

Memo

To: All Concordia Researchers

cc: Associate Deans of Research, Faculty Financial Officers, Director VPRGS Sector, VP Research and Grad Studies, Assoc VP Research, Strategic Institutional Initiatives VPRGS, Faculty Deans, Deputy Provost and Vice-Provost, Faculty Development, and Inclusion, Chief Financial Officer, Assoc VP Fin & Controller.

From: Angela Luciano, Director Research and Restricted Financial Management

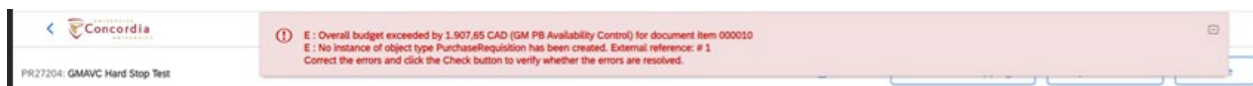
Date: November 19th, 2024

Re: **Fund Balance Availability Check(FBAC)-Update**

In the summer 2024 the fund balance availability check(FBAC) was turned on in Unity for all research Tri Agency grants.

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This system functionality serves the research community with a tool to prevent overspending on grants. Below is an example of an error message that will appear when a transaction fails due to insufficient funds in Unity is:



On November 21st: The Fonds de Recherche du Québec (FQRSC,FQRNT & FRSQ), Concordia University Research Chairs(CURC) and Academic PDAs will also have the functionality applied.

Please note, throughout the fiscal year more account types will be added.

Timeline of FBAC turn on by sponsors list:

July 2nd

CIHR: CANADIAN INSTITUTES OF HEALTH RESEARCH

August 19th, 2024

NSERC: NATURAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING-

SSHRC: SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH

TIPS: THE TRI-AGENCY INSTITUTIONAL PROGRAMS SECRETARIAT-

CRC: CANADA RESEARCH CHAIRS SECRETARIAT-

November 21st, 2024

FQRNT: THE FONDS DE RECHERCHE DU QUÉBEC-NATURE ET TECHNOLOGIES-

FQRSC: THE FONDS DE RECHERCHE DU QUÉBEC-SOCIÉTÉ ET CULTURE

FRSQ: THE FONDS DE RECHERCHE DU QUÉBEC-SANTÉ

CURC: CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CHAIRS

ACADEMIC PDAs: ACADEMIC - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS-

This would also include funding sent from other institutions originating from any of the Tri Agency or FRQ sponsors listed above.

Note, throughout the fiscal year more account types will be added to the list.

Please verify the balances on your accounts on the Research Dashboard and on the Academic Dashboard Community before applying expenses to avoid any possible interruptions.

For any inquiries, please reach out to a member of the Research and Restricted Financial Management Team(RRFM).

<https://www.concordia.ca/financial-services/departments/restricted-funds/contacts-area.html>

Thank you,

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