

RESEARCH SUPPORT FUND

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES and FUNDING ALLOCATIONS 2025-2026

In 2025-2026, Aurora College will receive \$303,566 in RSF funding and allocated those funds to the following eligible expenditure categories. The remaining \$658,725 in RSF funding was allocated to AC's affiliates is described on the affiliates' websites.

Eligible Expenditure Category	Institutional Output	Institutional Performance Objective	Performance Indicator	Targeted Outcomes	Outcomes Reported at Year End
Research Facilities	Projected: 1.6% of RSF funding into research facilities' equipment maintenance.	Support maintenance costs of research equipment at research centres	Research equipment at three research centres meets research staff, research student, and visiting researchers' needs	Decrease the downtime of research equipment.	3.2% of RSF funding was used for Research Facilities expenses to support routine maintenance.
Research Resources	Projected: 0.5% of RSF funding to support Library software licences.	Improve virtual communications around research data management.	The number of staff and research partners who participate in library-supported research data management and related training sessions.	Increase the number of staff and research partners participating in virtual training for data handling.	1.7% of RSF funded was used for Research Resources.

Management and administration of research enterprise	Projected: 92.0% of RSF funding into research administration staff and research administration software licences.	Retain full-time research administration staff. Maintain research administration software.	Retain full-time Research Grant Coordinator (RGC).	Research Services Office will provide effective support for staff researchers to lessen their time burden of research administration duties.	88.1% of RSF funding was used for Management and administration of research enterprise expenses. Within this category, the following expenses include: • 33.9% RGC • 44.4% RDF • 10% research management software and data management • 11.8% of other eligible administrative expenses.
			Retain full-time Research Development Facilitator (RDF).		
			Maintain research management software to support research administration activities.	Improve institutional tracking and reporting on research programs.	
Regulatory Requirements / Accreditations	Projected: 5.8% of Regulatory requirements and accreditation committees.	Provide salary support for Research Ethics Committee (REC) members.	REC members are actively involved in virtual and in-person meetings throughout the year.	REC provides regular engagement and training opportunities for its committee members.	8.0% of RSF funding was used to support the salary of the Research Ethics Coordinator and other eligible expenses.