



Financial Statements

The Canadian Institute for Advanced Research -
L'Institut Canadien de Recherches Avancées

June 30, 2017

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Independent Auditor's Report

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To the Members of
The Canadian Institute for Advanced Research -
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We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **The Canadian Institute for Advanced Research – L'Institut Canadien de Recherches Avancées**, which comprise the statement of financial position as at June 30, 2017, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained in our audit is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of **The Canadian Institute for Advanced Research – L’Institut Canadien de Recherches Avancées** as at June 30, 2017, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Grant Thornton LLP

Toronto, Canada
September 19, 2017


Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

**The Canadian Institute for Advanced Research -
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Statement of Financial Position

June 30	2017	2016
	(000s)	(000s)
Assets		
Current		
Cash and short-term deposits	\$ 1,464	\$ 2,280
Investments (Note 4)	3,819	4,701
Accounts receivable (Note 3)	4,025	2,145
Prepaid expenses	<u>298</u>	<u>122</u>
	9,606	9,248
Investments (Note 4)	16,585	18,722
Property, equipment and leasehold improvements (Note 5)	1,686	199
Intangible assets (Note 5)	<u>147</u>	<u>133</u>
	<u>\$ 28,024</u>	<u>\$ 28,302</u>
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 4,194	\$ 4,204
Deferred revenue (Note 6)	3,513	4,675
Deferred tenant allowance (Note 6)	<u>40</u>	<u>-</u>
	7,747	8,879
Deferred revenue (Note 6)	520	1,790
Deferred tenant allowance (Note 6)	<u>363</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>8,630</u>	<u>10,669</u>
Net assets		
Invested in property, equipment, leasehold improvements and intangible assets	1,430	332
Externally restricted endowment fund (Note 7)	474	474
Internally restricted reserve (Note 7)	11,000	11,000
Unrestricted	<u>6,490</u>	<u>5,827</u>
	<u>19,394</u>	<u>17,633</u>
	<u>\$ 28,024</u>	<u>\$ 28,302</u>

Commitments (Note 10)

On behalf of the Board of Directors



Director



Director

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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Statement of Operations

Year ended June 30	2017	2016
	(000s)	(000s)
Revenue		
Program contributions (Note 6)		
Government funding (Note 3)		
Federal	\$ 5,767	\$ 5,070
Provincial	<u>6,595</u>	<u>6,492</u>
	<u>12,362</u>	<u>11,562</u>
Partnerships		
Research organizations	2,415	1,457
Universities and others	<u>258</u>	<u>151</u>
	<u>2,673</u>	<u>1,608</u>
Private sector		
Corporations	1,053	1,151
Foundations	3,568	1,703
Individuals	<u>1,753</u>	<u>2,896</u>
	<u>6,374</u>	<u>5,750</u>
Investment income (Note 4(b))	<u>1,353</u>	<u>53</u>
	<u>22,762</u>	<u>18,973</u>
Expenses		
Program expenses		
Knowledge creation (Note 8(a))	15,637	13,767
Knowledge mobilization and communications	2,914	2,000
Next Generation (Note 8(b))	1,285	247
Pan-Canadian AI program	<u>87</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>19,923</u>	<u>16,014</u>
Non-program expenses (Note 8(c))	<u>2,868</u>	<u>2,959</u>
	<u>22,791</u>	<u>18,973</u>
Deficiency of revenue over expenses from operations	(29)	-
Unrealized gains on investments (Note 4(b))	<u>1,790</u>	<u>876</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses	<u>\$ 1,761</u>	<u>\$ 876</u>

