

Western Research

For Fiscal 2023-2024

Total RSF Funding for 2023-2024: **\$10,468,323**

Eligible expense category	Institutional performance objective	Indicator	Output	Outcomes reported at YE
Research Facilities Funding allocation: \$3,858,245	Maintain state-of-the-art research infrastructure. Create centralized resources for the research community.	Creation of research facilities. Reduction in deferred maintenance. More efficient operations.	Creation and maintenance of core research facilities, which serve scholars, students and trainees.	Funds were used to support various research facility upgrades across campus, including research lab renovations and upgrades to accommodate new equipment as part of the Robarts Research Institute space.
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Research Resources Funding allocation: \$667,130	Provide researchers with comprehensive support, tools and resources for Research Data Management planning and implementation.	Ability to support both STEM and Social Science Arts & Humanities (SSAH) with Research Data Management plans for their research programs.	Development and refinement of an institutional Research Data Management strategy and Research Data Management planning template.	Western continues to invest in InCites as its bibliometric software with Western Research employing staff members to maximize benefits from the software, while assisting researchers with data-driven metrics to strategically measure their research outcomes and impacts.

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Management & Administration of an Institutions Research Enterprise: \$4,851,748	Provide high-quality, timely, efficient services that lessen time burden of research administration for university researchers.	Increased researcher productivity.	Salary support for research administration, accounting professionals, and for IT services to facilitate the work.	Western continues to utilize the RSF support for Western Research's activities, which provide a professional, service-oriented culture to the university's researchers. In the past year, this funding has provided resources for new support roles, including an additional Grants Officer and an additional Institutional Research Programs Officer, Post-Award.
	At the faculty level, provide scholars with assistance with proposal writing, finance, grants management and human resources management	Number of faculty-based research officers.	Salary support for faculty-based research officers.	The faculties and research institutes employ now ~24 research support positions to assist scholars and researchers in the effective management of their research programs. Furthermore, RSF contributes to administrative staff who support research centres and groups on campus.

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<p>Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation: \$801,253</p>	<p>Regulatory compliance with animal care and human ethics.</p> <p>Animal Ethics: Ensure there is sufficient administrative personnel to support the Animal Care Committee and its function.</p> <p>Ensure there is sufficient IT support in order to facilitate both animal care and human ethics city wide.</p> <p>Human Ethics: Ensure there is sufficient administrative personnel to support to Research Ethics Boards (REB) and its function.</p>	<p>Improved turnaround times and minimized delays in research start-up for faculty, staff and students while continuing to adhere to Provincial, Federal, and International guidelines.</p> <p>Maintain accreditation with federal standards administered by the <i>Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC)</i> and the Ontario <i>Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)</i>.</p> <p>Software will streamline business processes across the animal care and ethics program and eliminate stand-alone systems and paper-based processes and records.</p> <p>Improved turn-around times and minimized delays in research start up for faculty, staff and students while continuing to adhere to provincial, federal, and international guidelines.</p>	<p>Financial support for research ethics personnel.</p> <p>IT infrastructure salary support and training for research personnel.</p> <p>Financial support for research ethics personnel.</p>	<p>Successful compliance and ongoing certification with internal, federal, and provincial animal care governance/regulatory bodies.</p> <p>Support for committee chairs and administrative personnel supporting the animal care committee.</p> <p>Continued support to human research ethics personnel and corresponding research ethics boards.</p>

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<p>Intellectual Property: \$289,946</p>	<p>Support commercialization and entrepreneurship-related activities including programming, events, spinoff and SME company support, technology licensing, patent filings and maintenance, marketing, agreements with third parties and direct-to market sales.</p>	<p>Maintenance and growth in number of active licenses/options/commercialization agreements to established or spinoff companies or through direct-to market sales.</p>	<p>Salary support for highly qualified business development managers and administrative support, events and programming, various matchmaking and partnership platforms, databases and direct to market sales activities.</p>	<p>Remains one of the top technology transfer offices in Canada. WORLDDiscoveries engaged hundreds of faculty, staff, students and community members through various networking events and programs.</p>