# Research Support Fund (RSF) Program
# Concordia University Institutional Performance Outcomes
# 2021-2022

| RSF eligible expenditure category | Selected institutional performance objective for 2021-2022 | Selected indicator | Selected output | Outcomes reported for 2021-2022 |
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| **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 research laboratory spaces and infrastructure renovation and maintenance costs | *Description and value of investments made at Concordia University to develop, optimize and maintain research laboratory spaces and infrastructure in 2021-2022:*<br><br>The Research Support Fund grant funding was again essential in supporting various research spaces and infrastructure initiatives at Concordia University. Notable examples for 2021-2022 include the following:<br>- Maintenance costs for various shared research infrastructure in the Faculty of Arts and Science and the Gina Cody School of Engineering and Computer Science;<br>- Salaries of research technicians and instrument specialists in various laboratories and research centres throughout the university; and<br>- Energy, maintenance and cleaning costs for research spaces. |

| Research resources | Support and maintain library resources for Concordia University researchers | 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 electronic journals accessed and number of articles accessed in 2021-2022 in comparison to 2019-2020 and 20202-2021:*<br><br>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).<br><br>For 2019-2020, the Concordia University Libraries reported 1,675,517 successfully completed full-text article requests from the consortially-purchased major packages of library resources.<br><br>For 2020-2021, the Concordia University Libraries reported 2,301,930 successfully completed full-text article requests from the consortially-purchased major packages of library resources. This was significantly higher total than in previous years, possibly fueled in part by the COVID-19 pandemic context.<br><br>For 2021-2022, the Concordia University Libraries reported 1,877,034 successfully completed full-text article requests from the consortially-purchased major packages of library resources. This is lower than in the previous year but significantly higher than the years before the pandemic. This result is possibly in relation to a more global trend of the decrease use of online materials in this time frame, perhaps some screen-fatigue in the later part of the COVID-19 pandemic context. |
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| Management and administration of the institution's research enterprise | Continue to increase the offer of tri-agency related grant workshops and seminars offered to Concordia University Faculty members, notably through online means | Number of tri-agency related workshops and seminars offered to Faculty members | Portion of the Research Support Fund grant invested in the salaries of Advisors, Research Development and of the Director, Research Development in the Office of Research | *Number of tri-agency related workshops and seminars (in person or online) offered to Concordia University Faculty members in 2021-2022 in comparison to 2019-2020 and 2020-2021:*<br><br>In 2019-2020, the Office of Research had offered eleven (11) tri-agency related workshops and seminars.<br><br>In 2020-2021, the Office of Research had offered ten (10) tri-agency related workshops and seminars.<br><br>In 2021-2022, the Office of Research had offered nine (9) tri-agency related workshops and seminars. These workshops and seminars covered such important and timely topics as:<br>- SSHRC Insight Grants and Insight Development Grants;<br>- NSERC Discovery Grants and Research Tools and Instruments programs;<br>- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI); and<br>- Research Data Management and Grant Writing Skills. |
| | Continue to provide pre- and post-award support services to Concordia University faculty members 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 faculty members as primary investigators in 2021-2022 in comparison to 2019-2020 and 2020-2021:*<br><br>In 2019-2020, the Office of Research submitted 549 external grant applications with a Concordia faculty member as primary investigator, for a total requested amount of $95,144,487.<br><br>In 2020-2021, the Office of Research submitted 587 external grant applications with a Concordia faculty member as primary investigator, for a total requested amount of $85,409,292.<br><br>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.<br><br>It is important to note that these numbers can fluctuate from year to year depending of the number of grants eligible for renewal in any given year. In addition, 2021-2022 was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic context, 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 faculty members 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 2021-2022 in comparison to 2019-2020 and 2020-2021:*<br><br>In 2019-2020, a total of 344 new ethics protocols were opened (341 human research ethics protocols and 3 animal research ethics protocols). In 2020-2021, that total had increased to 364 (362 human research ethics protocols and 2 animal research ethics protocol).<br><br>In 2021-2022, a total of 418 new ethics protocols were opened (415 human research ethics protocols and 3 animal research ethics protocol). |
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| Intellectual property and knowledge mobilization | Continue to increase the number of research contracts signed by the Office of Research (Research Partnerships and Innovation unit) | Number of signed research contracts | Portion of the Research Support Fund grant invested to support salaries in the Research Partnerships and Innovation unit of the Office of Research | *Percentage increase of number of signed research contracts in 2021-2022 in comparison to 2019-2020 and 2020-2021:*<br><br>In 2019-2020, 387 research contracts (including monetary agreements, non-monetary agreements and agreements in support of grants) were signed.<br><br>In 2020-2021, the total decreased significantly, to 314 research contracts signed, which represents a decrease of 18.9%, mostly attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic context.<br><br>In 2021-2022, a total of 381 research contracts were signed, increasing close to the pre-pandemic level (21.3% increase from previous year). |