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year ended June 30	Invested in property, equipment, leasehold improvements and intangible assets	Externally restricted endowments	Internally restricted reserve	Unrestricted	2017 Total	2016 Total
	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)	(000s)
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 332	\$ 474	\$ 11,000	\$ 5,827	\$ 17,633	\$ 16,757
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	(177)	-	-	1,938	1,761	876
Investment in property, equipment, leasehold Improvements and intangible assets	1,275	-	-	(1,275)	-	-
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 1,430</u>	<u>\$ 474</u>	<u>\$ 11,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,490</u>	<u>\$ 19,394</u>	<u>\$ 17,633</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**The Canadian Institute for Advanced Research -
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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended June 30	2017	2016
	(000s)	(000s)
Operating activities		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 1,761	\$ 876
Items not involving cash		
Amortization of property, equipment, leasehold improvements and intangible assets	177	169
Deferred revenue recognized	(15,070)	(17,184)
Unrealized gains on investments	<u>(1,790)</u>	<u>(876)</u>
	<u>(14,922)</u>	<u>(17,015)</u>
 Change in non-cash working capital items		
Accounts receivable	(1,880)	(1,183)
Prepaid expenses	(176)	(81)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(10)	1,043
Deferred revenue received (Note 6)	<u>12,638</u>	<u>20,699</u>
	<u>10,572</u>	<u>20,478</u>
	<u>(4,350)</u>	<u>3,463</u>
 Investing activities		
Proceeds on sale of investments (investments purchased), net	4,809	(2,841)
Investment in property, equipment, leasehold improvements and intangible assets	(1,678)	(137)
Tenant allowance received	<u>403</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>3,534</u>	<u>(2,978)</u>
 Increase (decrease) in cash and short-term deposits during the year	(816)	485
Cash and short-term deposits, beginning of year	<u>2,280</u>	<u>1,795</u>
Cash and short-term deposits, end of year	<u>\$ 1,464</u>	<u>\$ 2,280</u>

Cash and short-term deposits is represented by:

Cash	\$ 1,439	\$ 1,197
Short-term deposits	<u>25</u>	<u>1,083</u>
	<u>\$ 1,464</u>	<u>\$ 2,280</u>

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1. Nature of operations

The Canadian Institute for Advanced Research - L'Institut Canadien de Recherches Avancées (CIFAR) is incorporated under the Canada Corporations Act as a not-for-profit organization and has continued under the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act. CIFAR is also a registered charity under the Income Tax Act (Canada). The primary objective of CIFAR is to bring leading researchers together to work on major collaborative advanced research projects that address scientific, economic and social questions that are of importance to the future of Canada and the world. CIFAR funds multi-year projects that bridge institutional, regional, cultural and national boundaries. The funding provided by CIFAR contributes to research support and compensation of program members.

In common with other not-for-profit organizations, CIFAR is economically dependent on the continued financial support of federal and provincial governments, partnerships and the private sector to meet its ongoing commitments.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of presentation

The financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO). ASNPO are part of Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. ASNPO requires entities to select policies appropriate for their circumstances from policies in these standards. The following are the policies selected by CIFAR and applied in these financial statements.

Financial instruments

CIFAR considers any contract creating a financial asset, liability or equity instrument as a financial instrument. CIFAR's financial instruments comprise cash and short-term deposits, investments, accounts receivable and accounts payable.

Cash and short-term deposits, accounts receivable and accounts payable

Cash and short-term deposits, accounts receivable and accounts payable are initially measured at fair value and subsequently recorded at amortized cost.

Short-term deposits consist of highly liquid, interest bearing instruments with original maturities of three months or less or which can be liquidated without significant penalty.

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Investments

Investments deferred for future years (Note 4) represent externally restricted unspent funding received from federal and provincial governments, partnerships and the public and private sector. These investments, investments in the externally restricted endowment fund and internally restricted net assets (Note 4) comprise cash and short-term deposits and investments in a long-term equity portfolio. Cash and short-term deposits are initially measured at fair value and subsequently recorded at amortized cost and consist of highly liquid, interest bearing instruments with maturities of three months or less or which can be liquidated without significant penalty. The long-term equity portfolio is measured at fair value based upon active market quoted rates using the monthly closing bid price. Unrealized gains or losses are recognized in the statement of operations.

Property, equipment and leasehold improvements

Property, equipment and leasehold improvements are recorded at cost and are amortized over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Office equipment	20% declining balance
Computer hardware	33% straight-line
Leasehold improvements	Straight-line over remaining life of the lease

Intangible assets

Intangible assets consist of computer software and are recorded at cost and are amortized over their estimated useful lives of 5 years.

