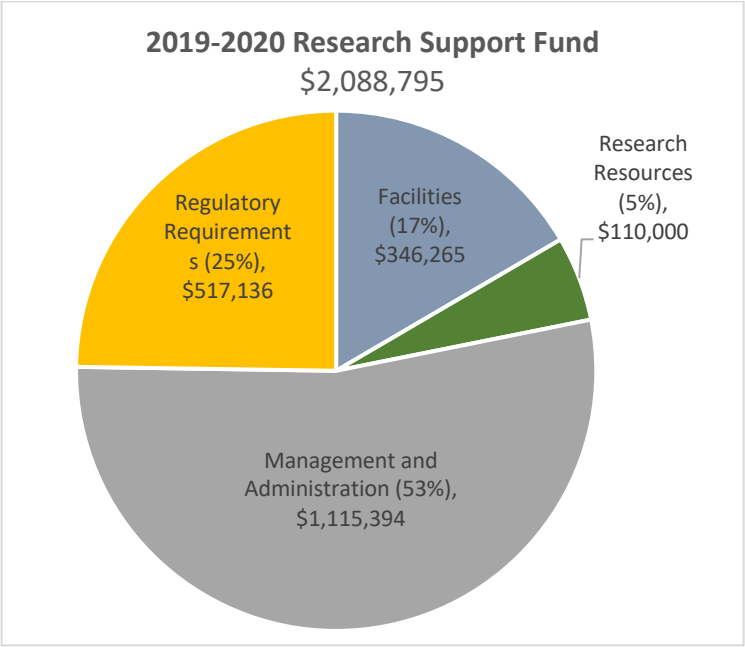
University of Lethbridge

2019/20 RESEARCH SUPPORT FUND

GRANT ALLOCATION

The University of Lethbridge's calculation based on Tri-Council (NSERC, SSHRC and CIHR) funding awarded in the 2019/2020 fiscal year:



Category	2019/2020 Allocation
Facilities	$346,265
Research Resources	$110,000
Management and Administration	$,1,115,394
Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation	$517,136
TOTAL	$2,088,795

In 2019/2020 the University of Lethbridge invested the Research Support Fund (RSF) in:

Facilities: Funding technicians 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: Funding to partially offset the cost Canadian Research Knowledge Network access to digital content for the academic research enterprise.

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, and reporting.

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.

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

Expenditure Category	Institutional performance objectives	Indicator	Output	Target Outcomes	
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 materials associated with operating research equipment and facilities, such as liquid nitrogen	Number of researchers who benefit from the purchase of liquid nitrogen used to support research equipment. GOAL: maintain support for existing researchers	23 users across the Departments of Biological Sciences, and Chemistry and Biochemistry. An increase of 2 users (or 9.5%)
				Square footage of research laboratories. GOAL: maintain or Increase research space.	Completion of Science Commons increased total dedicated research space on campus to 21,345.8 m^2
Research resources	Maintain library holdings needed by researchers	Dollars spent on electronic databases through the university budget	Database for use by researchers to map their research activities.	Access to Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN). GOAL: maintain access to CRKN	CRKN subscription renewed.
Management and administration of an institution's research enterprise	Continued support by Office of Research and Innovation Services and supporting departments in the review and submission of grant applications and reporting.	Number and quality of Tri-Council grant applications processed	RSF will fund a portion of the salaries of staff in Research and Innovation 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 GOAL: maintain or increase number of workshops/training opportunities.	35 workshops/information sessions.
				Number of research funds administered by Financial Services GOAL: increase number of externally funded research funds	399 (334 in 2019)
Regulatory requirements and accreditation	Continued vigilance and oversight of regulatory requirements	Processing of animal or human ethics protocols. Level of animal care training.	RSF will fund staff and technical support required for animal care, ethics and safety.	Number of research ethics protocols GOAL: increase the number of research ethics protocols.	491 Ethics approvals (157 animal, 334 human). An increase of 17.7% from 2019, which saw a total of 417 ethics approvals (143 animal and 274 human)
				Maintain compliance with regulatory standards. GOAL: maintain compliance	Compliance maintained with the following regulatory standards: • CCAC Good Animal Practice Certificate • Controlled Goods Program • Submitted Application for Institutional Cannabis License

		(pending review by Health Canada)
	Number of lab/regulatory/animal care safety training courses. GOAL: maintain or increase number of researchers taking the training courses	202 researchers and students received animal or human ethics research training.