

Creighton University Indirect Costs Allocation Guidelines

Effective July 1, 2023

Overview:

In our mission statement, Creighton University identifies research and scholarly activity as integral to our institutional mission. These activities enhance teaching, contribute to the betterment of society, and advance knowledge. Accordingly, research is an integral part of our University Strategic Plan. Research and scholarly activity are prime vehicles by which Creighton University will become nationally prominent.

Creighton collects indirect costs on sponsored projects awarded by the federal government and by various other sponsors. Sponsors pay indirect costs to reimburse Creighton for costs such as utilities, technology, facilities related expenses, equipment, administration, etc. that cannot be charged to projects directly. Indirect costs are often referred to as facilities and administrative (F&A) costs. To enhance the research enterprise at Creighton and reward and incentivize faculty to obtain extramural funding, the following guidelines have been developed with thoughtful input by the University Research Council. The rationale for allocating indirect costs to faculty and units that generate these funds is to continue to invest in Creighton's research infrastructure. This practice is essential for the opportunity to expand the level of extramural funding as well as support other initiatives related to research and scholarship.

Beginning with all *new* grant proposals for FY24 and beyond*:

Indirect cost funds for grants where the University's maximum federal rate is provided will be allocated as follows:**

- 15% to the Principal Investigator
- 15% to the Department
- 40% to the School/College
- 15% to the Office of the Provost
- 15% to the University

These funds will be allocated to a 2-fund account that can be accessed from fiscal year to fiscal year.

Grants where the indirect cost funds are *less than* the University's maximum federal rate will be allocated as follows:**

- 10% to the Principal Investigator
- 10% to the Department
- 20% to the School/College
- 10% to the Office of the Provost
- 50% to the University

* All grants submitted after July 1, 2023 will be subject to these allocation guidelines. All prior submitted grants will follow already established and/or negotiated distributions.

** Current federal rate = 47%

Note: The Indirect Costs Allocation Guidelines will operate in a manner compliant with the United States Internal Revenue Service's definition of constructive receipt doctrine and OMB Uniform Guidance. The University retains all rights necessary to operate and fund this plan, including the implementation of changes necessary to maintain the plan's compliance with federal, state, and local regulations.

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Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Will the Indirect Costs Allocation Guidelines automatically apply to grant awardees or will faculty need to apply for this plan?

The plan will be automatically applied once a grant is awarded. Grants Accounting will set up this carry-forward account.

2. Will the Indirect Costs Allocation Guidelines apply to program grants as well?

Yes.

3. Will a special fund account be created for the indirect costs?

Yes, a 2-fund account will be set up for the Principal Investigator as well as the Department and School/College.

5. How will the funds be accessed?

They will be available in a separate fund number.

6. Will the allocated indirect costs be accessible from fiscal year to fiscal year?

Yes.

7. Will the allocated funds expire?

No.

8. If a Principal Investigator leaves the University what happens to the allocated indirect cost funds?

The PI's funds will be redistributed to the School/College.

9. What are the limitations on the use of the indirect cost funds?

Indirect cost funds should be used to enhance the research enterprise on campus. For the Principal Investigator, research-related expenses are allowed.