

2025-26 Performance Objectives

The Research Support Fund (RSF) assists Canadian postsecondary institutions such as the University of New Brunswick (UNB) with the indirect costs associated with managing the research funded by the Tri-agency. The Incremental Projects Grant (IPG) and Research Security (RS) grant are streams of RSF. IPG provides further support for the indirect costs of research with a focus on four priority areas that cut across the five categories of RSF eligible expenses. The four priority areas include: innovation and commercialization, facilities renewal, information resources, and equity, diversity and inclusion. RS is categorized as a fifth priority area of the IPG. The RS grant supports activities related to the indirect costs of research security and to the National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships.

The majority of the funds from the RSF grant continue to support on-going indirect costs such as library acquisitions, IT services, and research support. The following performance objectives are proposed for the 2025-26 RSF funding, with the goal of continued investment to strengthen UNB's research environment.

2025-26	RSF Investment	Performance Objective	Performance Indicator	Target Outcome	Reported Outcome
Research facilities	Continued investment in infrastructure	Maintain and where applicable enhance current research infrastructure	Number of grant applications and research revenue	Increase in research funding attracted	To be reported September 2026
Research resources	Continued investment in library acquisitions and IT services	Improve and simplify support for researchers and research activity	Number of grant applications and research revenue	Increase in research funding attracted	To be reported September 2026
Management and administration	Continued investment in research administrative support services	Maintain and where applicable enhance capacity and efficiency to better support researchers and research activity	Number of grant applications Number of awards Number of agreements	Increase in research activity	To be reported September 2026
Regulatory requirements and accreditation	Continued investment in regulatory / accreditation resources	Improve support for researchers and research activity	Compliance with regulatory requirements / accreditations	Maintain compliance with regulatory requirements / accreditations	To be reported September 2026
Intellectual property	Continued investment in technology transfer process	Increase research and innovation partnerships, and knowledge and technology transfer	Number of knowledge and technology transfers and industry engagement (Springboard metrics)	Increase in commercialization activity	To be reported September 2026

The IPG funding is being applied to develop support and resources for researchers and research support staff in the areas of agreements, and Indigenous awareness, training and engagement. The funding is also being applied to modernize research administrative support. The following performance objectives are proposed for the 2025-26 IPG funding, with the goal to enhance efficiency and capacity.

2024-25	IPG Investment	Performance Objective	Performance Indicator	Target Outcome	Reported Outcome
Project: Indigenizing Research	Continued investment in developing supports and resources for researchers working with Indigenous peoples and communities	Increase awareness and training of Indigenous knowledge, epistemologies, methodologies and practices	Number of users accessing resources	Increase in cultural competency and ethical awareness	To be reported September 2026
Project: Modernization of Research Administrative Supports	Investment in software tools to enhance efficiency and capacity	Improve support for researchers and research activity, and streamline research support activities such as certifications, IP management, grant applications, etc.	Percentage of successful files without any major issues	Efficient management of human ethics and IP files	To be reported September 2026
Project: Agreements Support	Investment in agreements support for Research Centres and Institutes	Enhanced support for Research Centres and Institutes	Number of collaborative research agreements	Improve turnaround time for collaborative research agreements	To be reported September 2026

Similarly, the RS funding is continuing to be applied to develop resources and support for safeguarding research. The following performance objective is proposed for the 2025-26 RS funding, with the goal to ensure a broader understanding of the complexities of research security and the associated regulations and policies.

2024-25	RS Investment	Performance Objective	Performance Indicator	Target Outcome	Reported Outcome
Project: Research Security Framework	Continued investment in developing resources and support for safeguarding research	Development and implementation of a research security framework	Research security framework	Continued compliance and better-informed researchers, faculty and staff on responsible research practices	To be reported September 2026