

Institutional Investment Story – 2024/2025

Funded in part by the Research Support Fund (RSF), the Office of Research and Innovation (ORI) team at Concordia University of Edmonton (CUE) provides comprehensive research and innovation supports to CUE researchers (faculty and students). The ORI promotes and administers internal research competitions to support project implementation and dissemination for both faculty and students. The internal seed funding program is designed to support researchers acquire preliminary data that can be used to apply and secure external funding, while travel programs are designed to support network building, professional connections, and the dissemination of research activities.

The ORI team also supports faculty research project and program development, including facilitating partnerships, providing training and grant guidance materials, providing access to specialized research software and advanced computing infrastructure, as well as identifying and promoting awareness about new external funding and award opportunities.

The ORI further supports faculty through individualized mentorship and coaching (as needed), identifying and promoting relevant external research workshops, information sessions, and training opportunities, as well as promoting and supporting the submission of research projects and award applications to the tri-agency, and other external funders.

CUE has outsourced its human ethics board activities, allowing researchers to have their ethics applications reviewed and approved in a timely manner by diverse research ethics boards.

The ORI organizes and promotes research and innovation events at CUE, including the CUE Annual Research and Innovation Conference (CARIC) - an event for both internal and external stakeholders that highlights the full range of research, scholarly activities, and creative activities being undertaken by CUE faculty and students across campus. The ORI also hosts Summer Research Day, an annual showcase of the research projects CUE undergraduate and graduate students conduct throughout the spring and summer.

The RSF is critical to the ORI at CUE. Without these funds, CUE would not be able to provide the wide range of services it delivers to its faculty and students. CUE expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude.