

Incremental Project Grants (IPG) Program

Concordia University Notional Amounts and Institutional Performance Objectives

2021-2022

Projects	IPG Priority Area	Expected Outputs (investment of IPG grant funds)	Performance Objectives	Performance Indicators and Target Outcomes
Supporting Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Awareness at Concordia University	Equity, diversity and faculty renewal	\$33,348 invested to support the activities of Concordia's Equity and Diversity office in relation to its role in our Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Action Plan for the Canada Research Chairs Program.	At Concordia, Canada Research Chairs program allocations are used solely for external recruitment. The Equity and Diversity Office supports the training of hiring committees for these research hires, as well as the development of broader initiatives regarding EDI at Concordia.	Successful nominations of Canada Research Chairs to help meet Concordia's EDI targets for the Canada Research Chairs program.
Supporting Open Access Infrastructure at Concordia University	Information resources, including digital resources, open access and databases	\$30,000 invested to cover a significant share of the remuneration costs of the Concordia library personnel that are involved part-time in the operation and maintenance of Spectrum, Concordia University's open access research repository.	Spectrum provides access to and preserves research created at Concordia. By depositing in Spectrum, Concordia scholars provide free and immediate access to their work and thus increase the visibility of both their own research and their university's intellectual output. Open access leads to the increased research profile and impact of scholars by bringing about greater levels of readership and citation of their publications.	It is expected that usage of Spectrum will continue to increase as more and more research publications are deposited in the repository. Increase in the number of publications and downloads are ways to measure the effectiveness of these programs.
Research Infrastructure Renewal at Concordia University	Facilities renewal, including deferred maintenance	\$290,000 invested for the renewal of research infrastructure of Concordia University recognized research units and infrastructure platforms.	It is essential to renew older supporting research infrastructure before it becomes obsolete or fails. Limiting such events and situations is a key element to ensure a high quality research environment for our researchers, helping support their research activities so that these can have the most impact and benefits.	The demand for funding as well as the investments made to renew research infrastructure of University-recognized research units and infrastructure platforms.

Improving Intellectual Property and Research Commercialization Services at Concordia’s Office of Research	Innovation and commercialization activities	\$60,000 invested towards the expansion of support and services for intellectual property management and research commercialization at the Office of Research.	The model for evaluation of declarations of invention and commercialization opportunities is changing in Quebec from a centralized model handled by an external valorization body to a more decentralized pay for service model. During this transition, we aim to improve the capacity of our technology transfer unit, housed within the Partnerships and Innovation office, to be able to do preliminary evaluations of our researchers’ technologies internally and provide some support for technology maturation activities. We will also develop outreach activities with the research community to inform about new processes, and encourage the submissions of technologies for evaluation.	We will develop new internal processes for the initial triage and evaluation of applications. The outcome would be the successful implementation of a new capacity to support intellectual property management and research commercialization, which will be reflected in the number of declarations of invention evaluated internally.
Development of Research Support for Computing and Information Technology at Concordia University	Information resources, including digital resources, open access and databases	\$180,000 invested for improved IT support to our recognized research units and infrastructure platforms	To support three full-time resources dedicated entirely for researcher support, to help deploy the infrastructure and the service offerings. It is also expected that the university will recruit personnel for high performance computing support and applications.	The number of researchers, research units and infrastructure platforms benefitting from the new support (i.e. their buy-in in the new service offer) as well as time spent by the new IITS dedicated personnel on research support needs and high performance computing needs will be key indicators to monitor the impact of this investment.