

WHAT INDIRECT COST RATE DO I USE?

Indirect Costs are also known as Facilities and Administrative (F&A) rates. You'll see them used interchangeably between granting institutions, and various other funding agencies.

Iowa State University's Indirect Cost Policy can be found at:

http://www.vpresearch.iastate.edu/en/policies/facilities_administrative_costs_indirect_costs/

In the past, ISU Extension and Outreach projects have received accommodations to use 0% or 8% for various State and/or Federal flow-through outreach activities. These rates will no longer be accepted due to the enactment of the [Uniform Guidance \(2 CFR 200\)](#) in July 1, 2015. Below is a quick reference of the Indirect Cost Rates applicable to the ISUEO grants:

F&A Cost Rate Agreement:

- Organized Research: 50%
- Other Sponsored Activities: 32% (Extension/Outreach activities **On-campus**)
- Off-campus Activities: 26% (Extension/Outreach activities **Off-campus**; 50% effort or more)

Approved University Exceptions:

- RFP or public website, with published restricted rate
- State of Iowa government, county, or community agency: 8% (Unless **Federal flow-through**, then sponsor must use ISU's federally negotiated rate. *This directive part of the new Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200); unless an [Indirect Cost Reduction or Waiver](#) has been requested and approved.*)
- Training Grant for undergraduate or graduate: 8%
- Field Trials: 15%
- ISU Foundation (Foundational programs only): 5%
- State Appropriations: 0%

Approved ISUEO Exceptions:

- County and Local Govt. tax revenues used for ISU/County Agriculture Extension Districts shared positions: 0%
- Smith-Lever Funds: 0%
- USDA NRCS: 10% of TDC (per [Great Rivers CESU Agreement 2013-2018](#))

All requests for reductions or waivers of the full F&A rate that are not specifically included in the exceptions above will require approval by routing an [Indirect Cost Reduction or Waiver Form](#) available on the Vice Provost for Research website. A justification for the request is required, as well as signatures from your Division Leader, the Vice President for Extension and Outreach, Dr. Cathann Kress, and the Associate Vice President for Research, Dr. Wolfgang Kliemann.