

**UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**  
**RESEARCH SUPPORT FUND**  
**2020-21 PERFORMANCE TARGETS**

The Research Support Fund (RSF) has allowed and continues to allow UPEI to maintain its research infrastructure, support the research enterprise at UPEI, and invest in technology transfer. At UPEI the RSF is spent in all categories. The outcomes are driven by the research community's interest in applying for funding and their success. UPEI's RSF strives to support research at both the pre-award and post-award stages.

2020-2021 Total allocation \$816,977	Performance Objective	Indicator	Targeted Outcomes Because outcomes are dependent on researcher interest and success, outcomes will be tracked and reported in June 2021	2020-2021 Outcomes
Facilities \$96,449 11.8%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Maintain UPEI research facilities and equipment in support of the research enterprise</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Funds are used to offset operating costs, renovations or additions to research infrastructure</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Research facilities operating costs are maintained</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Funds were used to support research labs and facilities</li> </ol>
Resources \$81,698 10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Manage and promote the secure institutional repository to support compliance with tri-agency Open Access Policy.</li> <li>● Maintain as many core databases/subscriptions as possible considering rising costs</li> <li>● Facilitate the management and preservation of research data</li> <li>● Support for dissemination of research</li> <li>● Support awareness of funding opportunities</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Number of training sessions for researchers and/or users of the storage service</li> <li>3. Data sets preserved and data management plans created</li> <li>4. Core databases/subscriptions maintained</li> <li>5. Projects supported</li> <li>6. Items added to IslandScholar</li> <li>7. Database of funding opportunities available to researchers</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Offer training sessions or workshops relevant to data storage capabilities and encourage researchers to utilize data</li> <li>3. Assist faculty with the deposit of data sets and creation of data management plans. Number of datasets deposited. Number of Data Management Plans created.</li> <li>4. Number of databases/subscriptions maintained.</li> <li>5. Support dissemination of research. Number of research projects supported. Number of open access journals supported.</li> <li>6. Number of records added to Island Scholar.</li> <li>7. Number of funding opportunities added/updated in the database.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Participated in a regional Research Data Management Day workshop hosted by CAUL-CBUA in October 2020. Ongoing promotion of ACENet training – new ACENet consultant on campus. 14 new users created/introduced to <a href="https://data.upei.ca">https://data.upei.ca</a>. Provided RDM training session for a digital humanities course.</li> <li>3. Funding supported maintenance of existing database subscriptions and we were able to add the Scopus database and access to Covidence for managing systematic reviews.</li> <li>4. Supporting data management infrastructure and software platforms including <a href="https://data.upei.ca">https://data.upei.ca</a> (2 datasets deposited) and research data storage. Beginning migration of data repository to new system.</li> <li>5. Supported 24 Research VREs. Two Open Access journals supported (<a href="https://islandstudies.ca">https://islandstudies.ca</a> , <a href="https://journaloflmmontgomerystudies.ca/">https://journaloflmmontgomerystudies.ca/</a>).</li> </ol>

				6. Over 2000 publications added to <a href="https://islandscholar.ca">https://islandscholar.ca</a> . Implemented a platform to support the creation / adaption of open textbooks and other open educational resources. 7. 9 grant opportunities added to database
Management and Administration  \$303,194 37.1%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain the human resources supporting UPEI research</li> <li>• Provide assistance with proposal preparation</li> <li>• Process grants, contracts and agreements</li> <li>• Regular updates for Application and Event Forms for Researchers</li> <li>• Support staff to attend educational opportunities via CAREB and CARA</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Number of full-time equivalent positions supported by the RSF</li> <li>9. Number of UPEI led tri-council applications submitted</li> <li>10. Number of non-tri-council applications initiated</li> <li>11. Number of contracts and agreements processed</li> <li>12. Application and Event forms to be reviewed</li> <li>13. Staff participate in useful training opportunities</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Invest a portion of RSF in human resources in support and administration of research at UPEI</li> <li>9. Support the number of UPEI led tri-council applications (Target 45)</li> <li>10. Support the number of non-tri-council applications submitted to ORS (Target 50)</li> <li>11. Initiate processing of all grants, contracts and agreements received (Target 175)</li> <li>12. Review event and applications forms annually and update as required</li> <li>13. Provide training days for research &amp; compliance staff</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. 37.1% of the RSF is used to support personnel in this area</li> <li>9. 42 tri-council applications supported.</li> <li>10. 52 non-tri-council applications supported.</li> <li>11. 376 grants, contracts and agreements initiated.</li> <li>12. Forms (applications and events) were reviewed in Dec 2020 and updated</li> <li>13 Training days provided through CARA national conference held virtually.</li> </ol>
Regulatory Requirements & Accreditation  \$205,890 25.2%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invest a portion of RSF in supporting regulatory requirements for research</li> <li>• Maintain human resources involved in regulatory requirements of research at UPEI</li> <li>• Regular updates for Compliance Application and Event Forms to aid Researchers</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14. Number of full-time equivalent positions supported by the RSF</li> <li>15. Number of applications for ethics, biosafety and animal care</li> <li>16. Application and Event forms to be reviewed</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14. Invest a portion of RSF in supporting regulatory requirements for research.</li> <li>15. Support the number of active applications (Target 600)</li> <li>16. Review event and applications forms annually and update as required</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14 25.2% of the RSF is used to support personnel in this area</li> <li>15. 607 active compliance applications supported.</li> <li>16. All applications and events were reviewed in Dec 2020 and forms were updated.</li> </ol>
Intellectual Property & Knowledge Mobilization  \$129,747 15.9%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide support to Synapse, UPEI's tech transfer office through investing a portion of RSF in supporting IP and knowledge mobilization</li> <li>• Provide tech transfer services to faculty</li> <li>• Develop and process collaborations with industry</li> <li>• Assist in licensing technology or creation of spin-out companies</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17. Number of researchers working with Synapse</li> <li>18. Number of workshops with industry and faculty</li> <li>19. Number of technologies assessed</li> <li>20. Number of collaborations with industry</li> <li>21. Number licenses or spin-out companies</li> <li>22. External collaborations encouraged via proposal review and contact with Synapse</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17. Engage with at least 8 faculty members per quarter</li> <li>18. Host 4 workshops with faculty and industry</li> <li>19. Evaluate 8 technologies with commercial potential</li> <li>20. Facilitate 15 industry funded collaborations</li> <li>21. Facilitate 20 publicly funded collaborations with industry</li> <li>22. Facilitate 3 licenses or spin-out companies</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17. Exceeded. Total individual faculty was 47.</li> <li>18. Completed 4 Workshops .</li> <li>19. Completed - Evaluated 5 New technologies in 2020 and continued evaluation or support for 30+ additional technologies.</li> <li>20. Completed, Facilitated 15 industry-funded collaborations</li> <li>21 Exceeded, Facilitated 22 Publicly funded collaborations with industry</li> </ol>

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