

Allocation of Indirect Costs – Provost’s Model

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Acronyms

IDC – Indirect Costs

UARSC – University Auxiliary and Research Services Corporation

AAPO – Academic Affairs, Provost’s Office

OGSR – Office of Graduate Studies and Research

PI – Principal Investigator

Background

According to the current UARSC *Policy on the Allocation of Facilities and Administrative Costs (Indirect Costs)*, IDCs resulting from grants and contracts (henceforth referred to as grants) to the university are distributed in three allocations, the first two to UARSC (the UARSC grant support costs), and the third according to a model determined by the Provost (as designated by the President). This model details the current method by which the Provost’s allocation is made.

Provost’s Model

In accordance with the current UARSC policy, the amount of IDC funds available for distribution in Academic Affairs is the total amount of IDC funds, minus the UARSC grant support costs. The UARSC grant support costs are a certain percentage of the total IDCs, the “UARSC percentage.” The percentage funded IDC on some grants meets or exceeds the UARSC percentage, and these are regarded as “excess IDC” grants. Where the IDC percentage is less than the UARSC percentage, these are regarded as “loss IDC” grants.

A. Excess IDC Grants

- a. Institutional Grants (Grants secured at College Dean’s Level, or the Provost’s Level, or by Centers/Institutes, or by other Units outside of Academic Affairs)

The distribution will be as follows: 40% to the Unit, 40% to OGSR, and 20% to AAPO.

- b. Grants secured by individual PIs (or groups of PIs)

The distribution will be as follows: 10% to the PI, 10% to the PI's home Department, 35% to OGSR, 30% to the College, and 15% to AAPO. (Where there is more than one PI, the split among the PIs, departments, and colleges, will be determined by negotiation among the relevant parties at the time of grant submission.)

B. Loss IDC grants where the percentage IDC is 8 percent or more

- a. Institutional Grants

OGSR will encumber 70% of the cost, and AAPO will encumber 30%.

- b. Grants secured by individual PIs (or groups of PIs)

OGSR will encumber the total cost.

C. Loss IDC grants where the percentage IDC is less than 8%

- a. Institutional Grants other than at the College level

OGSR will encumber 70% of the cost, and AAPO will encumber 30%.

- b. Grants secured at College Dean's Level, or by individual (or groups of) PIs

The College will encumber the total cost.

Further Agreements

The PI will have the option to propose to the funding agency assigned-time courses at a rate equal to the average of the standard university replacement rate and the actual full faculty salary rate, or at full faculty salary rate.

For grants in which course assigned time is proposed at full faculty salary rate, the Provost agrees to match one assigned-time 3-unit course for each four assigned-time 3-unit courses received.

This policy applies only to new grants or grant renewals. Continuing grants are subject to the policy in place at the time of the award.