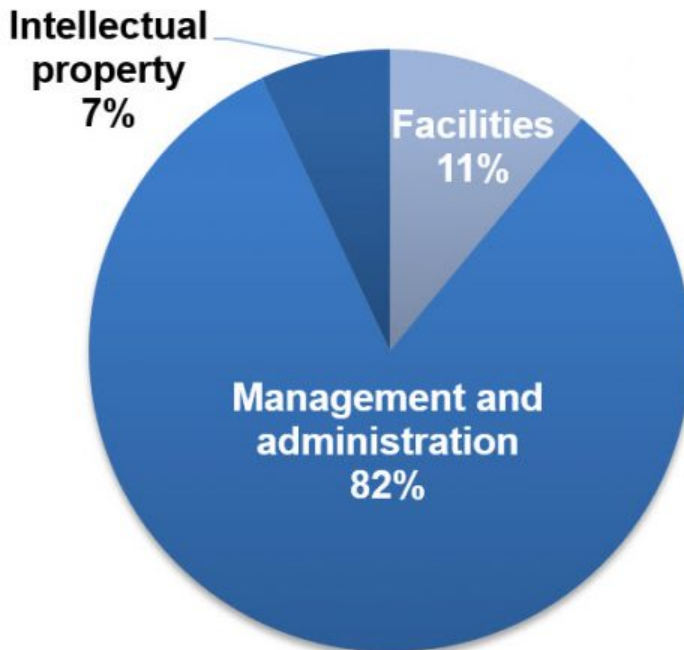


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The Research Support Fund assists Canadian postsecondary institutions and their affiliated research hospitals and institutes with the expenses associated with managing the research funded by the three federal research granting agencies. Hidden costs of conducting research that are borne by an institution may include salaries of staff dedicated to administering support, training for health and safety, maintenance of libraries, laboratories and office space (including custodial services, internet access and furnishings) as well as development of research infrastructure such as Intellectual Property policies and Research Ethics Boards. The Government of Canada allocates a portion of research grants from federal agencies received by researchers to their home institutions each year. For more information on eligible expenses and how grants are disbursed, please see <http://www.rsf-fsr.gc.ca/home-accueil-eng.aspx>.

In 2015-16, Dawson College was awarded a grant of \$67,612 from the Research Support Fund. Facilities maintenance, including custodial and IT services for research offices and labs, absorbed \$7,442 of the grant. Salary offsets for research support staff (research coordinator, administrative technician, institutional project coordinator and manager) accounted for \$54,308. These staff play a central role in identifying and advertising funding opportunities, ensuring grant applications are complete and admissible, tracking institutional and REB approval, ensuring compliant post-award administration, and internal benchmarking, policy development, and report writing. Professional development activities absorbed \$1,050 and \$4,812 was invested in retaining a professional Intellectual Property consultant, who worked with the research coordinator to revise and independently verify the draft IP Policy that the coordinator drafted.

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**Impact of the Research Support Fund:**

The support from the Research Support Fund (RSF) allows Dawson College to deliver excellent research administration to our research community, and support for facilities and resources. The College has been able to make strategic decisions that support long-term improvement to the research ecosystem. This enables us to attract and retain talented teacher-researchers, develop extensive partnerships and collaborations, and to support student involvement in research across the college.

Access to appropriate space for offices, labs and computing infrastructure is essential for effective research. As part of its RSF grant, Dawson supports the ADAPTECH research network that conducts research on the education and inclusion of students living with disabilities. Similarly, the SALTISE network for active learning and technological innovation in science education uses the Active Learning Classroom and other infrastructure to support its cutting edge research in pedagogy.

The RSF grant defrays a portion of the salary of the administrative staff in the Office of Academic Development and the Finance department, who provide pre-and post-award support for researchers. These staff help researchers write strong grant applications and provide the tools they need to manage their research dollars. This allows our researchers to focus their efforts on research rather than on administrative concerns. For example, in 2015, the Research Coordinator (in collaboration with a faculty and staff focus group) developed a Strategic Research Plan (2015-18) to set ambitious and measurable objectives for research. In 2015-16, we met or exceeded the targets that we set in the Strategic Plan:

Target	Strategic Actions	Results
Increase the number of researchers at Dawson	promotion of grants to emerging researchers	3 new researchers were awarded funding
	support to precarious teacher-researchers	entente with the DTU to support precarious teachers
Increase external funding to the College by 20%	investment in research support	external funding grew by 27% in 2015-16
	promotion of grants and support to grant writing	
Develop and grow applied research	support to contract preparation	2 new SSHRC partnership grants
	development of an Intellectual Property policy (in progress)	3 projects in partnership with private industry