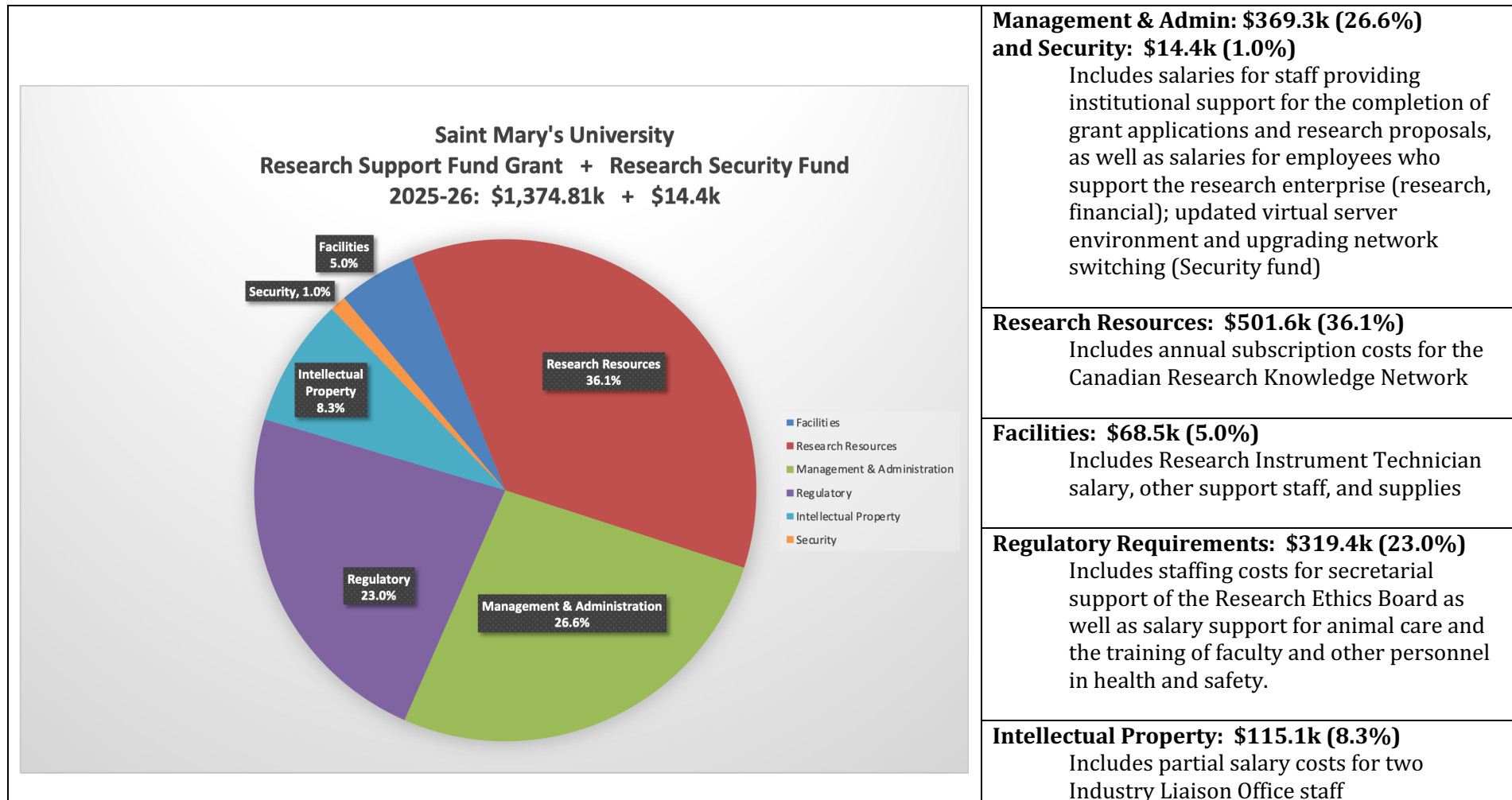


Saint Mary's University
Research Support Fund + Research Security Fund
2025-26: \$1374.8k + \$14.4k



