

# 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 full allocation was invested in the **Management and Administration** expenditure category, **Research Facilities** expenditure category, and **Research Resources** expenditure category.

## How the \$53,107.00 was invested:

- **76.96%, Salary Support (\$40,870.00):** RSF funds offset Research Office salaries to maintain essential research administration services, including funding support, approvals, compliance, post-award oversight, and reporting.
- **03.35%, Professional Development (\$1781.07):** RSF funds supported memberships and professional development for 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).
- **00.27%, Research resources (\$141.45):** RSF funds supported the purchase of computer materials for the Research Office, to support the basic operational capacity needed to manage research files, funding documentation, communications, and reporting.
- **15.51%, Research Facilities (\$8237.00):** RSF funds supported College space and library resources that contribute to the development, administration, and dissemination of research activity.
- **03.91%, committed but unspent (\$2077.48)**

## Outcomes and Impact

- Professional development through CARA membership and the CARA national conference strengthened staff knowledge, training, and peer networks needed to manage research administration effectively.
- Salary support allowed Research Office staff to dedicate time to policy development, reporting, and oversight, reinforcing accountability and consistency across research administration processes.
- Research resources and facilities supported researchers’ work and remained available for use or consultation by the College community.

These investments support stable research administration and staff development, helping Dawson support research activity.