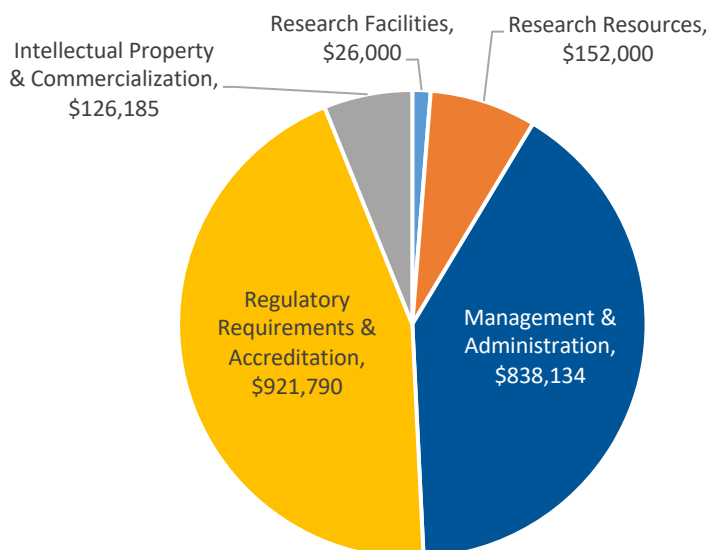


uLethbridge 2021/22 Research Support Fund Budget

2021/22 RSF (\$2,064,109)



In 2021/22 the University of Lethbridge will invest the RSF in:

- Funding tanks for storage of liquid nitrogen.
- Funding to partially offset the cost Canadian Research Knowledge Network access to digital content for the academic research enterprise and annual license for a Curriculum Vitae (CV) management tool.
- Maintaining the support infrastructure required for the research enterprise. The staff support the researchers in all aspects of research administration including grant applications, grant administration, and reporting.
- Ensuring compliance with regulatory standards.
- Providing administrative support to increase collaborative research with external partners.

2021-2022 RESEARCH SUPPORT FUND

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

Eligible Expenditure Category	Output	Performance Objectives	Indicator	Target Outcomes	Reported Outcome
Research facilities	Projected: 1% of the RSF grant invested to support the maintenance of research facilities.	Increase research capacity by maintaining existing research facilities.	Facilities that support research.	Maintain support for existing researchers.	Actual: 3% of the RSF invested. Achieved: Liquid nitrogen support maintained for 21 researchers across the Departments of Biological Sciences, and Chemistry & Biochemistry.
Research Resources	Projected: 7% of RSF grant invested to support electronic databases in support of research activities.	Maintain library holdings needed by researchers	Provide access to Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN).	Maintain access to CRKN	Actual: 9% of the RSF invested. Achieved: CKRN subscription maintained.
		Continue to expand usage of UNIWeb	Conversion of end of shelf-life programs that showcase research to UNIWeb	Increase usage of UNIWeb	We have identified the end-of-life platforms, whose content can be migrated to UNIWeb, and are working with relevant units to develop a transition plan.
Management and administration of an institution's research enterprise	Projected: 41% of the RSF grant invested in providing administrative supports to the ULethbridge's research community.	Continued support by Office of Research and Innovation Services and supporting departments in the review and submission of grant applications and reporting.	Number and quality of Tri-Council grant applications processed	Overall review of all financial policies related to research administration. Increase the number of Tri-Agency grant applications.	Actual: 36% of the RSF invested. Achieved: We have reviewed University policies for compliance with Tri-Agency financial administration. The Financial Services website has been updated to include directive summaries, link to the applicable policy and the addition of frequently asked questions. There was a slight decrease (6%) in the number of Tri-Agency applications when compared against 2020-21 data. This may

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					be due to one-time Tri-Agency COVID funding opportunities that were available in 2020-21.
Regulatory requirements and accreditation	Projected: 45% of the RSF grant invested to maintain regulatory requirements and accreditation.	Continued vigilance and oversight of regulatory requirements	Processing of animal or human ethics protocols. Level of animal care training.	Maintain or increase the number of research ethics protocols Maintain compliance with regulatory standards. Maintain or increase number of researchers and students completing the animal research ethics training courses and/or students trained in hand-on animal handling.	<p>Actual: 47% of the RSF invested.</p> <p>Achieved: 529 ethics approvals (132 animal, 397 human participant)</p> <p>Maintained compliance with the following regulatory standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCAC Good Animal Practice Certificate (successful recertification June 14, 2021) • Continued good standing with Controlled Goods Program and PHAC pathogens and toxins license. • Institutional Cannabis License (Approved April 2021, renewal submitted March 2022) <p>Facilitated animal care training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 82 students completed the University's animal research ethics course. • 4 animal welfare information sessions were delivered. • 128 students trained in hands-on animal handling by Animal Care Services.

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Intellectual Property	Projected: 6% of the RSF invested to support research partnership 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.	Actual: 5% of the RSF invested Achieved: Facilitated 41 partnered funding agreements.