Changes to Indirect Cost Rates and Fringe Benefit Rates

Indirect Cost Rate/Facilities & Administrative Rates

The U. S. Department of Health & Human Services has confirmed new indirect cost rates (also known as Facilities & Administrative) in a new agreement dated April 2, 2014:

For on-campus research projects:

- Through 6/30/2014 53% of modified total direct costs
- As of 7/1/2014 54% of modified total direct costs
- As of 7/1/2015 55% of modified total direct costs
- As of 7/1/2016 56% of modified total direct costs

For on-campus other sponsored agreements:

- Through 6/30/2014 46% of modified total direct costs
- As of 7/1/2014 47% of modified total direct costs

For off-campus research projects and other sponsored agreements:

- Rate remains at current rate of 26% of modified total direct costs

Remember

The Office of Research Administration is available for assistance in developing budgets.
Fringe Benefits

• Project Employees
  Rates for project employees will remain the same. The rates are:
  ◦ For staff working more than 19 hours per week on RF salary: 38.34% (including the MTA tax)
  ◦ For staff working no more than 19 hours per week: 9.84% (including the MTA tax).

• Faculty
  ◦ CUNY has announced the rate will go to 41.6% as of July 1, 2014, for academic year released time salary charges.
  ◦ Fringe Benefits Rate for Summer Salary for Full-time Faculty Members remains at 28.9%.

If grant guidelines state a lower rate, we will use the lower rate.

Indirect cost rates on grants already in progress will not be affected. For new budgets, we are required to use the new rates. If your project dates straddle two rates, we will pro-rate the calculation – e.g., for a grant budget starting 1/1/2015, we will budget six months at 54% and six months at 55%.