

RESEARCH SUPPORT FUND

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES and FUNDING ALLOCATIONS 2026-2027

In 2026-2027, Aurora College will receive \$320,120 in RSF funding and allocate those funds to the following eligible expenditure categories. The remaining \$650,545 in RSF funding will be allocated to AC's affiliates, as described on the affiliates' websites.

Eligible Expenditure Category	Institutional Output	Institutional Performance Objective	Performance Indicator	Targeted Outcomes	Outcomes Reported at Year End
Research Facilities	Project that 6.6% of RSF funding will be used for upgrades and maintenance of research facilities.	Support maintenance costs of research equipment at research centres	Research equipment at three research centres meets the needs of research staff, research students, and visiting researchers.	Decrease the downtime of research equipment.	
Management and administration of research enterprise	Project that 86.3% of RSF funding will be used for research administration staff salaries and finance administration software licences.	Retain full-time research administration staff.	Retain full-time Research Grant Coordinator.	Research Services Office will provide effective support for staff researchers to decrease their administrative burden.	
		Offset finance administration costs.	Retain full-time Research Development Facilitator.		

			Support salary of Executive Assistant to the Vice-President Research.	Decrease time required to approve research projects.	
			Provide access of Research Services Office staff to finance administration software.	Improve institutional tracking and reporting of research finances.	
Regulatory Requirements / Accreditations	Project that 7.2% of RSF funding will be used for Regulatory requirements and accreditation committees.	Provide salary support to the Research Ethics Coordinator.	Research Ethics Coordinator (REC) supports research ethics activities.	REC provides regular engagement with Research Ethics Committee and Aurora College researchers.	