Externally restricted endowment fund

The externally restricted endowment fund represents restricted contributions subject to externally imposed restrictions specifying that the resources contributed be maintained permanently and are subject to CIFAR's preservation of capital policy unless otherwise specified by the donor. CIFAR's preservation of capital policy allows for the encroachment of capital to cover realized or unrealized losses and disbursements in excess of investment income on the basis that the capital will be replenished by future net investment income. Investment income realized on these funds is unrestricted and maintained within the unrestricted fund unless otherwise restricted by the donor.

Internally restricted reserve

The internally restricted reserve represents net assets restricted by the Board of Directors (the "Board") for specific purposes. These amounts are not available for other purposes without the approval of the Board. Investment income realized on these funds is unrestricted. Transfers are determined based on CIFAR's objectives, policies and processes for managing capital.

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Deferred tenant allowance

Deferred tenant allowance represents cash received from the landlord pursuant to the lease agreement for premises occupied by CIFAR. The allowance is amortized against rent expense over the term of the lease.

Revenue recognition

Endowment contributions are recognized as direct increases in net assets in the year in which they are received.

Externally restricted contributions received are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred or in the year they are designated for.

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable and measurement is reasonably assured.

Contributed goods and services

Contributed goods and services are not recognized in these financial statements due to the difficulty in determining their fair value.

Foreign currency translation

CIFAR translates balances denominated in foreign currencies at the exchange rates in effect at the date of the statement of financial position for monetary assets and liabilities, and the average exchange rates during the year for revenue and expenses. Unrealized translation gains and losses are recognized in the statement of operations.

Allocation of expenses

CIFAR allocates personnel, rent and overhead expenses on the following basis:

- i) President's office personnel expenses - based on the proportion of time the President's office personnel spend overseeing each department; and
- ii) Rent and overhead expenses - based upon usage by department.

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3. Government funding

(a) Government of Canada

Effective April 1, 2012, CIFAR entered into a five-year agreement with the Government of Canada to provide funding in the amount of \$25 million, to be disbursed to CIFAR at a rate of \$5 million per annum. During the year, CIFAR recognized revenue of \$3.75 million (2016 - \$5 million) under this agreement. No quarterly instalment for the period April 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017 has been accrued at year end (2016 - \$1.25 million). As at June 30, 2017, all funding and revenue under this agreement has been recognized.

Effective April 1, 2017, CIFAR entered into a five-year agreement with the Government of Canada to provide funding in the amount of \$35 million, to be disbursed to CIFAR at a rate of \$7 million per annum. During the year, CIFAR recognized revenue of \$1.75 million (2016 - \$Nil) under this agreement. A quarterly instalment of \$1.75 million (2016 - \$Nil) for the period April 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017 has been accrued at year end. As at June 30, 2017, no funding has been received and \$33.25 million remains to be recognized under this agreement.

In accordance with the funding agreement, CIFAR will commit to seek additional financial contributions of \$35 million from non-federal sources over the term of the agreement.

In March 2017, the Government of Canada announced it would invest \$125 million in a Pan-Canadian Artificial Intelligence (AI) Program ("the AI Program") led by CIFAR. This investment will ensure that Canada retains, attracts, and trains top research talent in deep learning and reinforcement learning. The AI Program will also support research and policy outreach on the economic, ethical, policy, and legal issues related to the advent of AI, and is designed to provide a strong foundation of research excellence so that all Canadians benefit from the continuing developments of AI. In leading this program, CIFAR will be instrumental in developing a game-changing AI ecosystem, and championing a strong foundation of research excellence on which to build Canadian pre-eminence in AI. It is a five-year agreement with the department of Innovation, Science and Economic Development to be disbursed to CIFAR at a rate of \$25 million per annum. During the year, CIFAR recognized revenue of \$87 (2016 - \$Nil) under this agreement. As at June 30, 2017, no funding has been received, \$87 has been accrued and \$124,913 remains to be recognized under this agreement.

