

Research Support Fund Performance Indicators

2026-27 planned performance objectives, indicators and target outcomes

Field	Information
Program	Research Support Fund base grant
Administering organization	University of Saskatchewan
Fiscal year	2026-27
Funding reported	\$8,183,677
Public RSF website	https://vpresearch.usask.ca/initiatives/research-support-fund.php

About the Research Support Fund at USask

The Research Support Fund helps offset the indirect costs of administering Tri-Agency funded research. For 2026-27, USask has allocated its notional RSF base grant across research facilities, management and administration, regulatory requirements and accreditation, and intellectual property and knowledge mobilization. These investments support the institutional environment, systems, compliance processes and expertise required for federally funded research to proceed effectively.

2026-27 planned allocation by expenditure category

Expenditure category	2026-27 allocation	Share	Planned use of funds
Research facilities	\$3,300,000	40.3%	Support the operations, maintenance and availability of research facilities and research-related infrastructure.
Research resources	\$0	0.0%	No RSF base allocation planned for this category in 2026-27.
Management and administration of the institution's research enterprise	\$3,053,521	37.3%	Support research administration, proposal and award management, financial stewardship, reporting, institutional approvals and related research support salaries.
Regulatory requirements and accreditation	\$1,467,736	17.9%	Support the institutional systems and expertise required for ethics, safety, compliance, accreditation and regulatory oversight.
Intellectual property and knowledge mobilization	\$362,420	4.4%	Support intellectual property management, technology transfer, commercialization, knowledge mobilization and related institutional capacity.
Total	\$8,183,677	100.0%	

Performance indicators and target outcomes for 2026-27

Category	Performance objective	Performance indicators	Target outcomes	Return on investment
Research Facilities	Maintain safe, reliable and accessible research facilities and related infrastructure that support federally funded research across USask.	Availability of research labs and shared research infrastructure; evidence of maintenance, operating and technical support; reduced avoidable disruption to research activities.	Researchers, students and research teams continue to access well-maintained research spaces and infrastructure needed to conduct federally funded research.	Sustains the physical research environment and reduces operational risk associated with research space, equipment and infrastructure.
Management and Administration	Maintain responsive, consistent and compliant administrative support across the full lifecycle of federally funded research.	Availability of proposal development, award intake, account setup, agreement review, financial management, reporting, compliance monitoring and close-out supports.	Researchers continue to receive timely administrative and financial support that helps them meet sponsor and institutional requirements.	Reduces administrative burden on researchers, strengthens stewardship of public funds and improves institutional readiness for complex awards.
Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation	Maintain institutional capacity to meet ethics, safety, accreditation and regulatory obligations associated with federally funded research.	Availability and quality of compliance guidance, review, training, approval tracking and monitoring processes across applicable regulatory areas.	Research proceeds safely, ethically and in compliance with applicable regulatory, sponsor and institutional requirements.	Protects participants, animals, data, materials, facilities and public trust while reducing delays caused by compliance gaps.
Intellectual Property and Knowledge Mobilization	Support researchers in protecting, managing and mobilizing intellectual property and research outputs toward use and impact.	Availability of intellectual property, commercialization, licensing, industry engagement and knowledge mobilization supports.	Researchers have access to institutional expertise that helps assess, protect and mobilize discoveries, data, methods, technologies and research outputs.	Improves pathways from research to social, health, environmental, community and economic impact.