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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.

In 2024-25, the RSF, IPG and RS funding continued to allow the development of support and resources for UNB research. The majority of the funds from the RSF grant continued to support on-going indirect costs such as library acquisitions, IT services, and research support. The following are examples of RSF investments; they do not cover all expenditures supported by the program.

RSF 2024-25	Performance Objective	Performance Indicator	RSF Investment	Target Outcome	Reported Outcome
Research facilities	Maintain and where applicable enhance current research infrastructure	Number of grant applications	Investment in infrastructure	Increase previous years' figure	The number of grant applications and contracts processed is 757 compared to 696 in 2023-24; a 9% increase.
Research resources	Improve support for researchers and research activity, and simplify research support activities	Number of grant applications Number of faculty submitting grant applications	Investment in library acquisitions and IT services	Increase from previous years' figure	The number of grant applications and contracts processed is 757 compared to 696 in 2023-24; a 9% increase. However, the number of faculty submitting grants applications is 222 compared to 231 in 2023-24; down 4%.
Management and administration	Increase capacity and efficiency to better support researchers and research activity	Number of grant applications Number of awards Number of faculty submitting grant applications	Investment in research support services	Increase from previous years' figure	The number of grant applications and contracts processed is 757 compared to 696 in 2023-24; a 9% increase. The number of awards received is 408 compared to 425 in 2023-24; a decrease of 4%. The number of faculty submitting grants applications is 222 compared to 231 in 2023-24; also down 4%.
Regulatory requirements and accreditation	Invest in new tools to better manage regulatory and accreditation requirements	Maintain compliance with regulatory requirements / accreditations	Investment in regulatory / accreditation resources	New tools	Animal care transitioned to the ROMEO certifications module and research ethics is in the midst of transitioning to the ROMEO certifications module.
Intellectual property	Increase in research and innovation partnerships, and knowledge and technology transfer	Number of knowledge and technology transfers and industry engagement	Member status with Springboard Atlantic Inc.	Increase from previous years' figure	The number of knowledge and technology transfer files is 100 and the number of industry engagements is 175; both a decrease from 2023-24.

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The IPG funding was applied to develop supports and resources for researchers working with Indigenous peoples and communities, as well equity, diversity and inclusion resource support. The following are examples of IPG investments; they do not cover all expenditures supported by the program.

IPG 2024-25	Performance Objective	Performance Indicator	IPG Investment	Target Outcome	Reported Outcome
Project: Indigenizing Research, including supplemental funding	Increase awareness and training of Indigenous knowledge, epistemologies, methodologies and practices	Active outreach and engagement Number of users accessing resources	Investment in developing support and resources for researchers working with Indigenous peoples and communities	Increase in awareness	Outreach and engagement for Indigenous research was led by the Piluwitahasuwin. OCAP training provided to faculty and staff. UNB's Indigenous Research resource page had 225 page views since going live in February 2024, resulting in an increase in page views from 2023-24.
Project: EDI Resource Support	Increase awareness and training of EDI and Indigenous knowledge, epistemologies, methodologies and practices	Active outreach and engagement Number of users accessing resources	Investment in developing support and resources for EDI and Indigenous peoples and communities	Increase in awareness	EDI presentations and other sessions include responsible conduct in research policy related to Indigenous research. UNB's EDI in Research resource page had 279 page views to date.

Similarly, the RS funding was applied to develop supports and resources for safeguarding research. The following are examples of IPG investments; they do not cover all expenditures supported by the program.

RS 2024-25	Performance Objective	Performance Indicator	RS Investment	Target Outcome	Reported Outcome
Project: Research risk due diligence	Increase awareness and training	Research security plan, guidelines, and/or frameworks Number of outreach and engagement activities	Investment in developing support and resources for safeguarding research	Increase in awareness and decrease in research risk	Several grants supported in the assessment and development of risk plans. Seven STRAC attestations completed. UNB's Research Security resource page had 259 page views since going live in January 2024, resulting in an increase in page views from 2023-24. Research Security Manager position filled at end of 2024-25.