Research Support Fund
2025 - 2026

Expenditure category	Output (investment)	Objective	Indicator	Outcomes at year-end	Progress Report
Research facilities	RSF funding is used to support centralized research equipment and expert technical support to the broader research community.	Support for Core Facilities.	Promote the development and growth of Core research facilities and multi-user space at Dalhousie.	Continued effective and efficient usage of research resources under a sustainable operation model.	Operational support provided to Core Facilities in 2025-26.
Research resources	RSF funding is used to provide Dalhousie researchers and administrators with access to new research opportunities, funding, and collaborations.	Support for a research funding opportunities database subscription.	Provide the Dalhousie research community with increased access to research opportunities, funding, and collaborators.	Number of database users, searches, and funding.	As of March 31, 2026, 499 researchers and administrators subscribed to the Pivot-RP research revenue opportunities database and are currently tracking 415 funding opportunities. $185,567 in research funding can be directly attributed to a database search.
Management and administration of an institution's research enterprise	RSF funding is used to support Dalhousie conference attendance by research administration staff.	Support for professional development of research administration staff through attendance of industry-related conferences.	Provide Dalhousie research administration staff with professional development opportunities by attending annual CARA/CAUBO conferences.	Number of research administration staff attending a professional industry conference.	In 2025–26, six research administration staff participated in the annual CARA and CAUBO conferences to support professional development and peer networking.
Regulatory requirements and accreditation	RSF funding is used to support the Dalhousie Research Ethics boards and Animal Care committees.	Support for compliance support services to enhance productivity and meet guidelines and policy regulations.	Review and approval services provided by the Health Sciences Research Ethics Board, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Ethics Board, University Committee on Laboratory Animals,	Number of human ethics protocol approved and renewed by the REBs, and animal use protocols approved and renewed by the UCLA and UACC.	In 2025-26, the number of human ethics protocols approved and renewed by the REBs was 639 and the number of animal use protocols approved and renewed by the UCLA and UACC was 199.

			and University Animal Care Committee.	Compliance with CCAC Guidelines and Tri-Agency policies.	
Intellectual property	RSF funding used to support the creation of startups and the research and development needs of organizations.	Support for industry engagement services to facilitate research outcomes through industry collaboration.	Support Dalhousie researchers and economic development in the region and beyond through strategic access to the university's intellectual property and expertise.	Number of research contracts executed, Invention disclosures, license or option agreements, and patents filed and issued.	In 2025-26, 171 research contracts were executed, 14 invention disclosures were submitted, 6 license or option agreements were executed, and 26 patents were filed and 5 issued.

Incremental Project Grant
2025 - 2026

Project title	Priority area	Output (investment)	Objective	Indicator	Outcomes at year-end	Progress Report
Infrastructure Renewal – Sir Charles Tupper Medical Building	Research facilities.	RSF IPG funding is used to replace secondary distribution (lighting panels, distribution panels and motor control centres) throughout the Tupper Building, Tupper Link and CRC buildings.	Deferred maintenance on the Sir Charles Tupper Medical Building.	Support and improve research capacity.	Research space is renewed to provide a safe environment to support important research priorities.	Project delayed to 2026-27.
Dunn Emergency Shower and Eyewash	Research facilities.	RSF IPG funding is used to install new emergency combination drench shower and eyewash units and individual eyewash stations in research and teaching laboratories.	Deferred maintenance on the Sir James Dunn Building.	Support and improve research capacity.	Research space is renewed to provide a safe environment to support important research priorities.	The project successfully completed the installation of new emergency combination drench shower and eyewash units, as well as individual eyewash stations, in all research and teaching laboratories within the Sir James Dunn Building. The work also included the replacement and upgrading of associated piping, drainage, and supporting infrastructure required for the new systems. These improvements brought laboratory emergency safety equipment up to current standards, enhanced compliance with occupational health and safety requirements, reduced infrastructure risks associated with aging systems, and improved the research environment by providing safer, more reliable laboratory facilities for researchers, trainees, and students.
Tupper Ventilation Project	Research facilities.	RSF IPG funding is used to refurbish and renew critical ventilation systems	Deferred maintenance on the Sir Charles	Support and improve research capacity.	Research space is renewed to provide a safe environment to	The project successfully completed the refurbishment and renewal of critical ventilation systems serving numerous research laboratories throughout the Sir

