

## Public Acknowledgement of Research Support Fund including the Incremental Project Grant and Research Security Funds at the University of Regina, 2023-24

The University of Regina's Research Cost Recovery Policy [RCH-030-005](#) defines Indirect Costs as:

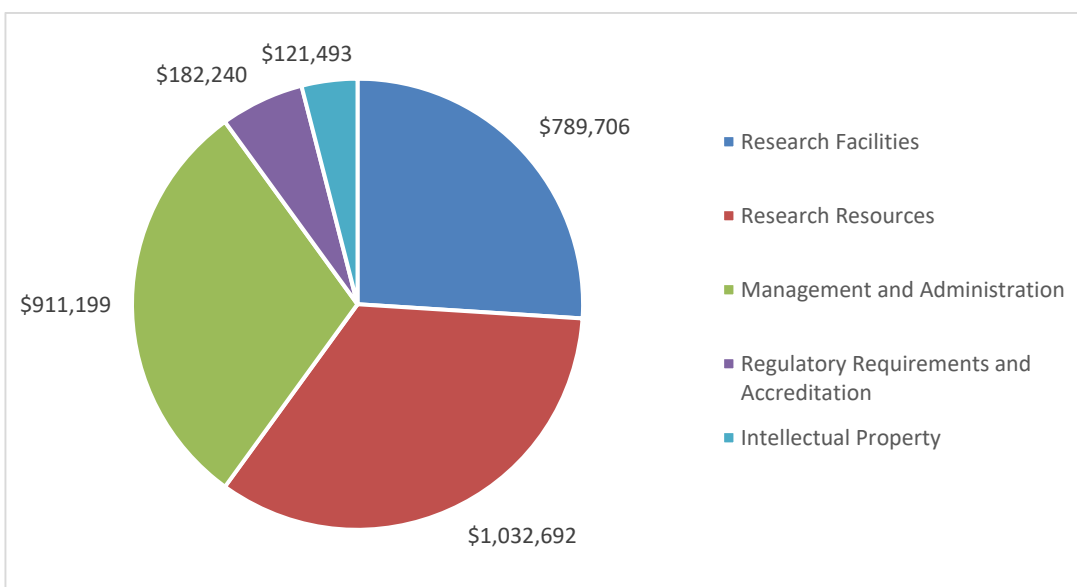
the costs of research that cannot be easily and accurately traced to a single project or activity because they are jointly incurred by numerous research projects and activities going on in an institution at the same time and therefore must be apportioned to each project according to its usage of the institution's facilities and services (estimated to be 40-60% of Direct Costs). Examples include fire insurance on a building, utility bills and the use of central services.

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/88-001-x/2011003/technote-notetech2-eng.htm>

The Government of Canada established the Research Support Fund program in 2003 to assist Canadian postsecondary institutions and their affiliated research hospitals and institutes with the expenses associated with managing the research funded by the three federal research granting agencies: the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR); the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC); and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). The Research Support Fund reinforces the millions of dollars invested in research through these agencies by helping institutions ensure that their federally funded research projects are conducted in world-class facilities with the best equipment and administrative support available. Complete details can be found on the Research Support Fund program web site: <http://www.rsf-fsr.gc.ca/home-accueil-eng.aspx>.

The grant to the University of Regina for the 2023-24 year is \$3,037,329. The grant contributes towards the indirect costs of research conducted by the University of Regina and its federated colleges: Campion College, First Nations University of Canada, and Luther College.

For 2023-24, the University has allocated the funds in the following categories:



Examples of expenses in each category:

**Research Facilities:** The University supports over 125,000 square feet of research space annually. A portion of the Research Support Fund is used to hire custodial staff and pay for utilities.

**Research Resources:** The University of Regina supports research through library holdings including books, journals (both print and electronic) and databases used by researchers. The RSF grant covers a portion of the acquisitions budget.

**Management and Administration of the Research Enterprise:** The University of Regina supports management and administration of research through the Research Office, Financial Resources, Human Resources, External Relations, Supply Management Services, as well as through individuals throughout the university in research centres and faculty offices. The RSF grant covers a portion of their salaries and training/professional development opportunities.

**Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation:** The University of Regina supports these activities through the Research Ethics Board, the President's Committee on Animal Care, and the Health, Safety and Wellness Unit in Human Resources. The RSF grant covers a portion of the salaries of individuals connected with these offices.

**Intellectual property and Knowledge Mobilization:** The University of Regina supports these activities within the Research Office. The RSF grant covers a portion of the salaries of the Research Partnerships Officer and the Research Contracts Officers.

### **Incremental Project Grant**

The Incremental Project grants (IPG) funding opportunity is a stream of the Research Support Fund (RSF) that provides further support for the indirect costs of research, in addition to the RSF grant. The IPG stream is aligned with the RSF's objective to help Canadian postsecondary institutions ensure their federally funded research projects are conducted in world-class facilities with the best equipment and administrative support available. By directing funds to specific investments and to annual or multi-year projects initiated by institutions, the IPG will help with tracking and reporting, to better demonstrate the impact of these investments. See: <https://www.rsf-fsr.gc.ca/apply-demande/ipg-sps-eng.aspx>

The University of Regina's Incremental Project Grant for 2023-24 is \$27,289. The UofR will continue to fund a Commercialization Officer, aligning with the RSF's priority area of innovation and commercialization activities, utilizing the full IPG grant amount of \$27,289.

### **Research Security Funds**

The Government of Canada introduced new funding through the Research Support Fund (RSF) in Budget 2022 to further support the activities related to the indirect costs of research security and to support the National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships. Research security is categorized as a fifth priority area of the IPGs. These investments are aligned with the RSF's objectives to help Canadian postsecondary institutions ensure their federally funded research projects are conducted in world-class facilities with the best equipment and administrative support available. By directing funds to specific investments and to annual or multiyear projects initiated by institutions, research security funding will help to build capacity within postsecondary institutions to identify, assess and mitigate the potential risks to research security.

The University of Regina's Research Security grant for 2023-24 is \$76,837. The UofR will continue to fund the Research IT Support Team (RITS) in the amount of \$5,000 and additional Cybersecurity Infrastructure upgrades in the amount of \$71,837.