Effective March 30, 2016, CIFAR entered into an agreement with the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development to provide funding in the amount of \$250. During the year, CIFAR recognized revenue of \$180 (2016 - \$70) in relation to the related expenses incurred. As at June 30, 2017, all funding and revenue under this agreement has been recognized.

(b) Government of British Columbia

Effective March 2016, CIFAR entered into a four-year agreement with the Government of British Columbia to receive funding of \$4 million restricted to certain programs and certain expenditures within those programs. During the year, CIFAR received \$Nil (2016 - \$4 million) in funding and recognized revenue of \$1.65 million (2016 - \$700) in accordance with the restrictions. As at June 30, 2017, all funding has been received and \$1.65 million of revenue remains to be recognized under this agreement.

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3. Government funding (continued)

(c) Government of Ontario

Effective November 2015, CIFAR entered into a three-year agreement with the Ministry of Research and Innovation of Ontario to receive funding of \$10 million in installments of \$2 million upon execution of the agreement, \$4 million not later than November 2016 and \$4 million not later than November 2017. During the year, CIFAR received \$4 million (2016 - \$2 million) and recognized \$4 million (2016 - \$2 million) under this agreement. As at June 30, 2017, \$4 million remains to be received and recognized under this agreement.

(d) Government of Alberta

Effective March 2013, CIFAR entered into a three-year agreement, with the Government of Alberta to receive funding of \$1.8 million in instalments of \$600 in each of the calendar years 2013, 2014, and 2015. During the year, CIFAR recognized revenue of \$Nil (2016 - \$300) under this agreement. As at June 30, 2016, all funding and revenue under this agreement has been received and recognized.

Effective March 2017, CIFAR entered into a three-year agreement with the Government of Alberta to receive funding of \$1.8 million, in installments of \$1.2 million and \$600, restricted to certain programs and certain expenditures within these programs. During the year, CIFAR received \$1.2 million (2016 - \$Nil), recognized revenue of \$900 (2016 - \$Nil) in accordance with the restrictions and deferred \$300 (2016 - \$Nil). As at June 30, 2017 \$600 remains to be received and \$900 remains to be recognized under this agreement.

4. Investments

	Deferred for future years (000s)	Externally restricted endowment fund (000s)	Internally restricted (000s)	2017 Total (000s)	2016 Total (000s)
GICs and short-term deposits	\$ 3,819	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,819	\$ 8,215
Long-term equity portfolio	5,111	474	11,000	16,585	15,208
	8,930	474	11,000	20,404	23,423
Less: current portion	3,819	-	-	3,819	4,701
	<u>\$ 5,111</u>	<u>\$ 474</u>	<u>\$ 11,000</u>	<u>\$ 16,585</u>	<u>\$ 18,722</u>

- (a) As at June 30, 2017, the investments deferred for future years represent funds received from the private and public sector and partnerships (Note 6) and have been deferred in accordance with the various agreements held with the donors. The investments are comprised of short-term deposits and a long-term equity portfolio and the short-term deposits component has been classified as current.

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4. Investments (continued)

- (b) Investment income realized on GICs and short-term deposits of \$33 (2016 - \$65) has been included in investment income for the year. Including total accrued interest, the GICs and short-term deposits have a yield to maturity of 0.98%.

The bond portfolio matured in 2016 therefore, including total accrued interest, there is no yield to maturity (2016 – 1.27%). There is no bond portfolio hold in 2017.

Investment income realized on the long-term equity portfolio of \$1,320 (2016 - (\$12)) has been included in investment income for the year. Of this investment income, \$41 (2016 - \$3) related to the investment income earned on the investment held for endowment. Unrealized gains of \$1,790 (2016 - \$876) have been included in the statement of operations.

