

Investing in Knowledge, Positive Research Impacts

A Library-RSF Update (2024-2025)

Thanks to the power of national licensing and open-access initiatives through the [Canadian Research Knowledge Network \(CRKN\)](#), a consortium of academic libraries in Canada that has helped its members acquire scholarly content for over two decades, researchers at Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU) have access to thousands of top journals that they read and publish in.

Because MSVU is a small institution, the ability to leverage consortial licensing, and the capacity to acquire research materials that we otherwise would not be able to support financially, are critical to MSVU's research mission and success.

In addition to supporting researchers with key resources, MSVU has participated in several CRKN-sponsored Read and Publish Agreements, which either waive or reduce Article Processing Charges (APCs) for Open Access publication. Below are just two examples of researcher feedback:

"I've taken advantage of the waived APC via the Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN) agreements many times (I had a waiver come through this week :)) What a great program!" - Dr. Kyly Whitfield, Associate Professor, Department of Applied Human Nutrition.

"We have recently had the opportunity to publish research papers as open access through support from the Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN). This is a real benefit to our research program, as it allows our results to reach the widest possible audience." - Dr. Gavin Kernaghan, Professor, Department of Biology

The benefits of being a CRKN member also extend to the recruitment of new faculty and Research Chairs, as being part of a wider network is an indicator of the institution's commitment to building a strong research culture at MSVU.

Each year, MSVU directs a percentage of its [Research Support Fund \(RSF\)](#) funding to offset research database subscriptions negotiated and managed through CRKN. With ever-present financial challenges such as product renewal increases and foreign exchange currency fluctuations, the RSF makes a huge difference in leveling the playing field for smaller institutions and equitable access to the world's knowledge.

For more information on RSF:

- Research Support Fund (Government of Canada) – [Research Support Fund – Supporting the indirect costs associated with research](#)
- MSVU Research Support Fund - [Research Support Fund](#)