

Indirect Cost (IDC) Recovery Policy

I. Full Recovery of Indirect Costs

It is the School of Dentistry's policy that projects recover the full indirect cost of a project whenever possible. Indirect costs (also known as IDC, overhead, Facilities & Administrative costs or F&A) are real costs of University operations that are not readily or uniquely assignable to a funded project. Investigators may not negotiate indirect cost rates with sponsors on behalf of the school. Any project not recovering the fully negotiated rate requires an IDC waiver.

PI's and their Project Teams are encouraged to seek counsel from the Contracts and Grants Service Center regarding the appropriate IDC rate of a project in advance of routing a Proposal Approval Form (PAF) in eResearch Proposal Management (eRPM).

University of Michigan's Indirect Cost Rates:

http://orsp.umich.edu/proposals/budgets/indirect_cost_rates.html

II. Automatic IDC Waivers

The School of Dentistry will accept an IDC rate that is less than the current published rates without a request for an IDC waiver form if one or more of the following criteria apply:

- If a prospective sponsor caps the IDC rate and the sponsor cap is published and accessible in the terms and conditions, guidelines, and/or entity by-laws, the school will accept the published cap IDC rate.
- If a Foundation or Non-Profit does not have a published rate, an indirect cost rate of 20% will be accepted by the School.
- If a project is a NIH SBIR/STTR IDC Phase I project, IDC recovery is waived.
- If the School of Dentistry is participating on a project where the administrative home has approved a reduced IDC rate, the School of Dentistry will accept the reduced rate.

III. Process for Requesting an IDC Waiver

For proposals that do not meet criteria for an Automatic IDC Waiver, a '**Request for Waiver of Indirect Cost**' form (see attachment A) must be completed and approved by the Principal Investigator, Department Chair or Director, and Associate Dean for Research or delegate.

The approved Request for Waiver of Indirect Cost form with PI and Chair or Director signature will be documented in eRPM. School of Dentistry approval will be documented via PAF approval by the Associate Dean for Research or other delegate with signing authority for the School of Dentistry.

Contact Information

Questions should be directed to the Contracts & Grants Service Center at:
dent-grants@umich.edu.

ATTACHMENT A

Request for Waiver of Indirect Cost

The School of Dentistry's policy is that all projects recover the full federally negotiated indirect cost rate whenever possible.

Any project proposing a rate that does not comply with the School of Dentistry Indirect Cost Recovery Policy and that does not meet criteria for an Automatic IDC Waiver must complete a Request for Waiver of Indirect Cost form.

If you need assistance with completing this form please contact the Contracts and Grants Service Center at 763-3389 or dent-grants@umich.edu

Request Date:

Planned Submission Date:

Project Title:

Sponsoring Agency:

Is there a sponsor imposed funding limit?

Yes

No

If yes, please indicate funding limit:

Is funding limit:

Direct Cost

Total Cost

*Full Indirect Rate

Proposed Indirect Rate

Proposed Amount Waived

[*http://orsp.umich.edu/proposals/budgets/indirect_cost_rates.html](http://orsp.umich.edu/proposals/budgets/indirect_cost_rates.html)

Please answer the following questions:

1. The significance of the proposed research to the PI, Department and School.
2. Justification of why the waiver is necessary.
3. Tangible results from prior support where full IDC's were not recovered from this sponsor (publications, pilot data etc) and anticipated future support from the sponsor.
4. Any additional information you feel is pertinent to this request.

A DETAILED BUDGET MUST ACCOMPANY THIS REQUEST

PI Name:

Chair or Director Name:

PI Signature:

Chair or Director Signature:

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