

Accountability and Public Acknowledgment

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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 are often called “indirect costs of research.” 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

Research Support Fund (\$8,551,621):

Research facilities	\$2,937,749
Research resources	\$1,269,457
Management and administration of an institution's research enterprise	\$3,580,817

Research facilities	Deferred maintenance undertaken in A.L. MacDonald (D Building).	Support and improve research capacity.	Research space is renewed with continued adherence to safety standards.	Research space is renewed to provide a safe environment to support important research priorities.
Management and administration of an institution's research enterprise	Clinical Trials Study Start-up Specialist Team (NSHA).	Build capacity within NSHA's clinical trial unit while concomitantly improving access to clinical trial opportunities across Nova Scotia.		

