breaches in compliance or change in accreditation
Intellectual Property	24% of the RSF will be used to offset staff salaries in the	Improved support to researchers seeking to commercialize	Client satisfaction as is evidenced through survey response	Increase in client satisfaction with services provided by

	Innovation and Commercialization branch	technologies or build research partnerships	Number of research partnerships	the Innovation and Commercialization team Increase in number of research partnerships with industry and community groups
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