



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 RSF grant increases as the success by the university’s researchers increases in obtaining Tri-Agencies funding. As the grant increases, the university is able to provide additional support their research initiatives of our researchers.

The allocation and calculation of the RSF uses a three-year rolling average formula. For example, the 2018-2019 allocation, the calculation averaged the Tri-Agency funding awarded to Nipissing University research for the years 2015-2016 through 2017-2018.

The RSF program requires the funds 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 to \$426,241 in 2018-2019 from \$413,337 in 2017-2018. The universities Research Support fund increased from \$220,390 in 2011-2012 to \$475,203 for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The increase is a direct result of the success our researchers have at securing Tri-Agency funding over the past three years.

Expenditure Areas.

The RSF 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.

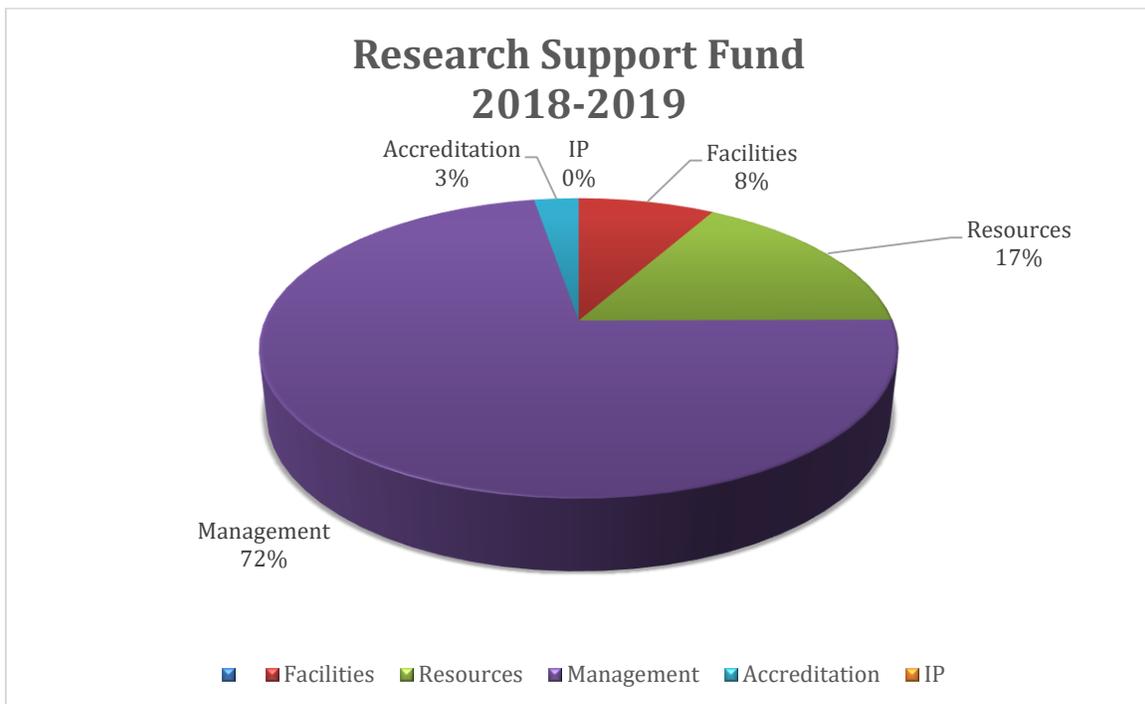
For additional information on the Research Support Fund, please click on the link below.

<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 2018-2019 was \$426,241. The university divided the allocation into 4 of the 5 major expenditure categories:

Facilities	\$35,163
Resources	\$70,946
Management	\$308,632
Accreditation	\$11,500
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 including training for the Animal Care Committee, Research Ethics Board and Biosafety.
- Support for purchase of additional library resources.
- Support for maintenance and insurance of research equipment
- 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 facilities.
- Support for grant management and administration including regulatory compliance.
- Contributions to the management and administration of research services and facilities.