



**Florida International University
Office of Sponsored Research Administration**

Memorandum

To: University Research Community

From: Office of Sponsored Research Administration

Subj.: New Facilities & Administration (F&A, indirect costs) and Fringe Benefit Rates
Applicable to Sponsored Projects

Date: June 12, 2008

The University recently completed negotiations with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) on the F&A rate agreement that will cover the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011. The new F&A rates will apply to all new awards or competing applications and proposals. The new F&A rates will not affect existing awards or non-competing continuations; these awards will continue to use their currently awarded F&A rate through the end of the award period.

The below rates will be applied on a modified total direct cost (MTDC) basis.

Activity	July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009	July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010	July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011
On-Campus Research	42.0%	44.0%	45.0%
Off-Campus Research	26.0%	26.0%	26.0%

For budgeting purposes the estimated fringe benefit rate to utilize is 29.52%. The estimated amount includes a hybrid rate of 2.20% approved by DHHS. The actual cost of benefits will be directly charged to projects along with the hybrid rate.

Description	Faculty/Staff	OPS
Rate to use for proposal	29.72%	7.65%
Rate charged to project	Actual fringe benefit costs plus 2.20% hybrid rate	7.65%

A copy of the rate agreement, a definition of MTDC, as well as a complete breakdown of both the F&A and fringe benefit rates is available at the Office of Sponsored Research Administration web site (<http://www.osra.fiu.edu/rateProposal.html>) by clicking on Rate Proposal under “Quick Links.”