



### **Research Support Fund**

The Research Support Fund (RSF) helps Canadian universities cover a portion of the hidden costs or “indirect” costs of research. The Canada Research Chair Secretariat administers the Research Support Fund.

The value of Nipissing University’s Indirect Costs allocation varies from year to year and is based on a percentage of the university’s total funding received from the Federal Granting Agencies; SSHRC, NSERC and CIHR. The allocation is calculated using a three-year rolling average formula. For example, the 2013-2014 allocation is calculated by using the average of the 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 Federal funding awards for Nipissing University. The funds must be used between the period of April 1 and March 31 of every year. No carryover or deferral of funds is permitted. The fund value for Nipissing University increased from \$228,540 in 2012-2013 to \$281,129 in 2014-2015. This shows a growth in the university’s grants from the Tri-Agencies.

Expenditure Areas.

The Indirect Costs program identifies 5 major expenditure areas: 1) Research Facilities; 2) Research Resources; 3) Management and Administration; 4) Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation; and 5) Intellectual Property.

For additional information on the Research Support Fund, please click on the link below.

<http://www.rsf-fsr.gc.ca/home-accueil-eng.aspx>

## Nipissing University's Allocation of RSF Funds

The value of Nipissing University's Research Support Fund for 2014-2015 was \$281,129. This allocation was divided into 3 of the 5 major expenditure categories:

Facilities	\$0.00
Resources	\$15,386.37
Management	\$252,155.66
Accreditation	\$13,586.97
IP	\$0.00





## **Impact of the Indirect Costs Program at Nipissing University**

The Indirect Costs Program is important to Nipissing University as it provides support for research activities conducted at the university. The following are examples of how funds from the program are used:

- Support of Nipissing University's regulatory compliance bodies such as the Animal Care Committee, Research Ethics Board and Biosafety.
- Support for research accounting services including financial audit costs, financial reporting and purchasing activities
- Contributions to operating costs for custodial, security, maintenance, utilities and other expenses required to maintain the research wing.
- Support for grant management and administration including regulatory compliance.
- Contributions to the management and administration of research services and facilities.