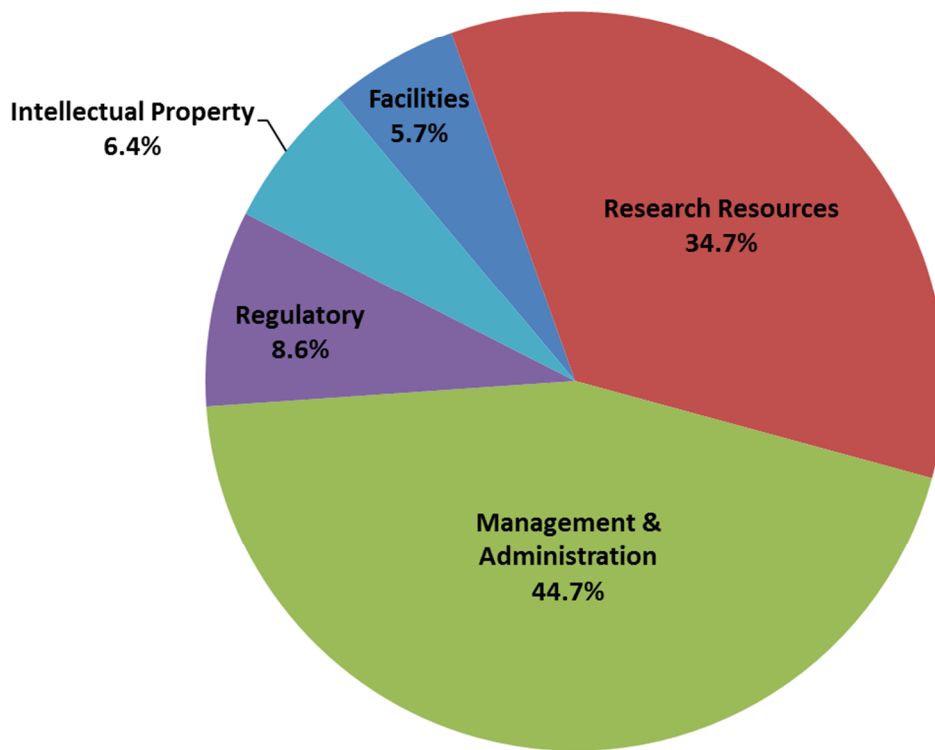


**Saint Mary's University
Indirect Costs of Research Grant
2015-16, \$1.2 Million**



Management and Administration: **\$541.1K** **44.7%**
 Includes salaries for staff providing institutional support for the completion of grant applications and research proposals, as well as salaries for employees who support the research enterprise (research, financial)

Research Resources: **\$419.9K** **34.7%**
 Includes annual subscription costs for the Canadian Research Knowledge Network

Facilities: **\$68.6K** **5.7%**
 Includes salaries of three Research Instrument Technicians

Regulatory Requirements: **\$104.1K** **8.6%**
 Includes staffing costs for secretarial support of the Research Ethics Board as well as salary support for animal care and the training of faculty and other personnel in health and safety.

Intellectual Property: **\$77.4K** **6.4%**
 Includes partial salary costs for two Industry Liaison Office staff

Eligible expenditure category	Institutional performance objective	Indicator	Output	Outcomes reported at year end 2015-16
1. Management and administration of an institution's research enterprise	Maintain the human resources in support of the research enterprise	Number of full-time equivalent positions supported by the Research Support Fund in FY 2016-17	Portion of Research Support Fund grant invested in support and administration of the research enterprise	<p>The RSF grant at Saint Mary's in 2015-16 helped support the salaries and benefits of the following support staff and administrators of the research enterprise at the University:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dean of Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research (50%) • Assistant to the Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research (50%) • Research Grants Officer (100%) • Graduate Studies Officer (50%) • Two Accountant Analysts - Financial Services (both at 100%) • Secretary, Institute of Computational Astrophysics (100%) • Manager, Gorsebrook Research Institute for Atlantic Canada Studies (100%) • Director, Labrador Project (50%) <p>Over \$0.5M of our RSF grant, or approximately 45% of the total award, was used to support these positions. This is a similar amount and proportion of our RSF award over the previous year (44%). The top six positions indicated above make up the "core" of our administrative support for the research enterprise at Saint Mary's. Virtually all of the research grants/contracts applications as well as post-award administration are administered by this group. As well, all graduate student and post-doctoral researchers are admitted and overseen by offices within the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research. The other three positions are strategic placements to support key research initiatives at the University.</p>

