

2025-2026 Dawson RSF Investment Story

In 2025–2026 Dawson College was awarded \$53,107.00 from the Research Support Fund (RSF). Consistent with the College’s strategic priorities, the RSF grant contributed to sustaining the research environment at Dawson College.

The RSF was allocated to Research facilities (\$2655.00), Research resources (\$2655.00), Management and administration of the institution’s research enterprise (\$46016.86), and Regulatory requirements and accreditation (\$1780.14) categories.

How funds were invested to support salaries and professional development in the Management and Administration Category:

- The RSF grant contributed to sustaining a strong research environment at Dawson College by offsetting \$40870.00 in **salaries** for staff in the Research Office. The support of the RSF ensures continuity of essential services such as funding opportunity identification, application review and compliance, institutional and REB approvals, and post-award financial and compliance oversight at Dawson College.
- In addition, \$3593.23 of RSF funds were used to support **professional development** for Research Office staff. These important instances of professional development enable Research Office staff to maintain current knowledge of research administration, funding, and compliance practices, including those offered by the *Canadian Association of Research Administrators* (CARA) and the *Association pour la recherche au collégial* (ARC).

Outcomes and Impact

The investments described above represent a deliberate focus on strengthening human capacity in research administration. By providing staff with opportunities for training, networking, and professional development, the College enhances its internal expertise and ensures compliance with evolving funder requirements. At the same time, salary offsets help sustain the day-to-day research administration functions that are crucial to supporting faculty and student researchers.

Through the RSF, Dawson College has been able to invest in both stability and growth: maintaining the operational backbone of research administration whilst building new expertise that positions the College to support an expanding and increasingly complex research portfolio.

These investments support stable research administration and staff development to support research activity at Dawson College.