

**Research Support Fund (RSF) Program
Concordia University Institutional Performance Outcomes
2025-2026**

RSF Eligible expenditure categories	Selected institutional performance objectives for 2025-2026	Selected indicators	Selected outputs	Outcomes reported for 2025-2026
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	<u>Description and value of investments made at Concordia University to develop, optimize and maintain research laboratory spaces and infrastructure in 2025-2026:</u> The Research Support Fund grant funding was again essential in supporting various research spaces and infrastructure initiatives at Concordia University. Notable examples for 2025-2026 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	<u>Number of articles accessed in 2025-2026 in comparison to the three previous fiscal years:</u> 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 1,960,657 successfully completed full-text article requests from the consortially-purchased major packages of library resources. For 2023, the reported number was 1,883,794 successfully completed full-text article requests, and for 2024, the number was 1,887,763. For 2025, the Concordia University Libraries reported 1,735,424 successfully completed full-text article requests from the consortially-purchased major packages of library resources. This is lower than previous years; this is because more sources for articles are becoming entirely open access and thus do not count usage statistics by source of user. These don’t produce usage reports that the library can compile.
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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	<u>Number of tri-agency related workshops and seminars (in person or online) offered to Concordia University researchers in 2025-2026 in comparison to the three previous fiscal years:</u> In 2022-2023, the Office of Research had offered eleven (11) tri-agency related workshops and seminars. In 2023-2024, it had offered fourteen (14) tri-agency related workshops and seminars, and in 2024-2025 it had again offered fourteen (14) tri-agency related workshops and seminars In 2025-2026, the Office of Research offered sixteen (16) 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 and Research Tools and Instruments Program; - CIHR Project Grants and NFRF-Transformation Program; - Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) in research teams and research practice; - The new Tri-agency narrative CV; - Budgeting tips for research grant applications; - 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, Innovation, and Impact	Portion of the Research Support Fund grant invested in the salaries of staff at the Office of Research, Office of the Vice-President, Research, Innovation, and Impact, and Financial Services that are involved in pre- and post-award support for research grants	<u>Number and total value of external research grants applied for by Concordia University researchers as primary investigators in 2025-2026 in comparison to the three previous fiscal years:</u> 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. In 2025-2026, the Office of Research submitted 485 external grant applications with a Concordia faculty member as primary investigator, for a total requested amount of \$312,050,845. 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, and the accessible external open programs and funding opportunities.

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	<u>Number of ethics protocols reviewed in 2025-2026 in comparison to the three previous fiscal years:</u> In 2022-2023, a total of 392 ethics protocols were opened or reviewed (389 human research ethics protocols and 3 animal research ethics protocol). In 2023-2024, the total was 408 ethics protocols opened or reviewed (387 human research ethics protocols and 21 animal research ethics protocols). In 2024-2025, the total was 415 ethics protocols that were opened or reviewed (397 human research ethics protocols and 18 animal research ethics protocols). In 2025-2026, a total of 449 ethics protocols were opened or reviewed (432 human research ethics protocols and 17 animal research ethics protocols).
Intellectual property and knowledge mobilization	Continue to increase the number of research contracts signed by the Office of Research (Partnerships, Intellectual Property and Security unit)	Number of signed research agreements and contracts	Portion of the Research Support Fund grant invested to support salaries in the Partnerships, Intellectual Property and Security unit of the Office of Research	<u>Percentage increase of number of signed research contracts in 2025-2026 in comparison to the three previous fiscal years:</u> In 2022-2023, a total of 480 research contracts (including monetary agreements, non-monetary agreements and agreements in support of grants) were signed. In 2023-2024, that total was reduced to 306 research contracts, a very significant decrease (36.25 %) in comparison to the previous year, but more in line with the annual averages from the previous five years. In 2024-2025, the total was again 306 research contracts. In 2025-2026, a total of 324 research contracts (including monetary agreements, non-monetary agreements and agreements in support of grants) were signed, an increase of 5.88% from the previous year.