Tyndale University
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Research Support Fund: Accountability and Public Acknowledgment

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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 by the three federal research granting agencies:

Indirect costs of research are the operational costs that underpin an institution's research activities (i.e., heating, lighting, ethics reviews, facilities for animals used in research, management of intellectual property, environmental assessment and safety compliance). The services that give rise to indirect costs are institutionally based and are not specific to individual research grants (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)).

The Research Support fund received by Tyndale University helps sustain a strong research environment and supports partnership with community researchers in the region. Costs associated with the preparation of research grant proposals, administration of research grants, the preparation of reports, and research planning are also included in the indirect costs.

Description of the Research Support Fund program, including a link to the program's website:

The Research Support Fund assists Canadian postsecondary institutions and their affiliated research hospitals and institutes with the expenses associated with managing the research funded by the three federal research granting agencies.

The Research Support Fund is a tri-agency initiative of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). It is administered by the Tri-agency Institutional Programs Secretariat, which is housed within SSHRC.

Please see Research Support Fund website for more information.

List of all affiliated institutions:

Centre for Community Based Research

Overview of how the institution allocates its grant funds under each of the five expenditure categories:

1. Research Facilities
   None

2. Research Resources
   None

3. Management and Administration of the Institution's Research Enterprise

   - Grant writing:
     preparation of grant application
   - Back-end Grant Administration:
     receiving grant funds; processing invoices for payment; preparing annual financial reports to granting agency
   - Back-end RSF Administration:
     Requesting and distributing funds; Reporting to Tri-Agency

4. Regulatory Requirements and Accreditation
   None

5. Intellectual Property and Knowledge Mobilization
   None

Research Support Fund Communications Strategy

Tyndale University publishes its research information on the Tyndale Research Ethics Board website: https://www.tyndale.ca/reb. This website raises awareness of the value and contributions of the Research Support Fund. It is a public domain, and is accessible by Tyndale staff, faculty, students, and the institutional community.

Centre for Community Based Research, our affiliated institution, engages in communicating the impact and outcomes of the program within the research community and the Canadian research environment, to ensure accountability to stakeholders.