

Federal Indirect Costs Program

Definition of the Indirect Costs of Research

Indirect Costs (IDCs) are not profit but are real costs attributable to SRC activities.

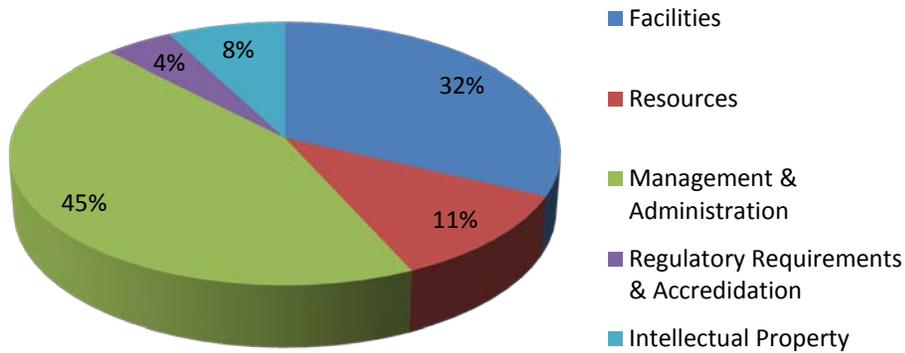
IDCs are those costs that are necessary for maintaining an environment and infrastructure for conducting research and are incurred at the University, Faculty and department levels for purposes common to all research projects, programs, or activities of the University, but which cannot be identified and charged directly to individual projects, programs, or activities with a reasonable degree of accuracy and/or without an inordinate amount of accounting.

IDCs include but are not limited to:

- faculty salaries and benefits, where these are not charged directly to a research contract or grant;
- building costs, maintenance and depreciation (including renovations required for specific laboratories, heating, cooling and lights);
- maintenance, upgrading and depreciation of equipment purchased that enable faculty to undertake SRC activities;
- University, Faculty and departmental/school administration such as payroll, human resources, accounting, purchasing and accounts receivable, insurance/risk management, occupational health and safety, legal, etc.;
- library and other research resources, including maintenance of on-line search capabilities and data-bases;
- central computing services;
- financing (e.g., payment of salaries of students or research technicians, purchase of materials and supplies, prior to the billing and receipt of revenue from a sponsor);
- intellectual property assessment, advice, and protection.

The description of the Indirect Costs Program (ICP) can be found at <http://www.indirectcosts.gc.ca/home-accueil-eng.aspx>.

Allocation of ICP Grant



Impacts of the Indirect Costs Grant

Below are some specific examples of how the funds were used. In general the renovations have increased our capacity to undertake cutting edge scholarly, research and creative (SRC) as can be seen in results associated with the various labs. The projects are also linked to the themes which have been identified in the development for our strategic SRC plan. The renovations support our growing graduate training mission as well.

In the School of Occupational and Public Health, the Occupational and Public Health labs were converted into three separate labs with a central meeting area. These three labs include: microbiology, human factors/tools for holistic ride inspection learning and leadership and ergonomics/bio-mechanics and are used by researchers and students.

The ICP funds were also used for the renovation the Digital Media Zone (the Zone). The Zone is a workplace and incubator designed for young entrepreneurs, infused with the energy and resources of downtown Toronto. It's a place where students and alumni come to innovate, collaborate and market their products and services, and where commercial enterprises can turn to for progressive and creative digital solutions.

Ryerson has undergone tremendous growth in the size of its student body, both in graduate and undergraduate numbers, as well as substantial growth in its SRC enterprise. This coupled with space constraints, resulted in the movement of the VPRI, Financial Services and School of Graduate Studies to an off-campus location. The ICP has been used to cover part of the lease payments for the Office of VPRI, Financial Services, and School of Graduate Studies. The Office of the VPRI has also grown in response to the increase in Ryerson's SRC dollars. Since 2005/06 grant funding has more than doubled.