



Acadia University Research Support Fund (RSF) – Performance Objectives 2023-2024

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.

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) facilitated for students and faculty in the autumn of 2023 and spring of 2024.</p> <p>Objective Met: Our reporting system was maintained. Regular interaction between RIGS & Financial services. The system is in continual review.</p>

2. Research Resources	To maintain library resources for researchers	Number of downloads of electronic journals	Number of downloads of electronic journals in 2024-2025	Objective Met: In 2023-2024 there were 3813 journals used at the Vaughn Memorial Library and 79,996 articles downloaded (down from last 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 2024-25	Objective Met: for Beaubassin Field Station: Person days – 256, 1 Faculty, 1 CRC, 7 HQP, 1 publication. At Bon Portage – 70 Field Days, 1 faculty, 2 HQP, 1 publication.
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 2024-25 compared to 2023-2024</p> <p>Maintain number of License, Assignment & MT Agreements processed in 2024-25, as in 2023-24</p>	Objective Met: Industry R&D Contracts: 85 Contracts (\$2,759,909). Meetings with Industry: 188. Knowledge Transfer: 91.