

Policy Name: Indirect Costs: Non-Federal Research

Approval Authority: Vice President for Research and Economic Development

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Revisions:

1. Who Should Read This Policy

All Rutgers University research faculty, staff, principal investigators, and co-investigators within Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, School of Health Related Professions, Rutgers School of Dental Medicine, New Jersey Medical School, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, School of Public Health, and School of Nursing (former UMDNJ School of Nursing).

2. Related Documents (refer to policies.rutgers.edu for additional information)

- A. Indirect Cost Sharing
- B. Indirect Costs: Clinical Trials

3. The Policy

- A. This policy shall apply to all sponsored research programs with the exception of clinical trials and with the exception of those research programs directly funded by the Federal government, the indirect costs of which are fixed during negotiations with the University. Exceptions for federal subcontract and subawards are described below. Clinical trial indirect cost rates are addressed in a separate policy (should include policy # here when available).
- B. It is the policy of the University to charge sponsors for all direct and indirect costs incurred in the conduct of externally supported research programs. All potential sponsors of research programs must be informed of this policy before beginning negotiation of research project budgets that will be included in a research agreement or contract.
- C. The Vice President for Research, in consultation with the University Chief Financial Officer, the Office of Academic Affairs and the Deans or their designees shall determine the minimum indirect cost rate or rates for non-federally sponsored grants and contracts and post it on appropriate Rutgers University web pages (e.g., Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development, Office of Grants and Contracts, etc.). The rates are as follows:
 - 1. For proposal submissions to Federal Sponsors in which federal funds are not received directly from the applicable Federal Sponsors (e.g., sub-award or sub-contracts from other entities that have received grants or contracts from a Federal sponsoring agency), the Facilities & Administration Rate (also, F & A; see Section III Definition) will be the

applicable Federally-negotiated F & A Rate for Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences..

2. For proposal submissions to State government or Local government Sponsors, whether the University receives the money directly or indirectly, the F&A Rate will be the applicable Federally-negotiated F&A Rate unless the State or Local government Sponsor's published rate is less.
 3. For proposal submissions to for-profit private sector Sponsors, including industry, other than submissions contemplating exclusively industry-sponsored Clinical Trials, the F&A Rate will be posted on the websites of Office of Research & Economic Development and the Office of Finance
 4. For proposal submissions to non-profit private sector Sponsors, including foundations, the F&A rate will be the posted on the websites of the Office of Research & Economic Development and the Office of Finance
 5. For unrestricted research awards from for-profit private Sponsors, the F&A Rate will be posted on the websites of the Office of Research & Economic Development and the Office of Finance
- D. Any special contract, agreement or compelling request for an exception to the above policy will require a prior approval from the Dean of the involved School.

DEFINITIONS

- A. Facilities and Administrative (F&A) costs as defined in OMB Circular A-21 mean costs that are incurred for common or joint objectives and, therefore, cannot be identified readily and specifically with a particular sponsored project, an instructional activity, or any other institutional activity. F&A costs are synonymous with "indirect" costs and "overhead" costs.