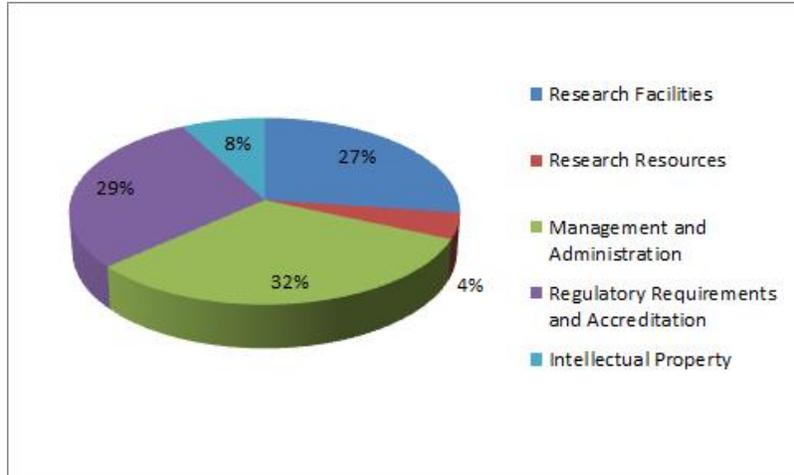


Research Support Fund (RSF) at Lakehead University: 2014-15

The Lakehead University RSF grant is overseen by the President and Vice-President Research, Economic and Innovation and is administered by the Office of Research Services and Office of Financial Services. At Lakehead University the funding from this program is used to cover expenditures in all 5 categories listed above.

RSF Expenditures 2014-15

Research Facilities	\$497,324
Research Resources	\$82,154
Management & Administration	\$580,664
Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation	\$527,921
Intellectual Property	\$142,715
TOTAL INDIRECT COSTS SUPPORTED BY 2014-15 RSF GRANT	\$1,830,778



RSF Expenditures Highlights 2014-2015

Research Facilities

Funds allocated within the Research Facilities category assisted in providing technical support in the central Lakehead University Instrumentation Laboratory. This centralized facility serves researchers and graduate students and provides access to the fundamental tools needed for modern research and training. In addition to these expenditures, this allocation partially supported a Project Manager in Physical Plant, as well as custodial, security and maintenance attributable to research space on campus. Affiliated research institutions (Northern Ontario School of Medicine and Thunder Bay Regional Research Institute TBRRI) invested their share of the RSF into laboratory technical support and laboratory upgrades. Indirect Costs invested in Research Facilities built research capacity, allowed sharing of infrastructure in centrally managed laboratory facilities, making compelling arguments for external funding investments at Lakehead University.

Research Resources

Monies allotted within Research Resources ensured the continuation of Lakehead's participation in the Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN) allowing the library to significantly

increase the number of scholarly resources it provides to researchers in the sciences, engineering, health and environmental disciplines. The RSF grant also covers insurance on university-owned research vehicles and field research equipment.

Research Management and Administration

This allocation assisted primarily in funding salaries in support of research enterprise in numerous units such as: the Office of Research Services, Office of Financial Services, Office of the Vice-President Research, Economic Development and Innovation, Human Resources and Payroll and administrative support to eligible centre-initiated tri-council funded Research Centres. In addition, the RSF supported the maintenance of the ROMEIO research information system that tracks grant applications, certifications and awards. TBRI also used a portion of the RSF funds to support research administration costs.

Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation

Funds invested in this category assisted in providing management and technical support to animal facilities, utility costs associated with the Lakehead University Animal Care Facility, training of animal care technicians and staff and training of Research Ethics Board members and support staff. The RSF also supported salaries associated with administering the Research Ethics Board, Animal Care Committee, Biosafety and Lakehead University's Radiation Safety program. The RSF ensures continued compliance with regulatory requirements as well as the health and safety of human subjects, animals and employees. Ethical compliance is a condition of eligibility to receive Tri-Council Funding.

Intellectual Property

Indirect Costs made available in this category provide researchers access to a dedicated office (Economic Development and Innovation Office) providing support & expertise in ensuring all aspects of intellectual property are effectively managed such as research commercialization and patenting. Within this dedicated office, the following expenses are covered with these funds: intellectual property and industry contracts management, invention/patent administration, technology licensing, industry partner administration, and spinoff company setups.