

Policy

Research: Transfer of Research Equipment to Another Canadian University

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From time to time, researchers leave the university to take up academic positions at other Canadian universities and they wish to take research equipment purchased with NSERC, SSHRC or internal grant funds with them. In order to ensure that the interests of both the academic unit and the University are being served, researchers will be asked to follow these guidelines:

Equipment Purchased with NSERC Funds

According to NSERC Policy, "When a researcher is moving to another Canadian university and wishes to move equipment or other material purchased with NSERC grant funds, Council encourages the university to accede to such a request provided the equipment is not necessary for the research activities of other researchers at that university." The determination of whether the equipment is necessary for the research activities of other researchers at the University will be a joint decision of the Chair of the Academic Unit, the Dean of the Faculty, and the Vice-President Research.

If any of the following criteria apply to the request, the equipment will remain at Lakehead University:

1. the equipment was received through a joint or collaborative grant application and the other members of the team still need access to the equipment;
2. the replacement (faculty) is in the same area of research and thus need access to the equipment;
3. other faculty members engaged in research are significantly dependent upon ongoing access to this equipment. This decision will include consideration of the history of the equipment;
4. the equipment was obtained through an Industry-University equipment grant and industry will continue its financial support and in turn expect access to the equipment after the researcher leaves Lakehead University;
5. internal funds have been used to purchase the equipment the terms will be subject to reasonable negotiation, taking into consideration time and the amount Lakehead University has contributed towards the cost of the equipment, the length of time the equipment has remained on

campus and the availability of the equipment to the University. Normally, if the time is within two years, the University would expect to be reimbursed for its portion of the costs;

6. the individual who received the equipment grant is moving to a non-academic position outside the University.

SSHRC Funds

In keeping with SSHRC regulations, the researcher will be allowed to take with him/her any equipment purchased with SSHRC funds. The researchers must submit to the Academic Unit Chair a list of equipment to be transferred. A copy of this list will be forwarded to the Vice-President Research to remain on file.