**2016-2017 Research Support Fund Outcomes**

The University of Lethbridge received $2,153,028 in federal Research Support (RSF) Funding in 2016-2017.

The following chart provides an overview of how the funds were allocated under each of the five expenditure categories:



**2016-2017 Performance Measures for Eligible Expenditure Areas**

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| Eligible Expenditure Category | Institutional performance objectives | Indicator | Output | Outcomes reported at year end |
| Research facilitiesLink:<http://www.rsf-fsr.gc.ca/administer-administrer/expenditures-depenses-eng.aspx#facilities> | Increase research capacity by renovating and/or maintaining new and existing research facilities | Equipment and facilities that support research. | RSF will fund technical support required for maintaining the research facilities and operating costs for the research equipment. | The space devoted to research increased: 2015/16 – 20.49%2016/17 – 20.70% |
| Research resourcesLink:<http://www.rsf-fsr.gc.ca/administer-administrer/expenditures-depenses-eng.aspx#resources> | Maintain library holdings needed by researchers | Dollars spent on electronic databases through the university budget | Database for use by researchers | Research Support Fund covers approximately 20% of the cost associated with the site license to the Canadian Research Knowledge Network. |
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| Management and administration of an institution’s research enterpriseLink:<http://www.rsf-fsr.gc.ca/administer-administrer/expenditures-depenses-eng.aspx#management> | 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. | In 2016-2017 grant facilitators assisted with 204 applications with 102 successful applications which is a success rate of 50%.Office of Research Services (ORIS) hosted five grant facilitation training sessions.There was 96 new external grants/awards established in 2016-17. |
| Regulatory requirements and accreditationLink:<http://www.rsf-fsr.gc.ca/administer-administrer/expenditures-depenses-eng.aspx#requirements> | 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. | There 130 animal ethics approvals and 239 human subject ethics approvals.Training included both ethics training course and hands on workshops and training.Maintained compliance with regulatory standards. |
| Intellectual property (IP) and knowledge mobilizationLink:<http://www.rsf-fsr.gc.ca/administer-administrer/expenditures-depenses-eng.aspx#intellectual_property> | Continue to provide service and support to researchers and external partners in knowledge mobilization. | Number of staff supporting intellectual property  | RSF will fund a portion of the compensation for IP staff. | There were no new patent applications however there was one copyright registration and staff provided 26 workshops/training session. |