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**Research Support Fund (RSF)  
Report on Performance 2020-21**

The following table outlines reporting against StFX Research Support Fund performance objectives for the fiscal year 2020-21 (April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021).

<b>Eligible Category</b>	<b>Institutional Performance Objective</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Output</b>	<b>Outcomes Reported at Year End</b>
<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  <b>Performance Report for 2020-21:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In 2020-21 there were 0 research facilities closed due to lack of maintenance.</li> </ul>	Portion of RSF grant invested in research facilities maintenance.  <b>Performance Report for 2020-21:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In 2020-21, 44% of the RSF was dedicated to research facilities maintenance.</li> </ul>	Degree of maintenance of research facilities (closures vs renewals) for the year.  <b>Performance Report for 2020-21:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No new research facilities were created in the reporting period and there were no facility closures.</li> </ul>

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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 2020-21:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In 2020-21 StFX held 105 library electronic resources related to research. In the previous year this was 101.</b></li> </ul>	<p>Portion of RSF grant invested in library electronic resources.</p> <p><b>Performance Report for 2020-21:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In 2020-21, 24% of the RSF was dedicated to research resources in the form of library electronic resources.</b></li> </ul>	<p>Library electronic resources in 2019-20 compared to 2017-18.</p> <p><b>Performance Report for 2020-21:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>StFX <u>maintained</u> (and slightly increased) the number of electronic resources for research in 2020-21 compared to the previous year.</b></li> </ul>

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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 2020-21.</p> <p><b>Performance Report for 2020-21:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>In 2020-21, 136 grant applications were processed by the RGO.</b></li> </ul>	<p>Portion of RSF invested in RGO salary in 2020-21.</p> <p><b>Performance Report for 2020-21:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>In 2020-21, 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 2020-21 compared to 2019-20.</p> <p><b>Performance Report for 2020-21:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>The number of research grant applications processed by the RGO <u>increased</u> from 104 in 2019-20 to 136 in 2020-21 (31% increase).</b></li> </ul>
		<p>Number of research grant-development-related activities organized in 2020-21</p> <p><b>Performance Report for 2020-21:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>37 research grant development activities were organized compared to 24 in the previous year.</b></li> </ul>	<p>Portion of RSF invested in research grant development activities in 2020-21.</p> <p><b>Performance Report for 2020-21:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>0.5% of the RSF was invested in research grant development activities.</b></li> </ul>	<p>Number of research grant-development activities in 2020-21 compared to 2019-20.</p> <p><b>Performance Report for 2020-21:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>The number of research grant development activities <u>increased</u> from 2019-20 to 2020-21 (an increase of 54%).</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 2020-21:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>In 2020-21, 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 2020-21:</b></p> <p><b>In 2020-21, 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 2020-21 compared to 2019-20.</p> <p><b>Performance Report for 2020-21:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>In 2020-21 time lag between year-end and research financial reporting was <u>unchanged</u> between 2019-20 and 2020-21.</b></li> </ul>
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