5. Property, equipment and leasehold improvements

Property, equipment and leasehold improvements

			<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Net</u>
	(000s)	Amortization	(000s)	(000s)
		(000s)		
Office equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 138
Computer hardware	77	38	39	24
Leasehold improvements	<u>1,714</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>1,647</u>	<u>37</u>
	<u>\$ 1,791</u>	<u>\$ 105</u>	<u>\$ 1,686</u>	<u>\$ 199</u>
Intangible assets				
			<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Net</u>
	(000s)	Amortization	(000s)	(000s)
		(000s)		
Software	38	20	18	50
Project specific software	<u>358</u>	<u>229</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>83</u>
	<u>\$ 396</u>	<u>\$ 249</u>	<u>\$ 147</u>	<u>\$ 133</u>

Included in project specific software are costs of \$Nil (2016 - \$31) related to software in development that are not yet in use and therefore, amortization has not been recorded on these assets.

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6. Deferred revenue

	Deferred revenue beginning of year <u>(000s)</u>	Received or receivable during year <u>(000s)</u>	Less: Amounts accrued in previous years <u>(000s)</u>	Recognized as revenue <u>(000s)</u>	Deferred revenue end of year <u>(000s)</u>	Less: current portion <u>(000s)</u>	Deferred revenue long-term portion <u>(000s)</u>
2017							
Government of Canada	\$ 180	\$ 6,837	\$ (1,250)	\$ (5,767)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Government of British Columbia	3,345	45	-	(1,695)	1,695	(1,695)	-
Government of Ontario	-	4,200	(200)	(4,000)	-	-	-
Government of Alberta	-	1,200	-	(900)	300	(300)	-
	<u>3,345</u>	<u>5,445</u>	<u>(200)</u>	<u>(6,595)</u>	<u>1,995</u>	<u>(1,995)</u>	<u>-</u>
p							
Total government funding	3,525	12,282	(1,450)	(12,362)	1,995	(1,995)	-
Partnerships	691	2,114	-	(2,673)	132	(132)	-
Private sector	2,249	2,345	-	(2,688)	1,906	(1,386)	520
	<u>\$ 6,465</u>	<u>\$ 16,741</u>	<u>\$ (1,450)</u>	<u>\$ (17,723)</u>	<u>\$ 4,033</u>	<u>\$ (3,513)</u>	<u>\$ 520</u>
Deferred tenant allowance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 403</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 403</u>	<u>\$ (40)</u>	<u>\$ 363</u>
2016	<u>\$ 2,950</u>	<u>\$ 21,471</u>	<u>\$ (772)</u>	<u>\$ (17,184)</u>	<u>\$ 6,465</u>	<u>\$ 4,675</u>	<u>\$ 1,790</u>

7. Externally restricted endowment fund and internally restricted reserve

Externally restricted amounts refer to gifts which have been specifically directed for endowment purposes by the donor. Internally restricted reserve amounts are unrestricted funds which have been internally restricted by the Board for future needs.

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8. Expenses

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
	(000s)	(000s)
(a) Knowledge creation		
Program activities		
<i>Building Strong Societies</i>		
Social Interactions, Identity and Well-Being	\$ 777	\$ 832
Institutions, Organizations and Growth	851	745
Successful Societies	<u>816</u>	<u>736</u>
	<u>2,444</u>	<u>2,313</u>
<i>Sustaining the Earth</i>		
Cosmology and Gravity	826	799
Integrated Microbial Biodiversity	<u>674</u>	<u>785</u>
	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,584</u>
<i>Improving Human Health</i>		
Child and Brain Development	1,119	751
Azrieli Program in Brain, Mind and Consciousness	881	679
Molecular Architecture of Life	579	616
Genetic Networks	664	611
Humans and the Microbiome	<u>720</u>	<u>602</u>
	<u>3,963</u>	<u>3,259</u>
<i>Transforming Technology</i>		
Quantum Materials	1,113	997
Learning in Machines and Brains	1,035	796
Quantum Information Science	846	788
Bio-inspired Solar Energy	<u>885</u>	<u>776</u>
	<u>3,879</u>	<u>3,357</u>
	<u>11,786</u>	<u>10,513</u>
Programs, support	<u>3,851</u>	<u>3,254</u>
	<u>\$ 15,637</u>	<u>\$ 13,767</u>
(b) Next Generation		
<i>Global Scholars Academy</i>	\$ 157	\$ 138
<i>CIFAR Azriela Global Scholars Program</i>	<u>1,128</u>	<u>109</u>
	<u>\$ 1,285</u>	<u>\$ 247</u>
(c) Non-program expenses		
<i>Governance and administration</i>	\$ 1,341	\$ 1,498
<i>Advancement</i>	<u>1,527</u>	<u>1,461</u>
	<u>\$ 2,868</u>	<u>\$ 2,959</u>

