

To: All Faculty and Staff
From: Beth Brock, Controller
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Subject: New Facilities & Administrative (F&A) Rates

The F&A rate agreement for FY12 and FY13 was finalized today with the Office of Naval Research, our cognizant agency. Existing sponsored research agreements will not change, but the new rates will be used on awards received beginning July 1, 2011.

Rates are as follows:

On-campus research 47.25%
Off-campus research adjacent 27.5%
Off-campus research remote 26%

On-campus instruction 58.01%
Off-campus instruction adjacent 43.12%
Off-campus instruction remote 26%

On-campus other sponsored activities 31.7%
Off-campus other sponsored activities adjacent 27.05%
Off-campus other sponsored activities remote 26%

Effective July 1, 2011, the university will use a 9% IPA rate for Intergovernmental Personnel Act awards.

Rates for DOD research contracts are higher than the regular research rates because there is no cap on the administrative portion of the rate. DOD contract rates are 54% on campus; 33.5% adjacent; and 35% remote.

Definitions of terms are as follows:

Sponsored Research includes all research and development activities that are sponsored by Federal and non Federal agencies and organizations. This term involves systematic study directed toward fuller knowledge or understanding of the subject and includes activities involving the training of individuals in research techniques (research training) where such activities utilize the same facilities as other research and development activities and where such activities are not included in the instruction function. Sponsored Research generally includes hypothesis testing and has a defined scope of work, a work plan, time frame and reporting requirements to the sponsor.

Sponsored Instruction is defined as teaching and training activities funded by grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements from Federal or non Federal sponsors. Sponsored Instruction includes agreements that support teaching/training activities, whether offered through regular academic departments or separate divisions.

Other Sponsored Activities include programs and projects financed by Federal and non Federal agencies and organizations which involve performance of work other than instruction and organized research. Other Sponsored Activities are established primarily to provide non instructional services beneficial to individuals and groups external to the institution. Some examples include: Travel, Conferences, Social Service, Community Service, Health Service and Program Operation.

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