TO: Deans/Directors, Department Heads/Chairs, Faculty and Staff
FROM: William A. Gern, Vice President for Research & Economic Development
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RE: NEW INDIRECT COST RATES APPLICABLE THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019

New indirect cost rates have been negotiated with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, UW’s cognizant federal agency to determine indirect cost rates on behalf of the federal government. The new rates go into effect July 1, 2015 and all awards received after that date will be changed to reflect the change in rate. Active awards received prior to July 1, 2010 will continue to be assessed at the awarded rate per 2 CFR 200. Proposals submitted prior to this notice will be adjusted to reflect the new indirect cost rates at time of award. These new rates will be in effect until June 30, 2019.

Federal cost principles for educational institutions dictate that the recovery of indirect costs be based on modified total direct costs (MTDC). Indirect costs are assessed against all items in the budget (salaries, fringe, benefits, materials and supplies, service, travel, contractual and other) EXCEPT:

1. Individual items of equipment costing in excess of $5,000
2. Graduate student tuition, fees, and health insurance
3. Subcontracts in excess of $25,000 (the initial $25,000 of each subcontract must be assessed indirect costs)
4. Rental costs of off-campus facilities

The approved rates for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017 are as follows:
- On-campus organized research 44.0%
- Instruction/educational services 52.0%
- Other sponsored projects 34.0%
- Off-campus research or instruction see note below

The approved rates for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019 are as follows:
- On-campus organized research 44.5%
- Instruction/educational services 52.0%
- Other sponsored projects 34.0%
- Off-campus research or instruction see note below
Off-CAMPUS RATES: Investigators who propose an off-campus project under these guidelines need to contact the Office of Research and Economic Development (766-5320) to determine eligibility for use of the off-campus approved rate.

STATE OF WYOMING AGENICES: The University will continue to charge indirect costs at the rate of 20% of total direct costs for research, educational projects and service activities.