

Program Support Center Financial Management Portfolio Cost Allocation Services

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September 27, 2024

Ms. Margaret McCarthy Associate Vice President of Financial Operations and Controller University of Connecticut 343 Mansfield Road, Unit 1074 Storrs, CT 06269-1074

Dear Ms. McCarthy:

A negotiation agreement is being sent to you for signature. This agreement reflects an understanding reached between your institution and a member of my staff concerning the rates or amounts that may be used to support your claim for costs on grants and contracts with the Federal Government. The <u>agreement</u> must be signed by a duly authorized representative of your institution and emailed to me; retain a copy for your file. Our email address is <u>cas-ny@psc.hhs.gov</u>. We will reproduce and distribute the agreement to awarding agencies of the Federal Government for their use.

Requirements for adjustments to costs claimed under Federal Grants and Contracts resulting from this negotiation are dependent upon the type of rate contained in the negotiation agreement. Information relating to these requirements is enclosed.

In consideration of this negotiation, the following was agreed to:

- Attached are (4) documents entitled "Components of Published Facilities and Administrative Cost Rate (F&A)". There is one document issued for each F&A rate published on the rate agreement. These documents should be signed and submitted back to this office along with the signed rate agreement.
- 2. The carry-forward under-recovery of \$301,598 resulting from the settlement of your actual Professional, Faculty and Post Docs fringe benefit rate for fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 will be taken into consideration in computing the actual fringe benefit rate for your fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.
- 3. The carry-forward under-recovery of \$27,707 resulting from the settlement of your actual Special Payroll fringe benefit rate for fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 will be taken into consideration in computing the actual fringe benefit rate for your fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.
- 4. The carry-forward over-recovery of (\$19,185) resulting from the settlement of your actual Student Labor fringe benefit rate for fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 will be taken into consideration in computing the actual fringe benefit rate for your fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.
- 5. The carry-forward over-recovery resulting from the settlement of the Graduate Students for fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 is waived.
- 6. The carry-forward under-recovery resulting from the settlement of the Post Docs for fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 is waived.
- 7. Your fringe benefit proposal for your fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 will be due by December 31, 2024.

An indirect cost rate proposal, together with the supporting information, is required to substantiate your claim for indirect costs under grants and contracts awarded by the Federal Government. Thus, your next indirect cost proposal based on actual costs for the fiscal year ending 6/30/2027 is due in our office by 12/31/2027. If you are unable to submit your proposal by the prescribed date, you may request an extension. This request must be submitted prior to the due date of the proposal and must contain a justification for the extension and the date the proposal will be submitted. Please submit your next proposal electronically via email to <u>CAS-NY@psc.hhs.gov</u>. In addition, please acknowledge your concurrence with the comments and conditions cited above by signing this letter in the space provided below and returning it to me via email, along with the enclosed negotiation agreement.

Sincerely,



Darryl W. Mayes Deputy Director Cost Allocation Services

Enclosures

Concurrence:

Margaret McCarthy

Name

AVP of Financial Operations & Controller

Title

10/25/2024

Date

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES RATE AGREEMENT

EIN: 060772160 ORGANIZATION: University of Connecticut 343 Mansfield Road, Unit 2074 Storrs, CT 06269-2112

Date: 09/27/2024 FILING REF.: The preceding agreement was dated 06/16/2023

The rates approved in this agreement are for use on grants, contracts and other agreements with the Federal Government, subject to the conditions in Section III.

SECTION I: INDIRECT COST RATES								
RATE TYPES: FIXED		FINAL PRO	FINAL PROV. (PROVISIONAL)		PRED. (PREDETERMINED)			
	EFFECTIVE PE	RIOD						
<u>TYPE</u>	FROM	<u>TO _</u>	<u>RATE(%)</u>	LOCATION	APPLICABLE TO			
FINAL	07/01/2023	06/30/2024	61.00	On-Campus	Research			
PRED.	07/01/2024	06/30/2025	61.00	On-Campus	Research			
PRED.	07/01/2025	06/30/2027	62.50	On-Campus	Research			
PRED.	07/01/2027	06/30/2028	63.50	On-Campus	Research			
FINAL	07/01/2023	06/30/2024	57.00	On-Campus	Instruction			
PRED.	07/01/2024	06/30/2028	57.00	On-Campus	Instruction			
FINAL	07/01/2023	06/30/2024	35.00	On-Campus	Other Sponsored Programs			
PRED.	07/01/2024	06/30/2025	35.00	On-Campus	Other Sponsored Programs			
PRED.	07/01/2025	06/30/2028	37.00	On-Campus	Other Sponsored Programs			
FINAL	07/01/2023	06/30/2024	26.00	Off-Campus	All Programs			
PRED.	07/01/2024	06/30/2028	26.00	Off-Campus	All Programs			
PROV.	07/01/2028	Until Amended			Use same rates and conditions as those cited for fiscal year ending June 30, 2028			

*BASE

* For all awards beginning 6/30/2025 and earlier, the Base is as follows:

Modified total direct costs, consisting of all direct salaries and wages, applicable fringe benefits, materials and supplies, services, travel and up to the first \$25,000 of each subaward (regardless of the period of performance of the subawards under the award). Modified total direct costs shall exclude equipment, capital expenditures, charges for patient care, rental costs, tuition remission, scholarships and fellowships, participant support costs and the portion of each subaward in excess of \$25,000. Other items may only be excluded when necessary to avoid a serious inequity in the distribution of indirect costs, and with the approval of the cognizant agency for indirect costs.

