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Subject: Updated Guidance for Off-Campus F&A Rate Determination for Sponsored Research Projects



Dear Stony Brook Researchers,

In my [February 28th email](#), I announced that Stony Brook would adopt guidance from the NSF Office of Inspector General regarding the campus methodology for determining the application of Facilities and Administration (F&A) costs for sponsored research projects that are performed at off-campus locations. On March 22, 2022, our [approved F&A rate agreement](#) was updated to reflect the new methodology, which requires that only one rate—either the on-campus rate or the off-campus rate—apply to the entire project. If greater than 50% of the work performed over the course of the project period is conducted at facilities not owned or leased by the University or to which rent is directly allocated to the project, the off-campus rate will apply to the entire project. Conversely, if greater than 50% of a project is performed on campus, the on-campus rate will apply to the entire project.

Guidance related to the revised methodology is provided on the [Offices of Sponsored Programs and Grants Management webpage](#). For new proposals, the request for use of an off-campus rate will require the [Off-Campus Rate Request Form](#) (with approval by the cognizant Chair and School or College Dean) to be incorporated into the myResearch proposal and is subject to the 5/2 submission deadline policy.

This new methodology will also be applied to existing Awards that currently utilize “blended” on- and off-campus F&A rates to reflect the predominant location where work is performed (greater than 50%). Changes will be reflected in affected awards in Report Center in the following weeks. As a reminder, for those awards that will shift to the on-campus rate, direct cost will not be impacted by this change. For those awards that will shift to the off-campus rate, re-budgeting of F&A to direct costs may be possible.

Thank you for your cooperation in complying with this new requirement.

Regards,

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