

Research Infrastructure Evolution and RSF: How Conestoga College Uses RSF to Continue the Development of its Research Information Management System (RIMS)

Research Support Funds (RSF) have played a critical role in supporting the continued implementation and enhancement of Conestoga College's Research Information Management System (RIMS). As a core platform for research infrastructure and administration, sustained investment in RIMS has strengthened the College's capacity to drive innovation, support entrepreneurship, and maintain regulatory compliance.

A key milestone was the successful migration of RIMS from a third-party host to Conestoga's internal environment. This transition reduced licensing costs, enhanced data security, and improved integration with existing institutional tools.

Key outcomes include:

- Seamless integration with core platforms such as SharePoint and Outlook
- Streamlined workflows through the removal of unnecessary intermediary steps, improving staff productivity
- Reduced licensing expenses
- Cost-effective expansion of the user base from 30 to 60 users, increasing overall efficiency and value