* For all awards beginning 7/1/2025 and later, the Base is as follows:

Modified total direct costs, consisting of all direct salaries and wages, applicable fringe benefits, materials and supplies, services, travel and up to the first \$50,000 of each subaward (regardless of the period of performance of the subawards under the award). Modified total direct costs shall exclude equipment, capital expenditures, charges for patient care, rental costs, tuition remission, scholarships and fellowships, participant support costs and the portion of each subaward in excess of \$50,000. Other items may only be excluded when necessary to avoid a serious inequity in the distribution of indirect costs, and with the approval of the cognizant agency for indirect costs.

SECTION I: FRINGE BENEFIT RATES**

TYPE	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO_</u>	<u>RATE(%)</u>	LOCATION	APPLICABLE TO
FIXED	7/1/2024	6/30/2025	28.70	All	Professional/Faculty/Post Docs
FIXED	7/1/2024	6/30/2025	15.40	All	Graduate Assistants
FIXED	7/1/2024	6/30/2025	7.50	All	Special Payroll
FIXED	7/1/2024	6/30/2025	1.90	All	Student Labor
PROV.	7/1/2025	Until Amended	27.90	All	Professional/Faculty/Post Docs
PROV.	7/1/2025	Until Amended	15.40	All	Graduate Assistants
PROV.	7/1/2025	Until Amended	7.40	All	Special Payroll
PROV.	7/1/2025	Until Amended	2.90	All	Student Labor

** DESCRIPTION OF FRINGE BENEFITS RATE BASE:

Salaries and wages.

SECTION II: SPECIAL REMARKS

TREATMENT OF FRINGE BENEFITS:

The fringe benefits are charged using the rate(s) listed in the Fringe Benefits Section of this Agreement. The fringe benefits included in the rate(s) are listed below.

TREATMENT OF PAID ABSENCES:

Vacation, holiday, sick leave pay and other paid absences are included in salaries and wages and are claimed on grants, contracts and other agreements as part of the normal cost for salaries and wages. Separate claims are not made for the cost of these paid absences.

(1) OFF-CAMPUS DEFINITION: The off-campus rate will apply for all activities: a) Performed in facilities not owned by the institution and where these facility costs are not included in the F&A pools; or b) Where rent is directly allocated/charged to the project(s). Grants or contracts will not be subject to more than one F&A cost rate. If more than 50% of a project is performed off-campus, the off-campus rate will apply to the entire project.

(2) The Fringe Benefit rates include the following: Pension, Unemployment Compensation, Worker's Compensation, Health Services, Group Life Insurance, Social Security, and Medical Insurance.

(3) The following is a list of the locations to which the On-Campus indirect cost rate is applicable to: Storrs – Main Campus

Greater Hartford Campus: Hartford Branch School of Law School of Social Work Innovations Institute

Avery Point (Groton, CT) Branch, Waterbury Branch, Stamford Branch

(4) Equipment means tangible personal property (including information technology systems) having a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost which equals or exceeds \$5,000.

** Your next fringe benefit proposal based on actual costs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 is due by December 31, 2024.

**Additionally, Your indirect cost proposal based on actual costs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 is due by December 31, 2027.

SECTION III: GENERAL

A. <u>LIMITATIONS:</u>

The rates in this Agreement are subject to any statutory or administrative limitations and apply to a given grant, contract or other agreement only to the extent that funds are available. Acceptance of the rates is subject to the following conditions: (1) Only costs incurred by the organization were included in its facilities and administrative cost pools as finally accepted: such costs are legal obligations of the organization and are allowable under the governing cost principles; (2) The same costs that have been treated as facilities and administrative costs are not claimed as direct costs; (3) Similar types of costs have been accorded consistent accounting treatment; and (4) The information provided by the organization which was used to establish the rates is not later found to be materially incomplete or inaccurate by the Federal Government. In such situations the rate(s) would be subject to renegotiation at the discretion of the Federal Government.

B. ACCOUNTING CHANGES:

This Agreement is based on the accounting system purported by the organization to be in effect during the Agreement period. Changes to the method of accounting for costs which affect the amount of reimbursement resulting from the use of this Agreement require prior approval of the authorized representative of the cognizant agency. Such changes include, but are not limited to, changes in the charging of a particular type of cost from facilities and administrative to direct. Failure to obtain approval may result in cost disallowances.

C. <u>FIXED RATES:</u>

If a fixed rate is in this Agreement, it is based on an estimate of the costs for the period covered by the rate. When the actual costs for this period are determined, an adjustment will be made to a rate of a future year(s) to compensate for the difference between the costs used to establish the fixed rate and actual costs.

D. USE BY OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES:

The rates in this Agreement were approved in accordance with the authority in Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200 (2 CFR 200), and should be applied to grants, contracts and other agreements covered by 2 CFR 200, subject to any limitations in A above. The organization may provide copies of the Agreement to other Federal Agencies to give them early notification of the Agreement.

E. <u>OTHER:</u>

If any Federal contract, grant or other agreement is reimbursing facilities and administrative costs by a means other than the approved rate(s) in this Agreement, the organization should (1) credit such costs to the affected programs, and (2) apply the approved rate(s) to the appropriate base to identify the proper amount of facilities and administrative costs allocable to these programs.

BY THE INSTITUTION:

University of Connecticut

(INSTITUTION)

Margaret McCarthy

(NAME)

AVP Financial Operations & Controller

10/25/2024

(DATE)

ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT:

<u>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH A</u>	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES					
Darryl W. Mayes -	Digitally signed by Darryl W. Mayes -S Date: 2024.10.22 07:26:30 -04'00'					
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Darryl W. Mayes						
(NAME)						
Deputy Director Cost Allo	Deputy Director, Cost Allocation Services					
(TITLE)						
09/27/2024						
(DATE)						
HHS REPRESENTATIVE:	Edwin Miranda					
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