



## 2023-2024 Research Support Fund (Forecast)

### Allocation of the 2023-2024 Research Support Fund Grant

Each year, the Mount receives a grant through the Research Support Fund to help pay for a portion of the central and departmental administrative costs related to federally funded research. For **2023-2024**, based on a formula calculated on the percentage of a three-year rolling average of federal research funding (SSHRC, NSERC, and CIHR) awarded, the Mount was allocated **\$669,718**.

These funds will be invested as follows:

Category	Allocated Amount	Details
Facilities	-	Not applicable for this fiscal year
Research Resources	\$368,718 (55.1%)	This funding is used for library acquisitions to support our students and faculty in conducting their research.
Management and Administration	\$270,000 (40.3%)	<p>There are significant staffing resources that go into the management and administration of research projects. The following examples demonstrate some of the areas and offices involved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Mount’s Research Office, led by the Associate Vice-President, Research, handles oversight and development of research initiatives including applying for grants, and communication of the research objectives and outcomes for the Mount and research ethics.</li> <li>• Financial Services, which handles equipment procurement, materials and supplies for research, grant accounting and report submission, payroll services, and payment of research expenditures.</li> <li>• Human Resources, which handles any search processes and hiring of employees for grant initiatives.</li> </ul>
Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation	\$15,000 (2.2%)	Research Support Funding is used to support a portion of the expenditures related to the process of Research Ethics approval and oversight as well as the Canadian Council on Animal Care.
Intellectual Property	\$16,000 (2.4%)	The Mount shares the cost of a position for an Industry Liaison Officer with several other universities.

## Performance Objectives for the 2023-2024 Research Support Fund

Eligible Expenditure Category	Output (Investment or Expense of RSF Funds)	Performance Objective	Performance Indicator	Target Outcome	Reported Outcome 2023-2024 (due June 2024)
<b>Research Resources</b>	RSF will fund the University Library's membership in CRKN (Canadian Research Knowledge Network), as well as library research acquisitions and world-class digital content.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain library holdings, Open Access publishing discounts, and databases required by MSVU researchers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain or increase number of library holdings, and Open Access discounts, accessible through CRKN.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued access to CRKN (Canadian Research Knowledge Network).</li> </ul>	
<b>Management and Administration of MSVU's Research Enterprise</b>	RSF will fund a portion of the salaries of staff in the Research Office, Financial Services, and Human Resources that directly support researchers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain the human resources required to support MSVU's research enterprise.</li> <li>Streamlined processes for pre- and post-award services across departments to assist researchers in grants administration.</li> <li>Increased preparedness of researchers when applying for, receiving, and administering Tri-Agency grants.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain or increase the number of positions supported by RSF.</li> <li>Maintain the level and quality of assistance provided to researchers by the Research Office, Financial Services, and Human Resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased efficiency in inter-departmental processes and communications to support researchers and research teams.</li> <li>Increased number of workshops or training opportunities to assist faculty in grant preparation, post-award administration, EDIA in research, as well as Research Data Management.</li> </ul>	

<b>Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation</b>	<p>RSF will fund MSVU's Canadian Council for Animal Care annual fee and external lab inspection services that support CCAC compliance.</p> <p>RSF will also fund ethics training for researchers, students, and REB members.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain compliance with regulatory requirements.</li> <li>• Maintain REB initial review feedback timeline of 2-3 weeks.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly Animal Care Lab Inspection.</li> <li>• Maintain the human resources involved in the regulatory requirements of MSVU's research enterprise.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain MSVU's "Good Animal Practice" Certificate provided by CCAC.</li> <li>• Increased number of ethics training and outreach opportunities for the MSVU research community.</li> </ul>
<b>Intellectual Property and Knowledge Mobilization</b>	<p>RSF will provide partial salary support of MSVU's Industry Liaison Officer, responsible for collaborative agreements, partnerships, IP, contracts, and knowledge and tech transfer agreements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain staff levels in support for industry-research partnerships.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain the quality of contract and intellectual property agreement reviews by the ILO.</li> <li>• Maintain or increase the visibility of the Industry Liaison Officer on MSVU's campus, digital presence, and at research workshops and events.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued support for industry-research partnerships and intellectual property protections for our researchers.</li> </ul>