



Research Support Fund

The Research Support Fund (RSF) helps Canadian universities cover a portion of the hidden costs or “indirect” costs of research. The Canada Research Chair Secretariat administers the Research Support Fund.

The calculation of Nipissing University’s Indirect Costs allocation is based on a percentage of the university’s total funding received from the Federal Granting Agencies; SSHRC, NSERC and CIHR. The more successful our researchers become in obtaining Tri-Agencies funding, the larger the RSF grant for the university becomes. As the grant increases, it allows the university to better support our researchers and their research initiatives.

The allocation is calculated using a three-year rolling average formula. For example, the 2017-2018 allocation is calculated by using the average of the 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 Federal funding awards for Nipissing University. The funds must be used between the period of April 1 and March 31 of every year. No carryover or deferral of funds is permitted. The fund value for Nipissing University increased from \$395,968 in 2016-2017 to \$413,337 in 2017-2018. The universities Research Support fund increased from \$220,390 in 2011-2012 to \$426,241 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. This shows the increased success and growth of research at Nipissing University from Tri-Agency grants.

Expenditure Areas.

The Indirect Costs program identifies five major expenditure areas: 1) Research Facilities; 2) Research Resources; 3) Management and Administration; 4) Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation; and 5) Intellectual Property.

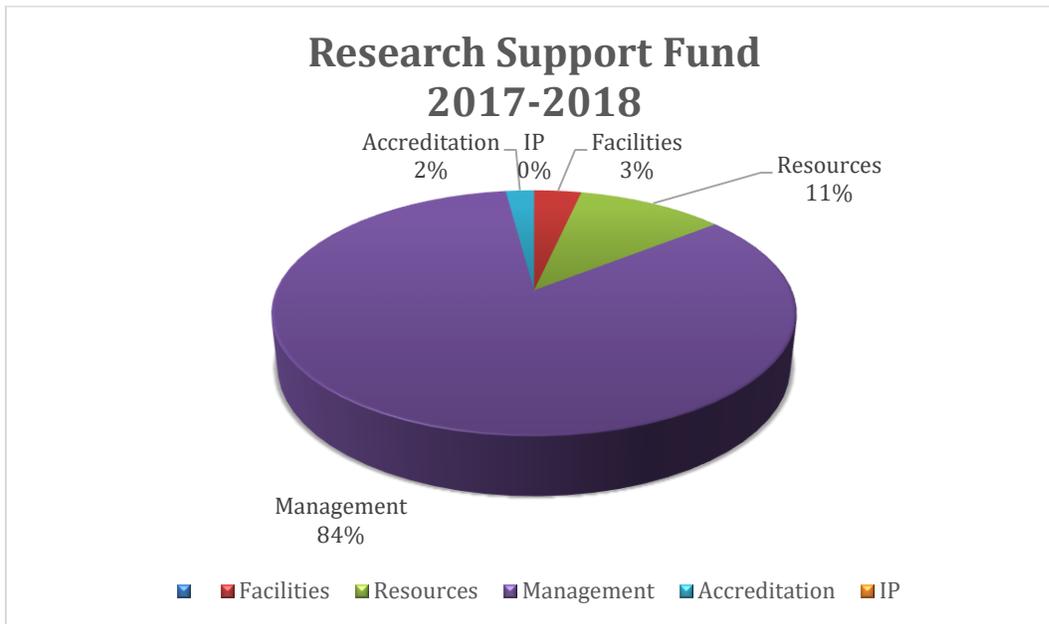
For additional information on the Research Support Fund, please click on the link below.

<http://www.rsf-fsr.gc.ca/home-accueil-eng.aspx>

Nipissing University's Allocation of RSF Funds

The value of Nipissing University's Research Support Fund for 2017-2018 was \$413,337. This allocation was divided into 3 of the 5 major expenditure categories:

Facilities	\$14,394
Resources	\$44,845
Management	\$345,479
Accreditation	\$8,619
IP	\$0.00





Impact of the Indirect Costs Program at Nipissing University

The Indirect Costs Program is important to Nipissing University as it provides support for research activities conducted at the university. The following are examples of how funds from the program are used:

- Support of Nipissing University's regulatory compliance bodies such as the Animal Care Committee, Research Ethics Board and Biosafety.
- Support for purchase of additional library resources
- Support for research accounting services including financial audit costs, financial reporting and purchasing activities
- Contributions to operating costs for custodial, security, maintenance, utilities and other expenses required to maintain the research wing.
- Support for grant management and administration including regulatory compliance.
- Contributions to the management and administration of research services and facilities.