

## 2024-2025 Research Support Fund (Updated May 15, 2025)

### Allocation of the 2024-2025 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 **2024-2025**, 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 **\$754,998**. These funds were utilized as follows:

Category	Allocated Amount	Details
Research Facilities	-	Not applicable for this fiscal year
Research Resources	\$453,998 (60%)	This funding is used for library acquisitions to support our students and faculty in conducting their research.
Management and Administration	\$270,000 (36%)	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 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%)	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%)	The Mount shares the cost of a position for an Industry Liaison Officer with several other universities.

## Performance Objectives for the 2024-2025 Research Support Fund

Eligible Expenditure Category	Output (Investment or Expense of RSF Funds)	Performance Objective	Performance Indicator	Target Outcome	Reported Outcome 2024-2025 (due June 2025)
<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>Achieved:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to Canadian Research Knowledge Network maintained.</li> <li>MSVU continues to be a voting member of CRKN</li> <li>MSVU researchers continue to utilize essential scholarly literature provided through our licensed content.</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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain the human resources required to support MSVU's research enterprise.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain or increase the number of positions supported by RSF.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased efficiency in inter-departmental processes and communications to support</li> </ul>	<b>Achieved:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MSVU maintained the personnel levels for the various units.</li> <li>The RSF successfully</li> </ul>

directly support researchers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> <li>Increased accessibility of documents and website under the auspices of the Research Office</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain the level and quality of assistance provided to researchers by the Research Office, Financial Services, and Human Resources.</li> <li>Documents and websites under the auspices of the Research Office and Research Ethics will be revised to ensure accessibility.</li> </ul>	<p>researchers and research teams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 and Research Security.</li> <li>Research Office documentation and websites shall be accessible.</li> </ul>	<p>contributed to supporting MSVU Researchers to develop and obtain funded research grants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MSVU continued to provide research support as well as the communication of successful awards.</li> <li>Successful research training events were held throughout 2024-2025, including sessions on research data management, knowledge mobilization, and research security.</li> <li>All REB and ACC documents were reviewed and checked for accessibility and modified where needed</li> </ul>
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<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>• Successful CCAC Program review in 2024.</li> <li>• Increased number of ethics training and outreach opportunities for the MSVU research community.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Achieved:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MSVU participated in the CCAC assessment in 2024 and is responding to their recommendations</li> <li>• MSVU continues to maintain its CCAC GAP certificate in good standing.</li> <li>• The REB's initial review time of 2-3 weeks for human ethics applications has remained steady at 97% since 2020</li> <li>• The RSF supported the REB and ACC in maintaining compliance with regulatory standards.</li> <li>• The REB continues to offer in-person and</li> </ul>
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<b>Intellectual Property and Knowledge Mobilization</b>	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.	<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>	<p><b>Achieved:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The RSF funding directly contributed to MSVU researchers successfully collaborating with several industry partners with the assistance of our Industry Liaison Office.</li> <li>• The ILO continued to provide industry engagement opportunities and facilitate discussions with faculty members around intellectual property and ownership.</li> </ul>

- A total of 6 funding applications were submitted and 3 were awarded and 2 are still under review.
- The ILO held a luncheon attended by faculty, staff and students to raise awareness about the office and support services to faculty.
- The ILO met with a number of faculty members from the following Departments:  
Chemistry,  
Education,  
Biology, Family  
Studies, and  
Applied Human  
Nutrition.