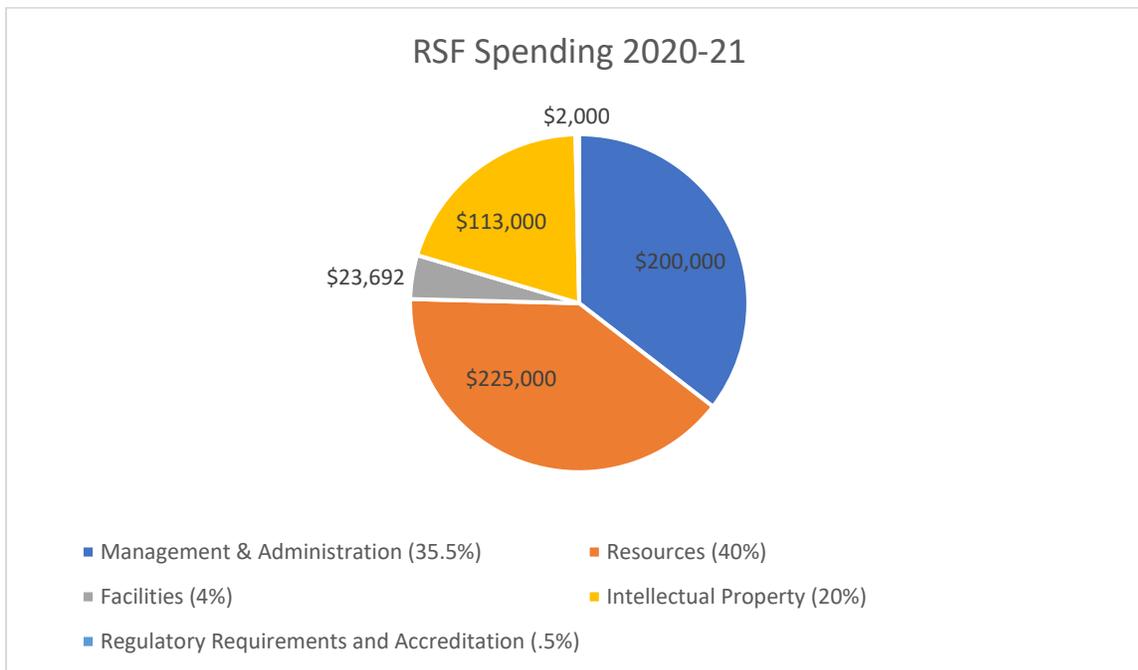




ACADIA UNIVERSITY

RSF Total Amount of Grant / Overview of how Acadia Allocated its Fund for 2020-2021.

In 2020-2021, Acadia was awarded **\$563, 692** in funding from the Research Support Fund.



Management & Administration (35.5%):

Management and Administration is crucial in supporting innovative research at Acadia. Although a small institution, the RSF helps Acadia manage a wide array of active research projects. In 2020-2021, administrators helped faculty prepare applications and ensured that mid and end grant reporting was completed. 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 and staff receive regular training.

Resources (40%):

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. 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 39% of its RSF funding on electronic journals. In 2020-2021, 65,787 articles were downloaded from 3822 peer-reviewed journals.

Facilities (4%):

Acadia University is fortunate to have the Beaubassin Field Station (inner Bay of Fundy, Aulac NB). Research at the site 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. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, access was restricted to these sites for most of 2020-2021.

Intellectual Property (20%):

The Acadia Office of Industry & Community Engagement (ICA) facilitates and manages a wide variety of collaborations between Acadia faculty and students and industry/government/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 2020-2021, ICE facilitated 193 Industry R&D Contracts: 193 (increase from previous year), 184 meetings with industry (also an increase) and 28 Technology & Knowledge Transfers.

Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation (.5%)

In 2020-2021, Acadia spent \$2000 on the Research Ethics Board. The money was used for meeting and administration costs.