2025-2026 Research Support Fund (Forecast)

Allocation of the 2025-2026 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 **2025-2026,** 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 is allocated **$770,579**. These funds will be invested as follows:

Category	Allocated Amount	Details
Research Facilities	- (0%)	Not applicable for this fiscal year
Research Resources	$453,898 (59%)	This funding is used for library acquisitions to support our students and faculty in conducting their research.
Management and Administration	$285,681 (37%)	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: • MSVU'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 MSVU-related research objectives and outcomes, as well as research ethics and compliance. • Financial Services personnel who handle equipment procurement, materials and supplies for research, grant accounting and report submission, payroll services, and payment of research expenditures. • Human Resources, which handles any search processes and hiring of employees for grant initiatives.
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 (both human and animal) review, clearance, oversight and compliance, as well as the Canadian Council on Animal Care required fees.
Intellectual Property	$16,000 (2%)	MSVU shares the cost of the Industry Liaison Office with several other local universities.

Performance Objectives for the 2025-2026 Research Support Fund

Eligible Expenditure Category	Output (Investment / Expense of RSF Funds)	Performance Objectives	Performance Indicator	Target Outcome	Reported Outcomes 2025-2026 (due June 2026)
Research Resources	RSF will fund the University Library's Membership in the Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN), which facilitates digital resource acquisition, as well as provides access to critical content in key areas of research.	• Manage library holdings and subscriptions • Invest in national Open Access / Open Science initiatives. • Support researchers through Article Processing Charge (APC) discounts with publishers.	• Manage current subscriptions; • Analysis of database usage statistics. • Usage of APC discounts.	• Research output is made possible through CRKN-acquired content, thus continued membership is critical.	
Management and Administration of MSVU's Research Enterprise	RSF will continue to offset a portion of the salaries of staff that directly support the MSVU research ecosystem (e.g., Research Ethics and Compliance Officer; Grants Officer; Financial Services – Grants and Special Projects, procurement; Payroll, and Human Resources	• Maintain the human resources required to support MSVU's research enterprise. • Streamlining processes for pre- and post-award services across departments to assist researchers in grants administration.	• Maintain (or increase) the number of positions supported by RSF. • Maintain the level and quality of assistance provided to researchers by the Research Office, Financial Services, and Human Resources. • Provide training opportunities and resources for	• Increased efficiency in inter-departmental processes and communications to support researchers and research teams. • Increased number of workshops or training opportunities to assist faculty in grant preparation, post-	

		• Continued support for MSVU researchers using research administration best practices, providing a variety of training and increasing researchers' preparedness when applying for, receiving, and administering Tri-Agency grants. • Increased communication of resources and tools via Research Office websites, SharePoint sites, research bulletins and training opportunities.	researchers on topics such as research data management (RDM), research and data security, knowledge mobilization (KMb), EDIA in research and research impact (RI) • Documents and websites under the auspices of the Research Office and Research Ethics will be revised to ensure accessibility. • Promotion of research data security to the MSVU research community, including consultations with researchers who may be travelling with data.	award administration, EDIA in research, KMB, as well as RDM and Research Security. • Research Office documentation and websites shall be accessible. • Increased number of resources and tools for grant capture, research management, EDIA in research, KMb, RI, and RDM, made available via Research Office website and SharePoint sites.	
Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation	A portion of the RSF will is used in support of the Research Ethics and Compliance Office, providing budgetary funding for the operation of the office and its	• RSF will help to offset costs for MSVU's Canadian Council for Animal Care annual fee and external lab inspection services that support our institution's	• Maintain the human resources involved in the regulatory requirements of MSVU's research enterprise. • Monthly Animal Care Lab Inspection and reporting to the ACC	• Continued support for research ethics and compliance at MSVU. • Maintain MSVU's "Good Animal Practice" Certificate	

	affiliated responsibilities.	compliance with CCAC requirements. • Provision of research ethics training opportunities and research ethics consultation for researchers, students, and REB members.	via arms-length externally contracted personnel. • Researchers are able to consult with the Research Ethics and Compliance Officer and/or the REB • Training for REB members (including community members)	provided by CCAC. • Provide ethics training and outreach opportunities for the MSVU research community. • Provide ethics training and outreach opportunities for the MSVU REB members.	
Intellectual Property and Knowledge Mobilization	RSF will provide partial salary support of MSVU's Industry Liaison Officer, responsible for collaborative University-Industry agreements and partnerships, Intellectual Property, contracts, and knowledge and tech transfer agreements.	• Maintain staff levels and access in support for industry-research partnerships.	• Maintain the quality of contract and intellectual property agreement reviews by the ILO. • Maintain or increase the visibility of the Industry Liaison Officer on MSVU's campus, digital presence, and at research workshops and events. • Maintain or increase the number of faculty meetings with the Industry Liaison Office annually.	• Continued support for industry-research partnerships and intellectual property protections for MSVU researchers. • Offer group faculty sessions for awareness as well as individual consultations. • Reach out to new faculty and meet with them to share information	

			Promote industry - research partnerships through social media and events and collaborate with the Research Office and University Communications and Marketing (University Relations).	on the Industry Liaison Office. Highlight faculty in industry-research partnerships by featuring researchers at events or sharing stories with Springboard Atlantic and MSVU.	