In early May 2020, the Research Office launched a survey to assess the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on research at the Faculty of Health Sciences, focusing on implications for the career trajectories of professors and research trainees. The survey asked respondents to identify the kinds of assistance they may need to resume their research activity once restrictions are lifted. This infographic summarizes the information collected from the 76 respondents, which will be used to develop strategic Faculty support to mitigate impact for researchers as they resume research activities.

Survey respondents identified Data collection and Recruitment of research participants as activities mainly affected by the stoppage. Maintenance of research equipment and Retention of research personnel were identified as less impacted, but we appreciate that a subset of researchers was still affected in this area. We recognize that the situation has evolved since the survey and that new needs may arise, some of which will not be covered by government programs. As we enter Phase 2 of the research restart, the Research Office will soon launch an internal funding opportunity to help mitigate the impact caused by the pandemic on research activities.