



Acadia University Research Support Fund (RSF) – Performance Framework 2020-2021

The following table outlines the current Acadia University **Research Support Fund** performance objectives and indicators that will be tracked in accordance with the RSF requirements for institutions receiving more than \$500,000.

Eligible Category	Institutional Performance Objective	Indicator	Output	Outcomes Reported at Year End
1. Management & Administration	<p>To continue to offer support for grant writing (GW)</p> <p>To improve internal grants/awards administrative processes</p>	<p>Participation in GW sessions; grant writing support provided</p> <p>Use of and building further capacity in (TD) contract management system</p>	<p>Provide grant writing workshops for Tri-Council programs and general grant writing strategies</p> <p>Maintain reporting using (TD) system. Regular meetings in-house, with Financial Services, and, as needed, with Tech Services to continue to improve the efficiency of TD System, and associated reporting</p>	<p>Objective Met: Grant writing workshops (NSERC/SSHRC) held for faculty and students in the autumn of 2020.</p> <p>Objective Met: TD Reporting system maintained. Regular meetings with financial services and Technology Services to review the TD system. RGS Staff regularly reviewed the software.</p>

2. Research Resources	To maintain library resources for researchers	Number of downloads of electronic journals	Number of downloads of electronic journals in 2020-2021	Objective Met: In 2020-2021, there were 3822 Journals used at the Vaughn Memorial Library and 65,787 articles downloaded. Both categories were a slight decrease from the previous year (due primarily to COVID-19)
3. Research Facilities	To operate & maintain university research facilities and research stations	Numbers of person days of research and/or numbers of researchers utilizing facilities and/or number of related publications	Numbers of person days of research and/or numbers of researchers utilizing facilities and or number of related publications in 2020-21	Objective Met for Beaubassin Field Station: Person days – 543 2 Faculty, 1 CRC, 1 Publication, 7 HQP
4. Intellectual Property	<p>Maintain number of R&D agreements and engagement with industry</p> <p>Maintain the number of university technologies and IP (including copyright) transferred to industry/spin-out companies and other organizations.</p>	<p>Number of R&D contracts and/or industry engagement Activities</p> <p>Number of executed agreements processed</p>	<p>Maintain or grow number of R&D contracts and/or industry engagement activities in 2020-21 compared to 2019-2020</p> <p>Maintain number of License, Assignment & MT Agreements processed in 2020-21, as in 2019-20</p>	Objective Met: Industry R&D Contracts: 193 (increase from previous year) Meetings with Industry: 184 (increase from previous year) Technology & Knowledge Transfer: 28 (same as previous year).