



## 2021-2022 Research Support Fund (*Updated May 2022*)

### Allocation of the 2021-2022 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 **2021-2022**, 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 was allocated **\$560,410**.

These funds will be invested as follows:

Category	Allocated Amount	Details
Facilities	-	Not applicable for this fiscal year
Research Resources	\$250,000 (44.6%)	This funding is used for library acquisitions to support our students and faculty in conducting their research.
Management and Administration	\$284,410 (50.8%)	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Mount'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 research objectives and outcomes for the Mount and research ethics.</li> <li>• Financial Services, which handles equipment procurement, materials and supplies for research, grant accounting and report submission, payroll services, and payment of research expenditures.</li> <li>• Human Resources, which handles any search processes and hiring of employees for grant initiatives.</li> </ul>
Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation	\$10,000 (1.8%)	Research Support Funding is used to support a portion of the expenditures related to the process of Research Ethics approval and oversight as well as the Canadian Council on Animal Care.
Intellectual Property	\$16,000 (2.9%)	The Mount shares the cost of a position for an Industry Liaison Officer with several other universities.

## Performance Objectives for the 2021-2022 Research Support Fund

Eligible Expenditure Category	Output (Investment or Expense of RSF Funds)	Performance Objective	Performance Indicator	Target Outcome	Reported Outcome (N/A – 2021-22 is MSVU’s baseline/first year of reporting)
<b>Research Resources</b>	RSF will fund the University Library’s membership in CRKN (Canadian Research Knowledge Network), as well as library research acquisitions and world-class digital content.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain library holdings, Open Access publishing discounts, and databases required by MSVU researchers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain or increase number of library holdings, and Open Access discounts, accessible through CRKN.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued access to CRKN (Canadian Research Knowledge Network).</li> </ul>	<b>Achieved:</b> Access to Canadian Research Knowledge Network maintained.
<b>Management and Administration of MSVU’s Research Enterprise</b>	RSF will fund a portion of the salaries of staff in the Research Office, Financial Services, and Human Resources that directly support researchers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain the human resources required to support MSVU’s research enterprise.</li> <li>Streamlined processes for pre- and post-award services across departments to assist researchers in grants administration.</li> <li>Increased preparedness of researchers when applying for, receiving, and administering Tri-Agency grants.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain or increase the number of positions supported by RSF.</li> <li>Maintain the level and quality of assistance provided to researchers by the Research Office, Financial Services, and Human Resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased efficiency in inter-departmental processes and communications to support researchers and research teams.</li> <li>Increased number of workshops or training opportunities to assist faculty in grant preparation and post-award administration.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Achieved:</b> The RSF successfully contributed to supporting MSVU Researchers to develop and obtain funded research grants and research support as well as the communication of successful awards.</p> <p>Continuation of research-related administrative processes continue to be consultative.</p> <p>The COVID-19 pandemic impacted most in-person training opportunities. The Research Office</p>

					<p>increased the number of training opportunities for researchers to assist them in grant preparation.</p>
<p><b>Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation</b></p>	<p>RSF will fund MSVU's Canadian Council for Animal Care annual fee and external lab inspection services that support CCAC compliance. RSF will also fund ethics training for researchers, students, and REB members.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain compliance with regulatory requirements.</li> <li>• Maintain REB initial review feedback timeline of 2-3 weeks.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly Animal Care Lab Inspection.</li> <li>• Maintain the human resources involved in the regulatory requirements of MSVU's research enterprise.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain MSVU's "Good Animal Practice" Certificate provided by CCAC.</li> <li>• Increased number of ethics training opportunities for the MSVU research community.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Achieved:</b> MSVU received the CCAC GAP certificate in March 2022 after an interim audit in 2021.</p> <p>The RSF supported the REB in maintaining compliance with regulatory standards.</p> <p>The COVID-19 Pandemic curtailed in-person events, but the REB provided virtual workshop to Faculty and Students as well as the development of new outreach initiatives such as a bi-monthly research ethics newsletter.</p>

**Intellectual Property and Knowledge Mobilization**

RSF will provide partial salary support of MSVU's Industry Liaison Officer, responsible for collaborative agreements, partnerships, IP, contracts, and knowledge and tech transfer agreements.

- Maintain staff levels 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.
- Continued support for industry-research partnerships and intellectual property protections for our researchers.

**Achieved:**  
The RSF funding directly contributed to MSVU researchers collaborating with industry partners.