

Research Support Fund at UFV

Public Disclosure Statement for 2017-2018

The Research Support Fund (RSF) helps Canadian postsecondary institutions with expenses associated with managing the research funded by the three federal research granting agencies.

- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)
- Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC)
- Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)

Examples of costs supported by the program are:

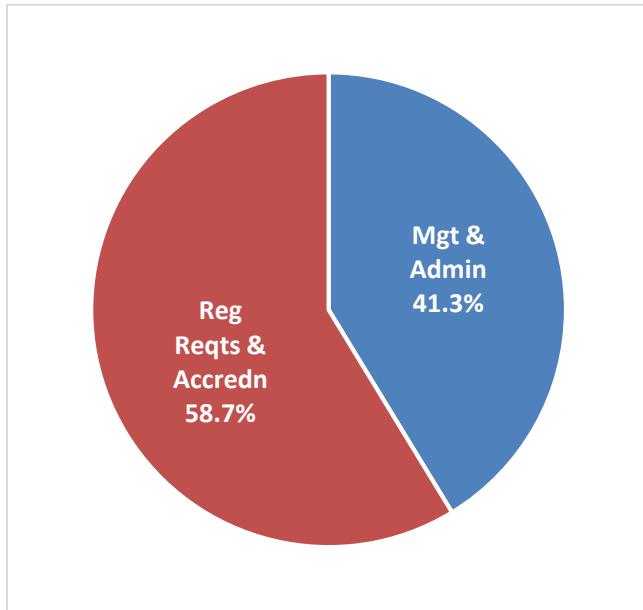
- salaries for staff who provide administrative support for researchers and their projects;
- costs required to meet regulatory requirements and accreditation to ensure compliance with Canadian regulatory bodies; and
- costs related to the maintenance of laboratories or research facilities.
- research resources

Research and scholarship are part of a teaching-intensive regional university and contribute significantly to excellence in undergraduate education. Research and scholarship enhance UFV's social, cultural, economic, and environmentally-responsible development and contribute to the strategic goals of UFV.

The Research Support Fund is essential to building and sustaining a culture of research and scholarship at UFV as well as pragmatically supporting everyday activities and operations. The fund enables UFV to employ staff (Director of Research; Ethics, Grants, and Compliance Officer; Research Services Assistant; Financial Analyst and Liaison) who support faculty and student researchers. Many initiatives supported by the RSF showcase UFV faculty and student research and promote interdisciplinary networking within the institution and community.

The value of each grant is calculated as a percentage of the institution's total federal research funding from NSERC, SSHRC, and CIHR with some exclusions. Detailed information about the Research Support Fund can be found here: http://www.rsf-fsr.gc.ca/about-au_sujet/index-eng.aspx.

Allocation of UFV Research Support Funds 2017-2018



Regulatory requirements and accreditation

Costs associated with UFV Human Research Ethics Board (HREB) and Animal Care Committee (ACC); compliance with Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) and the Tri-Council Policy Statement; upgrades and maintenance of research facilities and equipment to meet regulatory requirements

Research management and administration

Salaries and training costs for staff who work on grant applications and research proposals and support the research enterprise; costs associated with publications and events that highlight UFV research; costs of grant-writing workshops and professional memberships

The Research Support Fund plays a vital role in many of our successes, either directly or by allowing us to redirect funds to support research activities. Some examples of our support for UFV faculty and student researchers in the 2017-2108 academic year are listed below:

- Committing funds in support of faculty research projects, and assisting researchers from all disciplines.
- Assisting faculty and students to publish research outcomes and present at professional conferences.
- Awarding UFV's Research Excellence Award to faculty member Dr. Derek Harnett, Associate Professor, Physics.
- Hosting a faculty MicroLecture where 20 faculty presented two-minute lectures on the findings and implications of their current research.
- Providing funding for the Scholarly Sharing Initiative where faculty and students met informally each month to share and receive feedback on their ongoing research projects and scholarly work.
- Offering annual workshops for faculty and students: Faculty Sabbatical Planning and Application workshop; Grant Writing workshop; Publishing Your Article; Research Option and Scholarly Activity workshop; Research Ethics Workshops, and NSERC and SSHRC Scholarship workshops.

- Assisting more than 24 undergraduate students who presented at national and international professional conferences.
- Supporting six students who received NSERC USRAs and one student who received a SSHRC post-graduate scholarship.
- Presenting 38 students with Undergraduate Research Excellence awards for excellence in research done in 19 disciplines, industry, and Indigenous Communities.
- Supporting more than 100 undergraduate student research assistants.
- Hosting Student Research Day where more than 90 students presented posters and gave MicroLectures while competing for twenty financial awards.
- Reviewing over 100 research ethics protocols to ensure UFV met TCPS and CCAC compliance.
- Providing HREB members and Research Office staff opportunities to attend national conferences such as CAREB, CARA, and CCAC for training and networking.
- Allowing the Director of Research to dedicate more time to supporting faculty and students in group meetings and one-on-one mentoring.

With ongoing budget cuts to postsecondary institutions within the province, UFV Research Services regularly assesses and adapts its activities to ensure effective and responsible use of RSF funds.

Anticipated Allocation of UFV Research Support Funds 2018-2019

