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**Research Support Fund (RSF)
Report on Performance 2023-24**

The following table outlines reporting against StFX Research Support Fund performance objectives for the fiscal year 2023-24 (April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024).

Eligible Category	Institutional Performance Objective	Indicator	Output	Outcomes Reported at Year End
1. Research Facilities	Maintain current access to research facilities across all faculties and departments.	Number of closures of research facilities due to lack of maintenance Performance Report for 2023-24: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2023-24 there were 0 research facilities closed due to lack of maintenance. 	Portion of RSF grant invested in research facilities maintenance. Performance Report for 2023-24: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 44% of the RSF was dedicated to research facilities maintenance. 	Degree of maintenance of research facilities (closures vs renewals) for the year. Performance Report for 2023-24: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new research facilities were created in the reporting period and there were no facility closures.

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2. Research Resources	Maintain access to library resources for research.	<p>Number of library electronic resources related to research.</p> <p>Performance Report for 2023-24:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • StFX held 114 library electronic resources related to research. In the previous year this was 113. 	<p>Portion of RSF grant invested in library electronic resources.</p> <p>Performance Report for 2023-24:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2023-24, 24% of the RSF was dedicated to research resources in the form of library electronic resources. 	<p>Library electronic resources in 2023-24 compared to 2022-23.</p> <p>Performance Report for 2023-24:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • StFX <u>maintained</u> the number of electronic resources for research compared to the previous year (increase was 1).

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3. Management & administration.	Maintain or increase the volume of research applications being submitted to funding agencies.	Number of research grant applications processed by the RGO in 2023-24. Performance Report for 2023-24: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 158 grant applications were processed by the RGO. 	Portion of RSF invested in RGO salary in 2023-24. Performance Report for 2023-24: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2023-24, 20% of RSF was dedicated to RGO salary. This was consistent with the previous year. 	Number of research grant applications processed by the RGO in 2023-24 compared to 2022-23. Performance Report for 2023-24: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of research grant applications processed by the RGO <u>increased by 15%</u> from 138 to 158.
		Number of research grant-development-related activities organized in 2023-24 Performance Report for 2023-24: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 research grant development activities were organized compared to 37 in the previous year. 	Portion of RSF invested in research grant development activities in 2023-24. Performance Report for 2023-24: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.5% of the RSF was invested in research grant development activities. 	Number of research grant-development activities in 2023-24 compared to 2022-23. Performance Report for 2023-24: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of research grant development activities (43) <u>was increased by 6 in 23-24</u> (compared to 37 in 22-23).

	<p>Improve financial reporting models on research awards through institutional electronic information systems.</p>	<p>Time lag between year-end and delivery of financial reporting on research projects.</p> <p>Performance Report for 2023-24:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The time lag between year-end and financial reporting on research projects was 30 days on average. 	<p>Portion of RSF invested in research electronic information systems.</p> <p>Performance Report for 2023-24:</p> <p>In 2023-24, 11.5% of the RSF was invested in research electronic information systems.</p>	<p>Time lag between year-end and research financial reporting in 2023-2024 compared to 2022-2023.</p> <p>Performance Report for 2023-24:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time lag between year-end and research financial reporting <u>was unchanged</u> between 2022-23 and 2023-24.
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