

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

Research Support Fund

Accountability and Public Acknowledgment

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Public acknowledgment

1. *definition of the indirect costs of research, along with concrete examples of the types of expenses incurred by the institution in managing the research funded:*

Research funding provided through the granting agencies (the [Canadian Institutes of Health Research](#) (CIHR), the [Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council](#) (NSERC), and the [Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council](#) (SSHRC)) is generally limited to direct project costs (e.g., research equipment, research assistant salaries, etc.). Institutions whose researchers receive funding for research also incur costs to manage their research enterprise.

These costs include, for example, the costs of maintaining modern labs and equipment; costs of providing researchers with access to up-to-date knowledge resources; costs of managing and administering research; costs of meeting regulatory and ethical requirements; and costs of transferring research results to knowledge users.

Examples of the types of expenses incurred at Dalhousie University and affiliate hospitals in managing the research funded are:

research space facility fees, e.g., custodial, maintenance, security, utilities and insurance, and research equipment maintenance
electronic data access and resources including technical support, e.g., portion of library operating costs

regulatory compliance including human and animal ethics certifications and research integrity and scholarly misconduct services
research commercialization and intellectual property services and support through the Industry Liaison & Innovation office.

2. *description of the [Research Support Fund program](#) and [its website](#):*

The federal government Research Support Fund program assists Canadian postsecondary institutions and their affiliated research hospitals and institutes with the indirect costs associated with managing the research funded by the three federal research granting agencies:

the [Canadian Institutes of Health Research](#) (CIHR);
the [Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council](#) (NSERC); and
the [Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council](#) (SSHRC).

The University directs funds to specific research initiatives and the following is a key strategic direction for Dalhousie over the next several years which will require funding support to achieve:

Expand the opportunities for research, scholarly and artistic work

Direct and attract resources to priority research areas, with local, national and international importance

Attract and retain outstanding professors

Attract and support excellent graduate students and h 602.32 T