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9. Allocation of expenses

President's office personnel, rent and overhead expenses of \$604 (2016 - \$617) and \$2,087 (2016 - \$1,414), respectively, have been allocated as follows:

	President's office personnel		Rent and overhead	
	2017 (000s)	2016 (000s)	2017 (000s)	2016 (000s)
Knowledge creation	\$ 211	\$ 216	\$ 731	\$ 495
Knowledge mobilization	91	93	313	212
Communications	60	62	209	141
Governance and administration	121	123	417	283
Advancement	121	123	417	283
	<u>\$ 604</u>	<u>\$ 617</u>	<u>\$ 2,087</u>	<u>\$ 1,414</u>

10. Commitments

CIFAR is committed to the rental of office premises until 2027 and equipment until 2019. Minimum annual payments are as follows:

	(000's)
2018	\$ 719
2019	719
2020	704
2021	704
2022	718
Subsequent years	3,474

11. Financial instruments

Transactions in financial instruments may result in CIFAR assuming or transferring to another party one or more of the financial risks described below. There were no changes in the nature of risks from prior years.

Currency, interest rate and market risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. CIFAR operates and invests internationally giving rise to currency risk. Consequently, some assets and liabilities are exposed to foreign exchange fluctuations. As at June 30, 2017, cash and short-term deposits and investments denominated in U.S. currency amounted to \$129 USD (2016 - \$824 USD) and \$6,852 USD (2016 - \$6,200 USD), respectively. Accounts payable denominated in U.S. currency amounted to \$831 USD (2016 - \$849 USD).

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11. Financial instruments (continued)

Currency, interest rate and market risk (continued)

Interest rate price risk is the risk that the fair value of an interest bearing financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. Interest rate cash flow risk is the risk that cash flows will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. CIFAR's exposure to interest rate price risk is limited to its fixed interest bearing investments of \$1,320 (2016 - \$6,943). CIFAR's interest rate cash flow risk is limited to its variable interest bearing investments of \$2,428 (2016 - \$1,614). CIFAR is exposed to certain market risks which cause the fair value of its investments to fluctuate.

To protect against currency, interest rate and market risk, management has developed an investment policy which requires investments to meet specific requirements. CIFAR's investment policy governs the investment decisions and is intended to mitigate currency, interest rate and market risk. As a result, it is management's opinion that CIFAR is not exposed to significant currency, interest rate and market risk arising from its financial instruments.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty will not be able to discharge its obligations to CIFAR. CIFAR reduces its exposure to credit risk by assessing credit on a regular basis and providing for an allowance for doubtful accounts when applicable. At June 30, 2017, the allowance for doubtful accounts is \$Nil (2016 - \$Nil). It is management's opinion that CIFAR is not exposed to significant credit risk given the nature of accounts receivable.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that CIFAR will encounter difficulty in raising funds to meet commitments associated with its financial liabilities. CIFAR is exposed to liquidity risk mainly in respect to accounts payable.

CIFAR manages its liquidity risk by forecasting cash flows from operations, investing and financing activities to ensure that it has sufficient funds available to meet current and foreseeable financial obligations. As a result, it is management's opinion that CIFAR is not exposed to significant liquidity risk arising from its financial instruments.

12. Pension plan

Eligible employees of CIFAR are members of the University of Toronto's defined benefit pension plan. Accordingly, the information that would normally be required to be disclosed is not available. As a result, disclosure is limited to disclosing contributions to the plan. Cash contributions made during the year were \$320 (2016 - \$321).

13. Comparative amounts

Certain comparative amounts have been reclassified from those previously presented to conform to the presentation of the 2017 financial statements.