



Planned Usage of the Research Support Fund and Objectives 2023-2024

Eligible Expenditure Category	Output (Investment or Expense of RSF Grant Funds)	Performance Objectives	Performance Indicator	Target Outcome
Research Facilities	4.5% of the RSF grant will be used to upgrade research space, support equipment operations and maintain a research website.	<p>Improved sustainability and efficiency of research equipment.</p> <p>Update and maintenance of an institutional website for research communications and partnership building.</p>	<p>Number of research equipment supported.</p> <p>Number of visitors to the research services website.</p>	<p>Support for 5 major pieces of equipment.</p> <p>An increase of 10% in web traffic (internal and external).</p>
Research Resources	5.1% 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 license for MatLab), as well as memberships to Innovate Niagara, Digital Research Alliance of Canada, the Canadian Research Knowledge Network, and the Conversation Canada.	<p>Enhanced support for researchers in finding external funding, collaborators, and publication opportunities with Pivot database, as well as through memberships in industry organizations.</p> <p>Sustained usage of Qualtrics software for research survey design and implementation.</p> <p>Maintenance of MatLab institutional license for use by researchers.</p>	<p>Number of users of Pivot, Qualtrics, and MatLab resources.</p> <p>Number of users of resources offered through memberships in industry organizations.</p>	<p>Sustained usage of Pivot funding database and Qualtrics survey tool.</p> <p>Sustained usage of the institutional license for MatLab.</p> <p>Continuing usage of resources offered through memberships in industry organizations.</p>

<p>Management & Administration of Institution's Research Enterprise</p>	<p>63% of the RSF grant will be used for the salary of research officers, accounting and other research support staff who provide core services to Brock researchers.</p>	<p>Improved support from research services staff in the preparation of grant applications, agreements, and post-award financial administration.</p>	<p>Number of applications to external granting programs.</p>	<p>5 – 10% increase in the number of applications to external agencies.</p>
<p>Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation</p>	<p>8.4% of the RSF grant will be used to support the operation of the Research 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>On-going operations of the REB, animal care committee and research safety boards, and other accreditations.</p>	<p>Timely support of researchers using the services of the boards.</p> <p>Sustained compliance record and maintenance of existing accreditations for animal care and cannabis licensing.</p>	<p>Increased user satisfaction with board/office services.</p> <p>No breaches in compliance or change in accreditation.</p>
<p>Intellectual Property</p>	<p>19% of the RSF grant 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.</p> <p>Number of research partnerships.</p>	<p>Increase in client satisfaction with services provided by the Partnerships, Innovation and Intellectual Property Advancement team.</p> <p>Increase in number of research partnerships with industry and community groups.</p>