

Research Support Fund

Impact of the Research Support Fund (RSF) at Dawson College

The support from the RSF allows Dawson College to deliver excellent research administration to our research community and provides support for facilities and resources.

RSF grant funds are used to offset the salaries of the Research Office staff who provide pre-award and post-award support for researchers. The Research Office plays a central role in identifying and advertising funding opportunities, helps researchers write strong grant applications, ensures compliant post-award administration, and provides the tools needed to manage research funds. A portion of the RSF is also used towards professional development activities in research administration.

The College has been able to make strategic decisions that support long-term improvement to the research ecosystem. This allows us to attract and retain talented faculty researchers, develop extensive partnerships and collaborations and support student involvement in research across the college.

Public Disclosure of Funds 2023-2024

For 2023-2024, Dawson College was awarded \$41,784 by the Research Support Fund. This is used in the Management and Administration expenditure category, towards salary offsets for the research support staff and professional development activities in research administration.

The staff play a central role in identifying and advertising funding opportunities, ensuring grant applications are complete and admissible, tracking institutional and REB approval, ensuring compliant post-award administration and internal benchmarking, policy development, and report writing.

A portion of the RSF funds (\$644.90) awarded was used for professional development activities for the Research Coordinator and Research Administration Technician, including membership fees and participation in various research administration. Another portion of the RSF funds (\$2,355.10) awarded was used for professional development events offered by the Canadian Association for Research Administrators (CARA) and the Association pour la recherche au collégial (ARC). The rest was used for salary offset for the research support staff.

Affiliated Organizations

[CRISPESH](#) – *Centre de recherche pour l'inclusion scolaire et professionnelle des étudiants en situation de handicap* is a CCTT, *centre collégial de transfert de technologie*. CRISPESH is affiliated with Dawson College and Cégep du Vieux Montréal and contributes to the inclusion of people with disabilities in Quebec.