RSF Total Amount of Grant / Overview of how Acadia Allocated its Fund for 2021-2022.

In 2021-2022, Acadia was awarded $602,453 in funding from the Research Support Fund.

Management & Administration (33.2%):

Management and Administration remains crucial in supporting high-quality and innovative research at Acadia University. In 2021-2022, administrators and staff responded to information requests, helped faculty prepare applications for internal and external grants and ensured that mid and end grant reporting was completed in a timely manner. Researchers also benefited from grant-writing tutorials, and other support mechanisms. Thanks to RSF funding, Acadia continues
to improve its internal/Acadia-designed contract/agreement management system (developed through TeamDynamix [TD] service management software). TD is our key system for monitoring, sharing, and managing our various reporting requirements.

Resources (37.3%):

The Vaughn Memorial Library is the central hub on the Acadia campus. It is home to six floors of print and multimedia resources, and a variety of individual and group study spaces. As a smaller institution, it is vitally important that Acadia be able to offer its students access to important scholarly digital publications (especially true during the COVID pandemic). As noted in previous reports, many journals are now digital-only and therefore RSF monies are critical in creating an accessible learning environment for our faculty and students. Acadia spends 37.3% ($225,000) of its RSF funding on electronic journals.

Facilities (6.3%):

Although a smaller institution, Acadia University students and researchers are fortunate to have access to the Beaubassin Field Station (inner Bay of Fundy, Aulac NB) and Bon Portage Island. Research at Beaubassin includes a major salt marsh restoration project. Bon Portage Island is home to the Evelyn and Morrill Richardson Field Station in Biology. The RSF aids the maintenance of both these facilities ensuring that Acadia students and faculty can carry-out important research year-round.

Intellectual Property (19.1%):

The Acadia Office of Industry & Community Engagement (ICE) facilitates and manages a wide variety of collaborations between Acadia faculty and students and industry, government and community partners. RSF not only helps Acadia develop and negotiate research and commercialization agreements, but also provides commercialization and knowledge transfer services to Acadia faculty, staff, and students, including assessing the commercial potential of discoveries, identifying funding opportunities, IP protection activities, and marketing of technologies. In 2021-2022, ICE facilitated 239 Industry contracts, 276 R&D contracts, 159 meetings with industry and 166 Technology & Knowledge Transfer agreements.

Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation (4%)

In 2021-2022, Acadia spent $15,000 on animal care facilities (equipment maintenance and part-time hires).