

**Dalhousie University  
Research Support Fund  
2016-17 Objectives / June 2017 Report**

**Setting and reporting on institutional performance objectives  
2016 - 2017**

<b>Eligible expenditure category</b>	<b>Institutional performance objective</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Output</b>	<b>Outcomes reported at year end</b>	<b>June 2017 Report</b>
Research facilities	Continue to develop and support core research facilities and multi-user space	Core facilities accommodate more research equipment	Establish Guidelines for Core Facilities	Support core facilities capacity and usage	Core Facilities' Guidelines established and posted on DRS website: <a href="https://www.dal.ca/dept/research-services/resources/guidelines-and-policies.html">https://www.dal.ca/dept/research-services/resources/guidelines-and-policies.html</a>
Research resources	Manage and facilitate matching fund requests with a documented and transparent process	Researchers complete and submit matching fund request forms	Establish Guidelines and Forms for Matching Fund Requests	Expectation of researchers and research community is managed through established guidelines	Matching Funds Guidelines and Request Form established and posted on DRS website: <a href="https://www.dal.ca/dept/research-services/resources/guidelines-and-policies.html">https://www.dal.ca/dept/research-services/resources/guidelines-and-policies.html</a>
Management and administration of an institution's research enterprise	Improve research application processing and approval	Submission of application documents on-line	Upgrade research database to initially process Investigator's Checklist on-line	Electronic submission improves processing time and enhances researcher application experience	Researcher Portal purchased; initial configuration and testing underway
Regulatory requirements and accreditation	Ensure Ethics unit is properly staffed	Ethics unit has appropriate level positions for job complexity	Assess Ethics unit and reorganize as necessary	Ethics staffing adjusted to meet the needs of the university research community	Ethics unit reorganized with one Director, one Manager and half-time Administrative Assistant