Research Support Fund (RSF) Program
Concordia University Institutional Performance Outcomes
2024-2025

RSF Eligible expenditure category	Selected institutional performance objective for 2024-2025	Selected indicators	Selected outputs	Outcomes reported for 2024-2025
Research facilities	Develop, optimize and maintain research laboratory spaces and infrastructure to better meet research needs	Investment in technical support costs for our research laboratory spaces and infrastructure	Portion of the Research Support Fund grant invested in covering technical support and operation/maintenance costs for shared research laboratory spaces	*Description and value of investments made at Concordia University to develop, optimize and maintain research laboratory spaces and infrastructure in 2024-2025:* The Research Support Fund grant funding was again essential in supporting various research spaces and infrastructure initiatives at Concordia University. Notable examples for 2024-2025 include the following: - Salaries of research technicians and instrument specialists in various laboratories, research units, and infrastructure platforms throughout the university; - Energy, maintenance and cleaning costs for research spaces; and - Maintenance costs for various shared research infrastructure in the Faculty of Arts and Science, the Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science, and the Faculty of Fine Arts;

Research resources	Support and maintain library resources for Concordia University researchers and other highly qualified personnel	Total investment in acquiring and maintaining library collections and resources for researchers	Portion of the Research Support Fund grant invested to cover the subscription and acquisition cost of electronic journals	*Number of articles accessed in 2024-2025 in comparison to the three previous fiscal years:* The Concordia University Libraries have been providing yearly data to CARL (Canadian Association of Research Libraries) on successfully completed full-text article requests from the major packages of library resources provided by the CKRN (Canadian Research Knowledge Network – a consortium Concordia participates in with support from RSF funding). The metric used for the annual reporting is 'unique title request', meaning that the Libraries counts each article only once per session, regardless of format. This provides a more accurate reflection of user activity than other metrics that were used in the past. For calendar year 2021, the Concordia University Libraries reported 1,872,340 successfully completed full-text article requests from the consortially-purchased major packages of library resources. For 2022, the reported number was 1,960,657 successfully completed full-text article requests, and for 2023, the number was 1,883,794. For 2024, the Concordia University Libraries reported 1,887,763 successfully completed full-text article requests from the consortially-purchased major packages of library resources. The Libraries have also continued to include open access content from the same group of major publishers, as open access usage gradually increases.

Management and administration of the institution's research enterprise	Offer a variety and diversity of tri-agency related grant workshops and seminars to Concordia University Faculty members, notably through online means	Quantity and diversity of tri-agency related workshops and seminars offered to researchers	Portion of the Research Support Fund grant invested in staff salaries for research development and outreach activities in the Office of Research	*Number of tri-agency related workshops and seminars (in person or online) offered to Concordia University researchers in 2024-2025 in comparison to the three previous fiscal years:* In 2021-2022, the Office of Research had offered nine (9) tri-agency related workshops and seminars. In 2022-2023, it had offered eleven (11) tri-agency related workshops and seminars, and in 2023-2024 it had offered fourteen (14) tri-agency related workshops and seminars In 2024-2025, the Office of Research again offered fourteen (14) tri-agency related workshops and seminars, covering such important and timely topics as: - SSHRC Insight Grants, Insight Development Grants and Connection Grants; - NSERC Discovery Grants, Research Tools and Instruments, Alliance Advantage and Society Programs; - CIHR Project Grants; - Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) in research design and research practice. - Academic Assessment and Evaluating Excellence; - Research Data Management Plans; - Research Partnership Programs; and - Research Security.
	Continue to provide pre- and post-award support services to Concordia University researchers to support their research activities	Research facilitation and grant support services provided by the Office of the Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies and the Faculties	Portion of the Research Support Fund grant invested in the salaries of staff at the Office of Research, Office of the Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies, and Financial Services that are involved in pre- and post-award support for research grants	*Number and total value of external research grants applied for by Concordia University researchers as primary investigators in 2024-2025 in comparison to the three previous fiscal years:* In 2021-2022, the Office of Research submitted 426 external grant applications with a Concordia faculty member as primary investigator, for a total requested amount of $88,890,558. In 2022-2023, the Office of Research submitted 463 external grant applications with a Concordia faculty member as primary investigator, for a total requested amount of $169,142,043. In 2023-2024, the Office of Research submitted 673 external grant applications with a Concordia faculty member as primary investigator, for a total requested amount of $162,608,934. In 2024-2025, the Office of Research submitted 551 external grant applications with a Concordia faculty member as primary investigator, for a total requested amount of $134,801,408. It is important to note that these numbers can fluctuate from year to year depending on the number of grants eligible for renewal in any given year. In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic context still impacts the number of grant applications submitted every year, with some researchers delaying applications and using leftover funds available from earlier grants that were extended.

Regulatory requirements and accreditation	Continue to provide human research ethics protocol review and approval services to Concordia University researchers and graduate students	Reviews and approvals of ethics protocol applications	Portion of the Research Support Fund grant invested in the salaries of staff at the Office of Research that are involved in human research ethics and compliance activities	*Number of ethics protocols reviewed in 2024-2025 in comparison to the three previous fiscal years:* In 2021-2022, a total of 418 ethics protocols were opened or reviewed (415 human research ethics protocols and 3 animal research ethics protocol). In 2022-2023, the total was 392 ethics protocols opened or reviewed (389 human research ethics protocols and 3 animal research ethics protocols). In 2023-2024, the total was 408 ethics protocols that were opened or reviewed (387 human research ethics protocols and 21 animal research ethics protocols). In 2024-2025, a total of 415 ethics protocols were opened or reviewed (397 human research ethics protocols and 18 animal research ethics protocols).
Intellectual property and knowledge mobilization	Continue to increase the number of research contracts signed by the Office of Research (Partnerships and Innovation unit)	Number of signed research agreements and contracts	Portion of the Research Support Fund grant invested to support salaries in the Partnerships and Innovation unit of the Office of Research	*Percentage increase of number of signed research contracts in 2024-2025 in comparison to the three previous fiscal years:* In 2021-2022, a total of 381 research contracts (including monetary agreements, non-monetary agreements and agreements in support of grants) were signed. In 2022-2023, that total increased to 480 research contracts, a very significant increase (26%) in comparison to the previous year. In 2023-2024, the total was down to 306 research contracts, going back to the average numbers for the period of 2016 to 2021. In 2024-2025, there were issues with capturing the part of the data that constitutes agreements in support of grants. Using a three-year average for this sub-category (which comes to 16), the total number of signed research contracts (including monetary agreements, non-monetary agreements and agreements in support of grants) is 306, exactly the same number as the previous year, and in line with average numbers from five to ten years ago.