

Research Support Fund Institutional Investment (2024-2025)

We have employed our Research Support Funds to invest in the management and administration of the institution's research enterprise. We are taking steps to move towards building out a more robust Research Office, ensuring we are investing funds back into support for ongoing and emergent faculty research. This is largely focused on Tri-Council funding, with some possible support for other grant and partnership development.

First, we have continued to employ a part-time Research Grants Officer, Kirstie McCallum. This role provides support for faculty from conception to submission of a grant, with a focus on writing and idea development, in alignment with criteria and deliverables for the appropriate grant.

Second, in response to requests from faculty researchers and other staff, we identified a need to support researchers on financial management and reporting. To that end, we have initiated another part-time role of Manager, Finance and Research Support, currently filled by Maria Stien.