

**Research Support Fund
2024 - 2025**

Eligible expenditure category	Output (investment or expense of RSF grant funds)	Performance Objective	Performance Indicator	Target Outcome	Progress Report October 2025
Research facilities	Support for Core Facilities.	Promote the development and growth of Core research facilities and multi-user space at Dalhousie.	Core Facilities offer centralized research equipment and expert technical support to the broader research community.	Core Facilities provide effective and efficient usage of research resources under a sustainable operation model.	Operational support provided to Core Facilities in 2024-25.
Research facilities	Renovation of research administration office space.	Support the development and growth of Research Security infrastructure at Dalhousie.	Dalhousie has capacity to identify, assess, and mitigate potential risks to research security, in support of the Policy on Sensitive Research Technology and Affiliations of Concern and National Security Guidelines on Research Partnerships.	New Research administration office space for Research Security staff.	Renovations undertaken to support the Research Security unit were completed during 2024–25.
Research resources	Research funding opportunities database subscription.	Provide the Dalhousie research community with increased access to research opportunities, funding, and collaborators.	Dalhousie researchers and administrators discover new research opportunities, funding, and collaborations by searching the database.	New research funding and collaborations secured by Dalhousie researchers.	Through Dalhousie’s institutional subscription to Pivot-RP, researchers successfully identified and secured \$1 million in research funding in 2024–25.
Management and administration of an institution’s research enterprise	Costs associated with attending research administration-related conferences.	Provide Dalhousie research administration staff with professional development	Dalhousie research administration staff attend annual	Minimum of 5 Dalhousie research administration staff build knowledge base and peer network	In 2024–25, seven research administration staff participated in the annual CARA and CAUBO

		opportunities by attending annual CARA/CAUBO conferences.	CARA/CAUBO conferences.	by attending CARA/CAUBO conferences.	conferences to support professional development and peer networking.
Regulatory requirements and accreditation	Biosafety Technician.	Provide support to Dalhousie researchers for laboratory and research activities that may involve exposure to biohazardous agents or materials.	Dalhousie has capacity to identify, assess, and mitigate potential risks under biosafety guidelines and regulations.	Provide a safe environment to support important research priorities.	In 2024–25, a full-time Biosafety Technician supported laboratory and research activities involving biohazardous agents and materials, helping to maintain a safe research environment aligned with institutional priorities.

**Incremental Project Grant
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Research facilities	Deferred maintenance undertaken in A.L. MacDonald (D Building).	Support and improve research capacity.	Research space is renewed with continued adherence to safety standards.	Research space is renewed to provide a safe environment to support important research priorities.	In 2024–25, high-priority deferred maintenance projects, including upgrades to sprinkler systems, emergency eyewashes and showers, fume hoods, and electrical panels, were completed to ensure safety compliance.
Research facilities	Deferred maintenance undertaken in Chemistry Building.	Support and improve research capacity.	Research space is renewed with continued adherence to safety standards.	Research space is renewed to provide a safe environment to support important research priorities.	In 2024–25, high-priority deferred maintenance work, including emergency eyewashes and showers, was completed to ensure safety compliance.
Management and administration of an institution’s research enterprise	Clinical Trials Study Start-up Specialist Team (NSHA).	Build capacity within NSHA’s clinical trial unit while concomitantly improving access to clinical trial opportunities across Nova Scotia.	Reduced start up timelines and improved operational capacity.	Development of clinical navigational supports that enhances equitable access to services.	The Study Start-up Specialist Team strengthened the precision medicine strategy by implementing key biosafety initiatives, including creating an Institutional Biosafety Committee, developing a biosafety manual, and introducing a biosafety officer to the clinical trial unit.

Management and administration of the institution's research enterprise	NovaStudies Connect Decentralized Clinical Trial Module (NSHA).	Provide expert support to the development team of the decentralized clinical trials module within the NovaStudies Connect platform.	Improved access to clinical trials for residents outside of the Central Zone of the province.	Increase number of registered participants for clinical trials from outside the Central Zone of the province.	The Information Management/Technology Team lead contributed to advancing recruitment and retention strategies, reducing usage barriers, enhancing participant experience, and optimizing research workflows to support scalability and efficiency.
Research facilities Research resources Management and administration of an institution's research enterprise	Renewal of Shared Work Environments (IWK).	Provide a supportive research environment for clinical areas, improved access to productive space, and a more inclusive environment that improves staff morale and capacity to support individual's needs.	Increased utilization and fit for use of shared research community spaces.	Increase in the number of personnel accessing systems, support, and teaching opportunities in shared research community spaces.	In 2024–25, renovations and equipment purchases were completed, expanding the use of shared spaces and directly promoting collaboration and learning.
Management and administration of the institution's research enterprise	PowerTrials Clinical Trials Module (IWK).	Provide expert support to external development team to optimize the design and functionality of the PowerTrials module.	Improved recruitment of clinical trial participants, timeline, and revenue capture in the conduct of clinical trials.	Increase in the number of funded clinical trials.	The support of seconded staff allowed investigators and research teams to streamline clinical activity and trial management within the portal, directly contributing to an increase in funded trials.

**Research Security
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Management and administration of an institution's research enterprise	Support the ongoing development of a Research Security Management unit at Dalhousie through the recruitment of two new positions in 2024-25: Manager, Research Security Process and Validation and Manager, Research Security Implementation.	Integrate national security considerations into the development and evaluation of research partnerships.	Positive results following Agency review of funding applications.	Development and evolution of processes to support critical evaluation of research partnerships, including who researchers partner with and what areas of research are at higher risk, to support researchers and government funders to undertake consistent, risk-targeted due diligence to identify and mitigate potential national security risks to research.	Funding from RSF-RS continues to support the Dalhousie Research Security unit, which, under the Director's guidance, develops and implements processes to critically evaluate research partnerships. Efforts to incorporate national security considerations into these evaluations have consistently received favorable feedback in Tri-Agency funding application results.
Management and administration of an institution's research enterprise	Research Storage Service Environment.	Development of a high-security research environment.	Number and amount of research data stores that are housed on the storage infrastructure and the availability of a pilot environment for researchers that require high-security environments.	Dalhousie researchers will be able to apply for research funding that requires a high-security environment and affirm compliance and continued support for a secure research storage infrastructure.	Supported by RSF-RS funding, a Research Analyst worked closely with researchers, the Dalhousie Research Security unit, and Information Technology Services to establish a high-security research environment that now accommodates more than 85 terabytes of active research data.