

## 2015-16 Research Support Fund Program

not research but are not direct costs for specific research projects. The Research Support Fund may be used to help pay for maintenance, improvements and the efficient services and management of an institution's research

For more information about the Research Support Fund Program (RSF), please visit the Government of Canada website at: [http://www.gc.ca/about-au\\_sujet/index-eng.aspx](http://www.gc.ca/about-au_sujet/index-eng.aspx)

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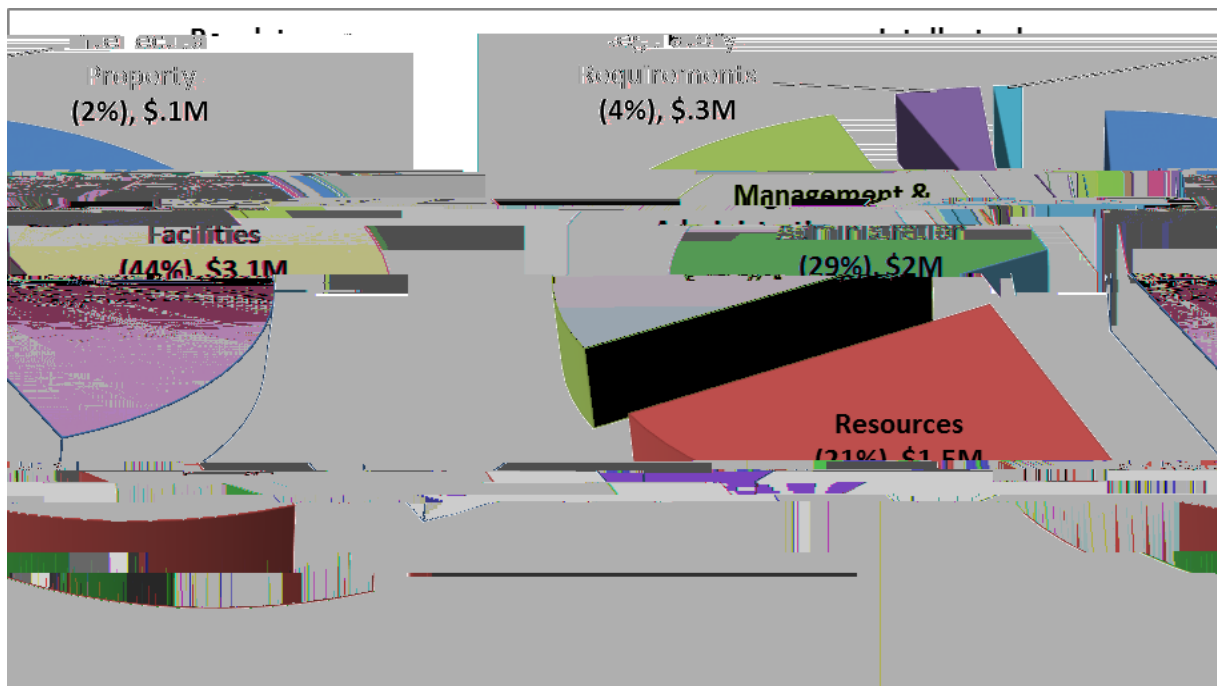
### RSF at Dalhousie University

Dalhousie University has included the Research Support Fund grant into its operating budget where it funds the indirect costs borne by the budget. In addition to costs in the various units, the University allots strategic initiatives funding to identify areas of strategic focus for the University. Two of the strategic focus areas have an impact on research. The University has directed funds to a variety of areas to improve research strengths and renew University facilities. The total of indirect research costs for the 2015-16 fiscal year were \$44.2 million, of which \$7.0 million were covered by the Research Support Fund grant.

On September 1, 2012 Dalhousie University merged with the Nova Scotia Agricultural College. As a result, beginning in 2013-14 the grant received from the federal government as well as the reported indirect costs include the Agricultural Campus. Previously the College would have received a separate allocation.

Use of the grant is reported in five categories. The pie chart and descriptions below illustrate the distribution of the RSF grant by category:

Total 2015-16 Research Support Fund Grant: \$6,984,209



Description of costs included in the five categories:

#### **Research Facilities**

This includes laboratories, research networking spaces, offices of research and finance administration, and offices of researchers. In 2015-16 the expenditures include operating costs for facilities such as custodial, security, maintenance, utilities and insurance. Technical support for research is also included in this category.

#### **Research Resources**

The University reported a portion of library operating costs, administration staff salaries as well as the acquisition of library holdings in this category. Expenditures related to the cost of information resources such as databases, telecommunications, information technology and research tools for the benefit of researchers were also reported in this category.

#### **Management and Administration**

Management and administration costs include institutional support for the completion of grant applications/research proposals, salaries and benefits for staff who work on grant applications and research proposals (e.g. grant facilitators, secretarial and administrative assistants). Salaries and benefits for employees who support the research enterprise (research, financial, human resources and procurement offices as well as Faculty departmental administrative support) are also expenditures included in this category.

#### **Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation**

In 2015-16