

Incremental Project Grants Performance Indicators

2026-27 planned project performance objectives, indicators and target outcomes

Field	Information
Program	Incremental Project Grants stream under the Research Support Fund
Administering organization	University of Saskatchewan
Fiscal year	2026-27
Funding reported	\$2,460,690
Public RSF website	https://vpresearch.usask.ca/initiatives/research-support-fund.php

About the 2026-27 IPG portfolio

USask will use its 2026-27 IPG allocation to strengthen institutional capacity to move research into use and to sustain core research infrastructure. The portfolio combines OPUS as USask's founder-focused innovation and impact platform, targeted maintenance and renewal funding for the Structural Sciences Centre, and a campus-wide research infrastructure management initiative to improve coordination, access, maintenance planning and lifecycle renewal for shared and specialized research labs.

2026-27 planned IPG allocation by project

Project	Priority area	IPG amount	Additional funds	Timeline
OPUS: Research Impact, Venture Development and Community Engagement	Innovation and commercialization activities	\$1,300,000	\$300,000	2026-5 to 2029-4
Structural Sciences Centre Equipment Maintenance and Renewal	Facilities renewal, including deferred maintenance	\$500,000	\$0	2026-5 to 2029-4
Research Infrastructure Management, Laboratory Coordination, Maintenance and Renewal Support	Facilities renewal, including deferred maintenance	\$660,690	\$400,000	2026-5 to 2029-4
Total		\$2,460,690	\$700,000	

Project performance indicators and target outcomes for 2026-27

Project	Investment	Performance objective	Performance indicators	Target outcomes	Expected institutional impact
OPUS: Research Impact, Venture Development and Community Engagement	\$1,300,000 IPG plus \$300,000 additional funding	Expand institutional capacity to accelerate the commercialization, mobilization and community uptake of USask research.	Number of researchers, founders and research teams supported; OPUS applicants and program completers; impact or commercialization plans developed; partner connections facilitated; labs or facilities profiled for external use; follow-on partnerships, licences, ventures, service agreements or external funding.	Increased researcher participation in impact programming; stronger pipelines from discovery to venture creation and non-commercial uptake; improved visibility and engagement for research labs and facilities.	Greater institutional capacity to help USask research generate economic, social, community and public benefit.
Structural Sciences Centre Equipment Maintenance and Renewal	\$500,000 IPG	Maintain and renew critical Structural Sciences Centre equipment and related infrastructure to ensure safe, reliable and high-quality operation of this core research facility.	Completion of planned maintenance and renewal activities; instrument uptime and reduction in unplanned downtime; number and diversity of academic and external users; number of research and contract projects supported; training activity; user fee and service revenue.	Continued access to a well-maintained open-access analytical facility; reduced service interruptions; sustained multidisciplinary research and industry collaboration; improved equipment reliability.	Stronger long-term sustainability of a core analytical facility that supports academic and external users across multiple disciplines.
Research Infrastructure Management, Laboratory Coordination, Maintenance and Renewal Support	\$660,690 IPG plus \$400,000 additional funding	Improve the organization, stewardship, maintenance planning and renewal readiness of research laboratories and shared research infrastructure across USask.	Number of labs and major assets inventoried; facilities with documented maintenance or lifecycle plans; renewal or maintenance interventions completed; service-contract or preventive-maintenance coverage; improved access and contact information; evidence of reduced downtime, improved utilization or better coordination.	Stronger institutional foundation for long-term sustainability of research laboratories; better visibility and coordination of campus research infrastructure; more proactive maintenance and renewal planning.	Reduced operational risk from deferred maintenance and improved support for researchers who depend on reliable, well-managed lab environments.