



## Research Support Fund (RSF) Report on Performance 2019-20

The following table outlines reporting against StFX Research Support Fund performance objectives for the fiscal year 2019-20 (April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020).

| Eligible Category             | Institutional Performance Objective  | Indicator   | Output   | Outcomes Reported at Year End  |
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| <b>1. Research Facilities</b> | Maintain current access to research facilities across all faculties and departments. | Number of closures of research facilities due to lack of maintenance<br><br><b>Performance Report for 2019-20:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 2019-20 there were 0 research facilities closed due to lack of maintenance.</li> </ul> | Portion of RSF grant invested in research facilities maintenance.<br><br><b>Performance Report for 2019-20:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 2019-20, 43.5% of the RSF was dedicated to research facilities maintenance.</li> </ul> | Degree of maintenance of research facilities (closures vs renewals) for the year.<br><br><b>Performance Report for 2019-20:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• StFX increased its effort in supporting and maintaining research facilities in 2019-20; opening of Mulroney Hall created several new research facilities for</li> </ul> |

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|  |  |  |  | <p>several departments (economics, political science, development studies, women &amp; gender studies). New research facilities were also created to support researchers in English, Sociology, Nursing and Human Nutrition.</p> |
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| <b>2. Research Resources</b> | Maintain access to library resources for research. | <p>Number of library electronic resources related to research.</p> <p><b>Performance Report for 2019-20:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In 2019-20 StFX held 101 library electronic resources related to research. In the previous year</li> </ul> | <p>Portion of RSF grant invested in library electronic resources.</p> <p><b>Performance Report for 2019-20:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In 2019-20, 24% of the RSF was dedicated to research resources in the form of library electronic</li> </ul> | <p>Library electronic resources in 2019-20 compared to 2017-18.</p> <p><b>Performance Report for 2019-20:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>StFX <u>maintained</u> (and slightly increased) the number of electronic resources for research in 2019-20 compared to the previous year.</li> </ul> |

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| <b>Eligible Category</b>                   | <b>Institutional Performance Objective</b>  | <b>Indicator</b>   | <b>Output</b>   | <b>Outcomes Reported at Year End</b>  |
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| <b>3. Management &amp; administration.</b> | Maintain or increase the volume of research applications being submitted to funding agencies. | <p>Number of research grant applications processed by the RGO in 2019-20.</p> <p><b>Performance Report for 2019-20:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>In 2019-20, 104 grant applications were processed by the RGO.</b></li> </ul> | <p>Portion of RSF invested in RGO salary in 2019-20.</p> <p><b>Performance Report for 2019-20:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>In 2019-20, 20% of RSF was dedicated to RGO salary. This was consistent with the previous year.</b></li> </ul> | <p>Number of research grant applications processed by the RGO in 2019-20 compared to 2018-19.</p> <p><b>Performance Report for 2019-20:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>The number of research grant applications processed by the RGO <u>increased</u> from 63 in 2018-19 to 104 in 2019-20 (40% increase).</b></li> </ul> |
|  |   | <p>Number of research grant-development-related activities organized in 2019-20</p> <p><b>Performance Report for 2019-20:</b></p>  | <p>Portion of RSF invested in research grant development activities in 2019-20.</p> <p><b>Performance Report for 2019-20:</b></p>   | <p>Number of research grant-development activities in 2019-20 compared to 2018-19.</p> <p><b>Performance Report for 2019-20:</b></p>  |

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|  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>24 research grant development activities were organized compared to 6 in the previous year.</b></li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>0.5% of the RSF was invested in research grant development activities.</b></li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The number of research grant development activities <u>increased significantly</u> from 2018-19 to 2019-20.</b></li> </ul>   |
|  | <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><b>Performance Report for 2019-20:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In 2019-20, the time lag between year-end and financial reporting on research projects was 30 days on average.</b></li> </ul> | <p>Portion of RSF invested in research electronic information systems.</p> <p><b>Performance Report for 2019-20:</b></p> <p><b>In 2019-20, 11.5% of the RSF was invested in research electronic information systems.</b></p> | <p>Time lag between year-end and research financial reporting in 2019-20 compared to 2018-19.</p> <p><b>Performance Report for 2019-20:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In 2019-20 time lag between year-end and research financial reporting <u>was unchanged</u> between 2018-19 and 2019-20.</b></li> </ul> |