



Planned Usage of the Research Support Fund and Objectives 2026-2027

Eligible Expenditure Category	Output (Investment or Expense of RSF Grant Funds)	Performance Objectives	Performance Indicator	Target Outcome
Research Facilities	4% of the RSF grant will be used to help establish the Core Research Facilities (CRF) Framework, while also supporting sustainable equipment operations/utilization.	Enhance or establish facilities that serve more users, as guided by the CRF Framework.	Formalize an institutional framework defining CRFs. Identify and classify existing research infrastructure that meets criteria as a CRF.	Institutional CRF framework approved and implemented. Improved governance and oversight of CRFs.
Research Resources	4% of the RSF grant will support memberships to the Digital Research Alliance of Canada, the Canadian Research Knowledge Network, and the Conversation Canada. It will also support maintenance related to a research security database and related resources.	Continued promotion and usage of institutional research resources.	Number of webpages, posts, workshops, etc. related to promoting resources. Number of articles published in Conversation Canada. Usage of resources offered through licensing and memberships. Maintain research security database and develop and maintain related resources.	User base of institutional research resources and memberships maintained. Maintenance of research security database and resources and up-to-date Research Security webpage.

<p>Management & Administration of Institution's Research Enterprise</p>	<p>60% of the RSF grant will be used for the salary of research administrators, such as officers, accounting supports, and technical research support staff (Research Ethics Officers) who provide core services to Brock researchers.</p> <p>It also will be used to support the process of enhancing software solutions for various aspects of Research Enterprise management.</p>	<p>Continued support from research services staff in the preparation of grant applications, agreements, post-award financial administration, compliance, and process enhancement.</p>	<p>Implementation of initiatives that improve efficiency and accountability related to research administration.</p> <p>Optimizing processes through the new Research Management System to enhance services.</p>	<p>Review, update, and document Research Enterprise operational processes and systemize annual improvements.</p> <p>Continued improvement of research administrative processes with the implementation of RMS.</p> <p>Achieve full deployment of Research Management System across core research administration functions.</p>
<p>Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation</p>	<p>13% of the RSF grant will be used to support the operation of the Research Ethics Boards (REBs), the Animal Care Committee (ACC), and additional regulatory accreditations and certifications as required.</p>	<p>Maintenance of on-going operations of the REBs, ACC, and other accreditations as well as certifications as required.</p> <p>Provide essential research ethics and animal care training to members of the University's research community.</p>	<p>Timely support of researchers using the services of the boards.</p> <p>Sustained compliance record and maintenance of existing accreditations.</p> <p>Training sessions conducted.</p>	<p>Maintenance of average turnaround time for compliance-related requests.</p> <p>Sustain the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) certification and Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Agri-Business (OMAFRA) certification.</p> <p>Maintain the number of training sessions conducted.</p>

<p>Intellectual Property and Knowledge Mobilization</p>	<p>19% of the RSF grant will be used for administration of commercialization, research-industry partnerships, and knowledge mobilization, as well as fees for legal counsel advising on IP management strategies.</p>	<p>Enhance research community training and engagement opportunities that support researchers in advancing knowledge mobilization, research impact, innovation, commercialization, and partnerships.</p>	<p>Number of Research Enterprise research impact training resources, synchronous and asynchronous, offered.</p> <p>Number of Research Enterprise innovation, commercialization, and entrepreneurship training resources, synchronous and asynchronous, offered.</p>	<p>Increase researcher access to training and support related to knowledge mobilization, research impact, partnerships, innovation, commercialization, and entrepreneurship.</p>
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