

Considering the Potential NIH 15% F&A Cost Reimbursement Rate and Its Institutional Impacts

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Topics for Discussion

- Broad institutional impacts due to reduced, redirected, or slowed funding decisions
- What is the current threat level and how should the higher education community prepare/inform?
- Options to maximize direct cost recovery and changes needed within the existing regulations (allocation methodologies, Appendix III prohibition regarding the cap, etc.)
- Alternative models for F&A cost reimbursement and non-federal sponsor considerations

Poll Question #1

In response to the NIH Policy Guide Notice:

1. Are you continuing to request your full negotiated F&A cost rate in NIH proposal budgets?
 - A. Yes
 - B. Yes, with added language to accept an award with a lower rate due to the Notice
 - C. No, we are requesting F&A at the 15% rate due to the Notice.
2. Will you interpret the 15% rate as applicable to MTDC or TDC?

Topics for Discussion

- Broad institutional impacts due to reduced, redirected, or slowed funding decisions
 - Budget planning and process
 - Graduate Student and Post Doc recruitment and success
 - Research Infrastructure investment/maintenance

Poll Question #2

Has your institution issued any of the following (Check all that apply):

1. Hiring Freezes?
2. Travel Limitations?

Topics for Discussion

- What is the current threat level and how should the higher education community prepare/inform?
 - Legal
 - Congressional
 - Agency specific
 - Internal financial analysis

Poll Question #3

In anticipation of a drop in F&A reimbursement, is your institution considering a narrower R&D focus or need for specialization to realize greater economies of scale?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. I Don't Know

Topics for Discussion

- Options to maximize direct cost recovery and changes needed within the existing regulations (allocation methodologies, Appendix III prohibition regarding the cap, etc.)
 - Existing normally direct costs (e.g. Academic year salary)
 - Other existing costs (e.g. New service centers for existing cost)
 - New costs (e.g. Research security)

Poll Question #4

Does your institution charge an F&A cost rate or administrative fee to gifts/philanthropic donations for research?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. I Don't Know

Poll Question #5

Do you currently charge industry sponsors your uncapped F&A/indirect cost rate?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. I Don't Know

Topics for Discussion

- Alternative models for F&A cost reimbursement and non-federal sponsor considerations
 - Facility use charge, instead of F in F&A cost rate
 - More equitable allocation between projects (e.g. cost to support social science vs biomedical)
 - More complicated allocation
- Will industry and non-profit sponsors be charged differently?

Poll Question #6

If a non-federal sponsor has an F&A cost rate limit below your full negotiated rate, does your institution directly charge costs that are normally indirect?

- A. We do not accept a lower rate
- B. Yes
- C. No
- D. I Don't Know