Eligible expenditure category	Institutional performance objective	Indicator	Output	Outcomes reported at year-end 2025-26
1. Management and administration of an institution's research enterprise - Including research security activity	Maintain the human resources in support of the research enterprise, And support research security initiatives	Number of fulltime equivalent positions supported by the Research Support Fund in FY 2025-26	Portion of Research Support Fund grant invested in support and administration of the research enterprise	The RSF grant at Saint Mary's in 2025-26 helped support the salaries and benefits of support staff and administrators of the research enterprise at the University. Such positions include: 50.0% Dean of Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research 50.0% Assistant to the Dean 100.0% Research Grants Officer 50.0% of Two (2) Graduate Studies Officers 100.0% Research & Grants, Acc't - Financial Services (#1) 50.0% Research & Grants, Acc't - Financial Services (#2) 30.0% Research & Grants, Acc't - Financial Services (#3) 50.0% (of additional faculty stipend) Assoc Dean FGSR 50.0% CLARI Network Manager 30.0% Diversity and Inclusion Advisor The total tracked cost of the human resource allocations to support research was over \$700k. Over \$369k of our RSF grant was used to support these positions (this was 51% of the investment in these positions, and 26.9% of the RSF). This is a similar amount and proportion of our RSF award over the previous year. The top few positions indicated above make up the "core" of our administrative support for the research enterprise at Saint Mary's. Virtually all of the research grants/contracts applications as well as post-award administration are administered by this group.

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2. Research Resources	Maintain acquisition of library holdings through the Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN) facilitated license agreements	Number of library holdings accessible through CRKN facilitated license agreements in FY 2025-26	Portion of RSF grant invested in CRKN facilitated license agreements	In 2025-26, a proportionally similar amount from our RSF Grant went to support Research Resources (36.5%) compared to the previous years. These funds were spent to help fund expenses associated with our partnership within the Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN). This increased access to the scholarly literature continues to help increase the research activity at Saint Mary's. The number of holdings has not changed substantially in the last 6 years.

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3. Regulatory requirements and accreditation	Maintain the human resources involved in regulatory requirements of the research enterprise	Number of fulltime equivalent positions supported by the RSF in FY 2025-26	Portion of RSF grant invested in Regulatory requirements of the research enterprise	The RSF grant at Saint Mary's in 2025-26 helped support the salaries and benefits of support staff associated with regulatory requirements of the research enterprise at the University. Such positions include: 100.0% Research Ethics Board Officer 10.0% Occupational Health & Safety Officer 50.0% Science Safety Technician 100.0% Animal Care Coordinator & Animal Facility Mgr The total costs of all such positions (together with 100% of the cost the Vet supporting our Animal Care Committee and a portion - 10% - of the faculty member's salary who serves as Animal Care Committee Chair) was approximately \$620k. \$319.4k of our RSF grant was allocated to these costs (this was 51% of the investment in these positions, and 23.2% of the RSF). The OH&S Office as well as the University's OH&S Committee on which the OH&S Officer serves, is highly involved in the oversight and promotion of safety in research-related activities on and off campus. The Officer also sits on the Faculty of Science's Safety Committee. The OH&S Officer and Committee are required under the Nova Scotia Occupational Health and Safety Act. The RSF grant is used to support the salary and benefits of REB Officer position. The REB Office is currently handling over 1200 applications (including new submission, and post-approval modification, update and closure applications) per year.

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4. Facilities	Maintain the research facilities and equipment in support of the research enterprise	Renovations or additions to research infrastructure and equipment	Portion of RSF grant invested in research facilities and equipment of the research enterprise	Our tracked expenses for research facilities for 2025-26 was just over \$399k for aspects of Operating Costs - costs include salaries for laboratory technical support staff. Other incurred costs were directed to: purchase of materials used in operating research equipment (e.g. LN2 for NMR and other research lab measurement devices); custodial, security, and maintenance personnel; and utilities charges for research spaces. We used \$69.4 of the RSF to help meet these costs, which represents 5.0% of the total award, predominantly to help support the technical support positions for laboratories.
5. Intellectual Property	Maintain the Office of Innovation and Community Engagement (OICE) responsible for collaborative agreements, partnerships, IP, contracts, knowledge and technology transfer	Maintain staff levels in support of intellectual property	Portion of RSF grant invested in intellectual property of the research enterprise	Roughly \$154k was directed towards helping support the salary and benefits of the positions in the Office of Innovation and Community Engagement (OICE) - approximately 34% of the Director's compensation, 34% of the Industry Liaison Officer's compensation and 50% of the Research Office Assistant's compensation. We used \$115k of the RSF to help meet these costs (representing 8.4% of the total RSF award) – these RSF funds are critical in the mix of funding sources to support the OICE. Our OICE is part of the Springboard Atlantic Inc commercialization network. This network has 14 Atlantic Universities and five Community Colleges as members and its mandate is to support the commercialization of post-secondary research in Atlantic Canada.