

## RESEARCH SUPPORT FUND

### Performance Measures

Eligible Expenditure Category	Institutional performance objectives	Indicator	Output	Outcomes reported at year end
Research facilities	Increase research capacity by maintaining existing research facilities	Equipment and facilities that support research.	RSF will fund technical support required for maintaining the research facilities and for purchases of material associated with operating research equipment such as liquid nitrogen	Number of researchers who benefit from the purchase of liquid nitrogen used to support research equipment.
Research resources	Maintain library holdings needed by researchers	Dollars spent on electronic databases through the university budget	Database for use by researchers	Access to Canadian Research Knowledge Network.
Management and administration of an institution's research enterprise	Continued support by Office of Research Services in the review and submission of grant applications	Number and quality of Tri-Council grant applications processed	RSF will fund a portion of the salaries of staff in Research Services, Financial Services, Human Resources and Information Technology that directly support researchers.	Number of workshops and forums to mentor, train and assist faculty in preparing research proposals  Number of research centres and institutes  Number of research funds administered by Financial Services
Regulatory requirements and accreditation	Continued vigilance and oversight of regulatory requirements	Time to achieve approval for animal or ethics protocols.  Level of animal care training.	RSF will fund staff infrastructure required for animal care, ethics and safety.	Number of research ethics protocols  Maintain compliance with regulatory standards.
Intellectual property (IP) and knowledge mobilization	Continue to provide service and support to researchers and external partners in knowledge mobilization.	Number of staff supporting intellectual property	Broader research partnerships that facilitate greater engagement with community associations and industrial partners	Number of new research partnerships

## Allocation of the 2017/18 Research Support Fund

The University of Lethbridge's calculation based on Tri-Council (NSERC, SSHRC and CIHR) funding awarded in the 2015/16 fiscal year:

Category	2017/18 Allocation
Research Facilities	\$373,434
Research Resources	\$147,777
Management and Administration	\$1,124,347
Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation	\$478,798
Intellectual Property	\$111,822
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,236,178</b>

In 2017/18 the University of Lethbridge invested the Research Support Fund (RSF) in:

**Facilities:** The funding was used for technician compensation used to support the research facilities, liquid nitrogen used to support research equipment and for facilities management to defray the cost of heat, lighting and electricity for the research space.

**Resources:** The funding was used to partially fund the cost of electronic journals and databases required by faculty and students and a small portion of the costs associated with insuring research equipment.

**Management and Administration:** The RSF is critical in maintaining the support infrastructure required for the research enterprise. The staff support the researchers in all aspects of research administration including grant applications, grant administration, reporting, and knowledge requirement compliance requirements.

**Regulatory requirements:** This area of support has increased significantly over the past few years. There has been a significant investment in animal care and safety training.

**Intellectual property and commercialization:** This funding was used to fund a position that supports these knowledge mobilization and intellectual property protection