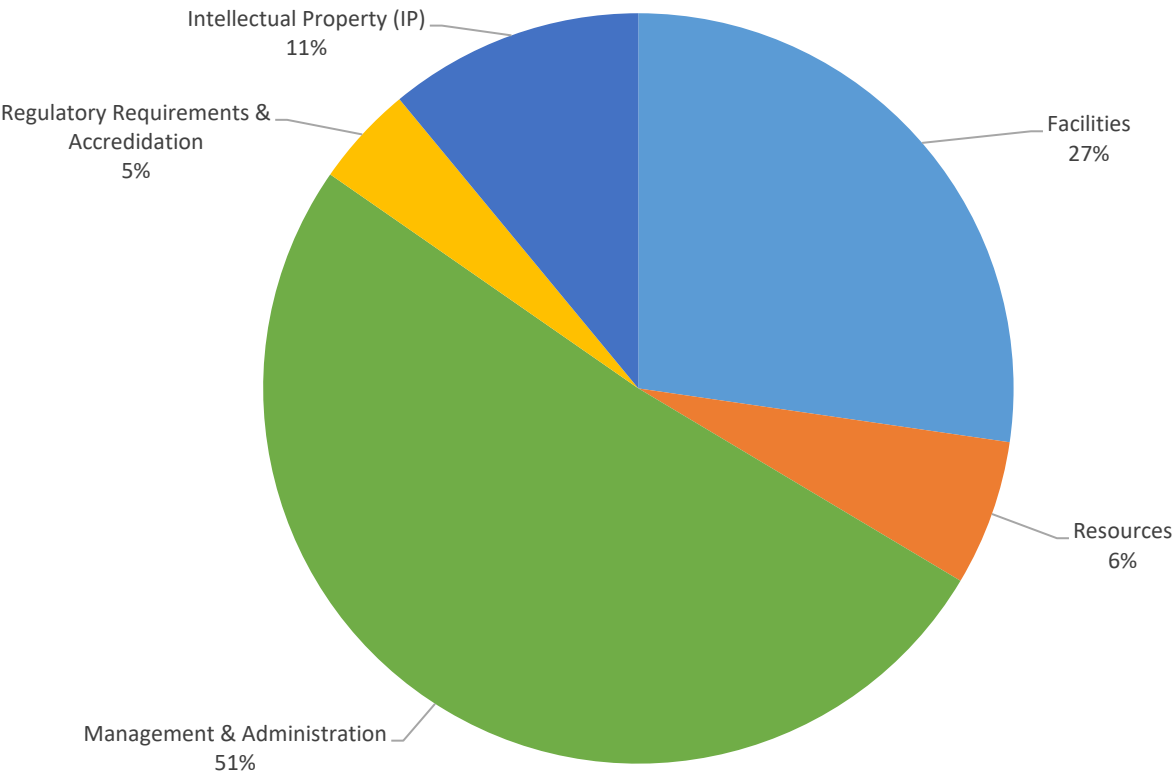


Toronto Metropolitan University

2024-25 Research Support Fund – Performance Objectives, Indicators and Reported Outcome

The Research Support Fund program has been a key component of the rapid growth of Toronto Metropolitan University’s scholarly, research and creative (SRC) enterprise. With the RSF program, Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU) is able to enhance existing areas of SRC strength and expertise, and create new SRC opportunities with high impact in emerging areas, and to leverage collaborative research partnerships to broaden and deepen our SRC efforts and enhance our profile.

Total 2024-25 Research Support Fund & Incremental Project Grants - \$5,957,438



Eligible expenditure category	Institutional performance objective	Indicator	Output	Outcome reported at year end
Research Facilities	Provide research and innovation infrastructure support to increase scholarly, research and creative (SRC) quality, participation, and funding	Renovation of research and innovation premises	Square footage of research and innovation space renovated	12,000 square feet
	Coordinate and integrate activities of OSSU Research Centres	Maintain suitable office space to execute OSSU activities	Coordinating Centre space	Suitable office space for up to 4 Coordinating Centre staff has been secured at MaRS to coordinate OSSU activities
Research Resources	Provision of subscription library resources in support of research	Access and use verified via proxy data	Total access and uses of online library resources	Cambridge: 8,142 Science Direct: 580,660
Management and Administration	Provide pre- and post-award support services to faculty members to enhance SRC excellence and impact of SRC activities	Research administration services provided by the Offices of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation and Vice-President, Finance and Administration	Number of research grant/contract applications Number of new research cost centres	772 research grant/contract applications submitted 367 new research cost centres created
	OSSU – Maintain adequate staffing levels to execute organizational coordination and integration activities	Employ a coordinator to support attainment of organizational goals and objectives	Achieve organizational goals and objectives	Institutional performance objective achieved: Coordinating Centre coordination and communication activities successfully advance mission mandates
Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation	Provide the ethics protocol review and approval services to faculty members and graduate students to enhance SRC excellence and impact of SRC activities	Reviews and approvals of ethics protocol applications	Number of ethics protocols reviewed	2029 ethics protocols reviewed
Intellectual Property	Provide support to faculty member with respect to intellectual property activities to enhance impact of SRC activities	Number of invention disclosures filed	Number of invention disclosures filed	108 invention disclosures filed

Investment Story 1

The RSF continued to support the renovation of the Psychology research labs expansion in 2024-25. This expansion has benefited the entire Department of Psychology, our faculty, graduate and undergraduate students. We have shared spaces and resources that the entire department and Faculty of Arts can book and use. Below is the list of research labs led by our faculty members that are located in this renovated space: The Brain Health Equity in Aging and Memory Lab, Social and Political Psychology Lab, Social Perception & Intergroup Relations Lab, Psychology, Law & Justice Lab, Psychosocial Medicine Lab, Health and Sport Psychology Lab, Healthy Eating and Lifestyle Lab, Psychology and Statistics Education Research Lab, and Sexuality Hub: Integrating Feminist Theory Lab.

The Social and Political Psychology is directed by Dr. Becky Choma. Research in the lab broadly concerns the psychological study of tolerance and intolerance, including sociopolitical beliefs, and prejudice and discrimination. Dr. Choma's research investigates psychological and social factors underlying intergroup attitudes, prejudice and discrimination, mechanisms for reducing prejudice, and promoting harmonious and equitable intergroup relations, including collective action and intergroup contact. With support from several funding agencies including SSHRC, CIHR, Canadian Heritage, and others, she has studied how sociopolitical ideologies and beliefs, intergroup emotions, and contextual factors facilitate or obstruct intergroup tolerance. She has studied social inequalities based on gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, diet, and weight. She has published over 60 peer-reviewed articles or chapters on these topics in collaboration with spectacular mentors, peers, and students.

Investment Story 2

The Healthy Eating and Lifestyle Lab is directed by Dr. Stephanie Cassin. Dr. Cassin's research interests are in the area of disordered eating, obesity, and bariatric (weight loss) surgery. The research she completed during her doctoral training focused on the conceptualization of binge eating as an addiction, and the potential therapeutic implications that arise from this conceptualization. She is particularly interested in the impact of readiness for change on treatment outcome, as well as treatment approaches aimed at resolving ambivalence and enhancing readiness for change, such as motivational interviewing. Her current research interests include psychosocial predictors of bariatric surgery outcome, and psychosocial interventions with the potential to improve outcomes. She is co-Principal Investigator on a CIHR-funded multisite randomized controlled trial on cognitive behavioural therapy for bariatric surgery patients and has been supervising undergraduate and graduate students.