

Brandon University Research Support Fund (RSF)
Performance Objectives, Indicators, and Target Outcomes 2025-2026

Expenditure Category	Performance Objective	Indicator	Target Outcome	Reported Outcome
Facilities	Support operations and maintenance of research facilities and space	Regular research facility and space upgrades and repairs	Walk-up, user-ready research facilities and spaces	Fully functioning, walk-up ready, research Knowledge Mobilization Suite and CFI Physics Cluster Lab
Research Resources	Support access to Library digital research resources	Library digital research databases, subscriptions, and memberships maintained	Journals and databases accessed by researchers	Researchers continued to require access to digital research journals and databases, and inter-library loans (Relais, CRKN)
	Support Institutional memberships to research organizations	Consortia and memberships maintained	Consortia and memberships utilized by researchers	Consortia and memberships maintained, allowing institutional access to shared resources and expertise (DRAC, Acfas/SARF, CRB Can, ACCRU)

	Support IT Services research connectivity and security	Improved access to network resources and collaborative technologies over high-speed network	Access to high quality user-ready research network	Maintained ongoing access to network resources (MRnet, CANARIE) Internet connectivity enabled access to broader regional and national research and education networks (Bell MTS Connection)
			Use of open access publishing/repositories	Access to select repositories via CRKN
		Secure network and internet connection	Network is safe and secure for researchers	100% of BU network users benefited from cybersecurity measures
Management and Administration of Brandon University's Research Enterprise	Support Office of the Vice-President (Research & Graduate Studies) staff and administration	Salary support for existing and new research administrative staff	Increase capacity to support researchers and research initiatives	Research Compliance & Policy Officer hired to support research compliance with Tri-Agency (TA) including TA Guidelines on Financial Administration (TAGFA), research data management, open access, and research security

			Timely response to and service for University and external research community	Maintained excellent level of service and grant review turnaround time (2 weeks average)
			New position to support research administration	Research Compliance & Policy Officer hired
	Research Grants Management Database	Research grants management database annual fee	Database used by research administrative staff	Grants management system maintained and accessible for all research administrative staff
Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation	Support the Brandon University Research Ethics, Animal Care, and Biosafety Committees	Training for research regulatory committee members	Send committee members to conferences and training sessions	Virtual and in-person attendance at conferences (CAREB, CCAC)
			Support and timely review of applications from knowledgeable committee members	Maintained high level reviewal and quick turnaround times (three- week average) for application reviews
		Animal Facility maintained	Walk-up, user ready facilities that comply with Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) Guidelines	n/a

		Veterinarians on Contract	Veterinarians provide valuable input and resources as members of Animal Care Committee	Two institutional veterinarians on contract to ensure animal wellness and safety, and to serve on the Animal Care Committee
Intellectual Property and Knowledge Mobilization	Support technology transfer, intellectual (IP) property disclosures, patents, and research contract administration	Support for disclosures and maintenance of patent agreements	Sustain number of disclosures and patents administered	No new disclosures or patents, maintained existing patents
		Administration of industry-based research contracts	Increase number of industry-based research contracts	Research contract numbers were status quo
		Salary and benefits for Office of Vice-President (Research & Graduate Studies) staff	Office of Vice-President (Research & Graduate Studies) support for intellectual property -based initiatives	Portion of the Manager, Research Services salary and benefits accounted for IP administration