



Planned Usage of the Research Support Fund and Objectives 2022-2023

Research Fund Objectives and Indicators 2022-2023

Eligible Expenditure Category	Output (Investment or Expense of RSF Grant Funds)	Performance Objectives	Performance Indicator	Target Outcome
<u>Research Facilities</u>	4.8% of the RSF grant will be used to upgrade research space, support equipment operations (including a makerspace facility in our Library) 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 research equipment supported. Number of visitors to the research services website. Total support for research equipment.	Support for 5 major pieces of equipment. An increase of 10% in web traffic (internal and external). 15% increase in partnerships explored.
<u>Research Resources</u>	4.4% of the RSF grant will support software licensing (namely, for funding/collaborator and publication databases (Pivot), the licensing of survey tool instruments (Qualtrics), and a site	Enhanced support for researchers in finding external funding, collaborators, and publication opportunities with Pivot database, as well as through	Number of users of Pivot, Qualtrics, and MatLab resources. Number of users of resources offered through memberships in industry organizations.	Increased usage of Pivot funding database and Qualtrics survey tool. Sustained usage of the institutional license for MatLab.

	license for MatLab), as well as memberships to Innovate Niagara, New Digital Research Infrastructure Organization (NDRIO), the Canadian Research Knowledge Network, and the Conversation Canada.	memberships in industry organizations. Sustained usage of Qualtrics software for research survey design and implementation. Implementation of MatLab institutional license for use by researchers.		Increased usage of resources offered through memberships in industry organizations.
<u>Management & Administration of Institution's Research Enterprise</u>	64% 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 next installment of costs for the continued development and implementation of an electronic research administration system.	Improved administrative efficiency with the introduction of the research administration system and additional research support staff. Improved support from research services staff in the preparation of grant applications, agreements, and post-award 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 – 10% increase in the number of applications to external agencies. Time savings / reduced administrative burden as reported by researchers through survey.
<u>Regulatory</u>	8.8% of the RSF fund will be used to support the operation of the Research	On-going operations of the REB, animal care committee and research	Timely support of researchers using the services of the boards.	Increased user satisfaction with board/office services.

<p><u>Requirements and Accreditation</u></p>	<p>Ethics Board (REB), the Animal Care and Use Committee, Research Safety, and additional regulatory accreditations and certifications as required (e.g., Cannabis Licensing through CTLS).</p>	<p>safety boards, and other accreditations.</p>	<p>Sustained compliance record and maintenance of existing accreditations for animal care and cannabis licensing.</p>	<p>No breaches in compliance or change in accreditation.</p>
<p><u>Intellectual Property</u></p>	<p>18% of the RSF will be used to offset staff salaries in the Partnerships, Innovation and Intellectual Property Advancement team, including legal counsel who advises on IP management strategies.</p>	<p>Improved support to researchers seeking to advance innovations, commercialize technologies, or build research partnerships.</p>	<p>Client satisfaction as evidenced through client feedback. Number of research partnerships.</p>	<p>Increase in client satisfaction with services provided by the Partnerships, Innovation and Intellectual Property Advancement team. Increase in number of research partnerships with industry and community groups.</p>