

## About ICOR:

In 2003, the Government of Canada introduced the Indirect Costs Program to provide Canadian universities and colleges with an annual grant to help pay for a portion of their hidden or “indirect” costs of research, which pose a financial challenge to these institutions. Every year, the federal government funds specific research projects through its three granting agencies:

- the [Canadian Institutes of Health Research](#) (CIHR);
- the [Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council](#) (NSERC);
- the [Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council](#) (SSHRC).

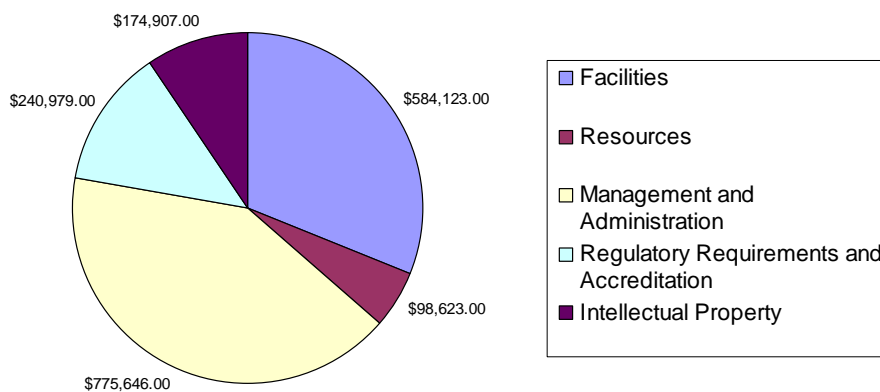
Thus, the Indirect Costs Program also reinforces this research investment by helping postsecondary institutions ensure that their federally-funded research projects are conducted in world-class facilities with the best equipment and administrative support available. Grants for indirect costs must add to, and not displace, any research support funds that postsecondary institutions have received from the provincial government, private sector or other federal sources.

## Trent's Indirect Costs Allocation:

The amount of Trent's Indirect Costs Allocation is calculated using an algorithm based on a three-year rolling average of the funding the University is awarded from the federal granting agencies (SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR). According to this calculation, in 2011-2012 Trent received an indirect costs allocation of \$1,874,278.00. This allocation was divided into five ICOR categories:

Facilities	\$584,123
Resources	\$ 98,623
Management and Administration	\$775,646
Regulatory Requirements & Accreditation	\$240,979
Intellectual Property	\$174,907

ICOR Expenditures 2011-2012



## **Description of the Impacts of the Indirect Costs Grant at Trent University**

The Indirect Costs Program is critical to Trent University as it provides base-level support to the research enterprise. Examples of impacts linked to the Indirect Costs of Research Program include:

- Support of Trent University's regulatory compliance bodies such as the Animal Care Committee, the Biosafety Committee and Research Ethics Board;
- Support of the veterinarian and vet services;
- Support for research accounting services including financial audit costs and purchasing services;
- Buyer assistance for purchasing of research materials, equipment, and services;
- Legal counsel;
- Memberships in academic organizations;
- Contributions to operating costs for custodial, security, maintenance, utilities required for research space;
- Technical support (cartographic/photographic, machine shop, electronics)
- Support for research grant management and administration including regulatory compliance;
- Laboratory renovations and maintenance, equipment upgrades and repair;
- Insurance and licenses on research vehicles;
- Management of Trent University's intellectual property assets;
- Contribution to library acquisitions including electronic and print journals;
- Production of research promotional materials such as "Showcase";
- The creation, development, and maintenance of systems to enable tracking research grants;
- Grant facilitation and professional development of both faculty and staff engaged in the research enterprise;
- Contributions to the management and administration of research centres and institutes
- Support and management of science facilities