**2023-24 RESEARCH SUPPORT FUND PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES**

| Eligible Expenditure Category | Output | Performance Objectives | Indicator | Target Outcome |
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| Research facilities | Projected: 1.1 % of RSF grant invested to support the maintenance of research facilities. | Support remote research facilities. | Maintain access to the facility. | Maintain or increase the number of researchers accessing the facility in 2023/24 as compared to 2022/23. |
| Provide research operating equipment support by funding a portion of the liquid nitrogen materials and supplies cost. | Number of researchers who benefit from the purchase of liquid nitrogen used to support research equipment | Maintain or increase the volume of liquid nitrogen used to support research activities. |
| Research Resources | Projected: 4.5% of RSF grant invested to support electronic databases in support of research activities. | Provide access to research resources for faculty and staff such as databases and electronic journals. | Provide access to Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN). | Maintain access to the CRKN. |
| Management and administration of the institution’s research enterprise | Projected: 47.1% of RSF grant invested in administrative supports for uLethbridge’s research community. | Provide research administrative support for pre- and post-award activities. | Transition of paper-based research administration processes to electronic platforms. | Implementation of a research management system.  Increase the number of grant applications submitted in 2023/24 as compared to 2022/23.  Review financial policies related to research administration. |
| Regulatory requirements and accreditation | Projected: 42.2% of RSF grant invested to maintain compliance with regulatory standards. | Continued vigilance and oversight of regulatory requirements. | Provide animal husbandry support in the aquatic and rodent research facilities. | Maintain or increase the number of research ethics protocols, annual reviews, and amendments processed in 2023/24 compared to 2022/23. |
| Maintain CCAC accreditation and Certificate of Good Animal Practice |
| Maintain or increase the number of researchers and students completing the animal research ethics training courses and/or students trained in hand-on animal handling. |
| Intellectual Property | Projected: 5.1% of RSF grant invested to increase research partnerships and commercialization activities. | Continued support by Office of Research and Innovation Services for administration of agreements and partnerships with industry and support for the creation of spin-off companies. | Improved services and opportunities offered to researchers to build partnerships with external stakeholders | Increase or maintain research collaborations and partnerships with industry.  Development of templates and other supports to facilitate commercialization activities. |