



Acadia University Research Support Fund (RSF) – Performance Framework 2021-2022

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 |
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| 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 2021 and Spring of 2022.</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> |

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| 2. Research Resources | To maintain library resources for researchers | Number of downloads of electronic journals | Number of downloads of electronic journals in 2021-2022 | Objective Met: In 2021-2022, there were 4034 Journals used at the Vaughn Memorial Library (an increase from the previous year) and 64,995 (similar to the previous year) |
| 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 2021-22 | Objective Met for Beaubassin Field Station: Person days – 133, 2 Faculty, 1 CRC, 1 Publication, 6 HQP. At Bon Portage: Person days – 27, 1 faculty, 2 publications, 5 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 2021-22, as in 2020-21</p> | Objective Met: Industry R&D Contracts: 276 (increase from previous year) Meetings with Industry: 159 Technology & Knowledge Transfer: 166 (increase from previous year). |