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2. Research resources	Maintain acquisition of library holdings through the Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN) facilitated license agreements	Number of library holdings accessible through CRKN facilitated license agreements in FY 2016-17	Portion of Research Support Fund grant invested in CRKN facilitated license agreements	<p>In 2015-16, a proportionally similar amount from our RSF Grant went to support Research Resources (34.7%) compared to the previous year (33.1%), but due to the increased size of the grant, this equated to a very small increase in the amount of the RSF grant spent on Resources (i.e. an increase of \$20,840 or 5.2% year-over-year). These funds were spent to help fund expenses associated with our partnership within the Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN).</p> <p>This increased access to the scholarly literature is helping to increase the research activity at Saint Mary's. The number of holdings has not changed substantially in the last 3 years.</p>
3. Regulatory requirements and accreditation	Maintain the human resources involved in regulatory requirements of the research enterprise	Number of full-time equivalent positions supported by the Research Support Fund in FY 2016-17	Portion of Research Support Fund grant invested in regulatory requirements of the research enterprise	<p>The RSF grant in 2015-16 was used to help support salary and benefits of our Occupational Health and Safety Officer (10%), our Science Safety Officer (50%), and our Research Ethics Board Officer (100%). The RSF funds directed towards Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation in 2015-16 was similar in amount and proportion (8.6%) compared to the previous year (8.7%).</p> <p>The OH&S Office as well as the University's OH&S Committee on which the OH&S Officer serves, is highly involved in the oversight and promotion of safety in research-related activities on and off campus. The Officer also sits on the Faculty of Science's Safety Committee. The OH&S Officer and Committee are required under the Nova Scotia Occupational Health and Safety Act.</p> <p>The RSF grant is used to support the salary and benefits of REB Officer position. The REB Office is currently handling approximately 1200 applications (including new submission, and post-approval modification, update and closure applications) per year.</p>

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4. Facilities	Maintain the research facilities and equipment in support of the research enterprise	Renovations or additions to research infrastructure and equipment	Portion of Research Support Fund grant invested in research facilities and equipment of the research enterprise	<p>The Research Support Funds directed towards Research Facilities in 2015-16 represented 6% of the total RSF grant, down from 10% of the previous year (i.e. a decrease of \$51,079 or 43%). It should also be noted however that due to labour cost increases, the total costs of the Research Facilities were greater in 2015-16 than the previous year, resulting in the University having to pay for more of these expenses from other sources.</p> <p>The RSF funds directed towards Research Facilities in 2015-16 were focused on salary and benefits for Research Instrument Technicians within our Departments of Biology, Chemistry and Geography. These Technicians provide support for our researchers in the utilization of electron microscopy, chemical analysis, and geographical information systems research facilities, respectively. These technical support positions originated from an NSERC Research Capacity Development in Small Universities Grant (\$1.5M over 5 years) to help increase research capacity in the natural sciences and engineering disciplines. Saint Mary's was one of only seven Universities in Canada awarded these grants. The grant was fully expended in 2009-10. As part of this grant, these three new permanent research technician positions were created (Saint Mary's has assumed the salaries and benefits over the life of the grant) and the RSF Grant now partially covers the salary and benefits of these positions.</p>
5. Intellectual Property	Maintain the Office of Innovation and Community Engagement (OICE) responsible for collaborative agreements, partnerships, IP, contracts, knowledge and technology transfer	Maintain staff levels in support of intellectual property	Portion of Research Support Fund grant invested in intellectual property of the research enterprise	<p>\$77,390 in RSF funds were directed towards helping to support the salary and benefits of the positions in the Office of Innovation and Community Engagement (OICE; formerly the Industry Liaison Office) (approximately 35% of the Director's compensation, 35% of the Industry Liaison Officer's compensation and 100% of the part-time Coordinator's compensation). The RSF funds are critical in the mix of funding sources to support the OICE.</p> <p>Our OICE is part of the Springboard Atlantic Inc. commercialization network. This network has 13 Atlantic Universities and five Community Colleges as members and its mandate is to support the commercialization of post-secondary research in Atlantic Canada.</p>