		serving numerous research laboratories.	Tupper Medical Building.		support important research priorities.	Charles Tupper Medical Building, including the Animal Care Facility. The upgrades restored the reliability and performance of aging mechanical infrastructure, ensuring appropriate ventilation, consistent temperature and environmental control, and safe operating conditions for both laboratory and animal research spaces. These improvements enhanced compliance with occupational health and safety requirements, supported the specialized environmental conditions required for animal care and research, reduced the risk of equipment failure and service disruptions, and strengthened the building's capacity to support high-quality research activities into the future.
N Building (Sexton) - Roof Replacement	Research facilities.	RSF IPG funding is used to replace the building roof.	Deferred maintenance on the N Building.	Support and improve research capacity.	Research space is renewed to provide a safe environment to support important research priorities.	The project successfully completed the replacement of the N Building's roof, significantly improving the integrity of the building envelope and mitigating the risk of water infiltration and associated damage to research and teaching spaces. The new roofing system enhances protection for research equipment, infrastructure, and ongoing research activities while reducing the potential for operational disruptions and future maintenance requirements. The project also extended the useful life of the facility, improved the long-term sustainability of the building, and strengthened the infrastructure supporting a safe, reliable, and high-quality research environment.

Infrastructure Renewal – Haley Institute of Animal Science and Aquaculture	Research facilities.	RSF IPG funding is used to replace emergency combination drench shower/face wash systems and individual face wash systems in all research and teaching labs.	Deferred maintenance at Haley Institute of Animal Science and Aquaculture.	Support and improve research capacity.	Research space is renewed to provide a safe environment to support important research priorities.	The project successfully completed the installation of new emergency combination drench shower and eyewash units, as well as individual eyewash stations, in all research and teaching laboratories within the Haley Institute of Animal Science and Aquaculture. The work also included the replacement and upgrading of associated piping, drainage, and supporting infrastructure required for the new systems. These improvements brought laboratory emergency safety equipment up to current standards, enhanced compliance with occupational health and safety requirements, reduced infrastructure risks associated with aging systems, and improved the research environment by providing safer, more reliable laboratory facilities for researchers, trainees, and students.
Integration of Clinical Research Activity within OPOR – PowerTrials (IWK)	Information resources, including digital resources, open access and databases.	RSF IPG funding is used to support project team salaries.	Implementation of One Patient One Record clinical research program, PowerTrial.	Seamless integration of research and clinical information within a patient's health record.	Increase in training and education content, development of guidance and mentorship tools, and a more inclusive commitment to grant-paid staff.	IPG funding supported the development of research-specific guidance documents, educational sessions, tutorials, regular implementation updates, and mentorship resources to facilitate OPOR implementation at IWK Health. The funding also covered unbudgeted personnel costs for key research staff to participate in OPOR training, peer mentoring, and consultation activities required to develop and refine research workflows and guidance tools. These activities increased organizational readiness for PowerTrial implementation and established the foundation for integrating research and clinical

						information within the patient's health record. All eligible expenditures were incurred prior to March 31.
Implementation of new Research Management System (NSH)	Information resources, including digital resources, open access and databases.	RSF IPG funding will be used to support project team salaries.	Implementation of a province-wide research management platform.	Research management system that meets operational needs and inter-institutional and interprovincial requirements for secure data sharing.	Documentation of all research operations processes and identification of system specification requirements.	Project activities resulted in the comprehensive documentation and mapping of research administration and operational processes across the research lifecycle. Through stakeholder engagement and workflow analysis, functional and technical system requirements were identified and validated to inform the selection and implementation of a province-wide research management platform. The documented processes and system specifications established a common operational framework, ensuring the future platform will support standardized research administration, improve efficiency, facilitate secure data sharing across institutions and jurisdictions, and meet institutional and regulatory requirements.

Research Security
2025 - 2026

Project title	Output (investment)	Objective	Indicator	Outcomes at year-end	Progress Report
Research Security Office	Support for Research Security Office salaries and operations.	Apply National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships to federal funding applications to meet program requirements.	Integrate national security considerations into the development and evaluation of research partnerships.	Development and implementation of processes to support critical evaluation of research partnerships to support researchers and government funders to undertake consistent, risk-targeted due diligence to identify and mitigate potential national security risks to research. Grant awarding results for programs that have a research security assessment requirement.	The project resulted in the development and implementation of institutional processes to support the consistent application of the National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships to eligible federal funding applications. Standardized guidance, review procedures, and due diligence practices were established to assist researchers and research administrators in identifying, assessing, and mitigating potential national security risks associated with research collaborations. These processes strengthened institutional capacity to conduct risk-targeted evaluations of research partnerships, improved consistency in meeting federal research security requirements, and supported the submission of compliant funding applications. The project also contributed to successful grant application outcomes for funding programs with mandatory research security assessment requirements by ensuring applicants were equipped to address research security considerations throughout the application and review process.