

## **Voluntary Cost Sharing Policy**

**Effective:** July 1, 2002

**Subject:** Determination of Source and Amount of Cost Sharing Commitment

### **Statement**

Cost Sharing is one of the University's investment strategies to grow sponsored research and to achieve the University's 10-Year vision.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this administrative policy is to define the Vice President for Research's commitment to cost sharing.

### **Discussion**

The need for cost sharing dollars is one of the critical aspects of growing a research program. The Vice President for Research is willing to consider making a cost sharing commitment from funds available to him from the Research Investment/Incentive Fund when such cost sharing is **voluntary**. This consideration will be based on the primary objective of the request.

### **Policy**

One-Third/One-Third/One-Third:

The Office of Vice President for Research **may** provide one-third of the cost sharing funds when cost sharing is **voluntary** from the Research Investment/Incentive Fund when the appropriate department and college and/or center has documented their two-thirds cost sharing commitment in "real" dollars. In this case, the **primary objective** is to invest in **long-term infrastructure** enhancement, such as equipment. When cost sharing is **voluntary** departments **cannot** use faculty release time.

Multi-Year Projects:

The Office of Vice President for Research will provide funds to cover cost sharing commitments of \$50,000 or less in the first year of the project/grant. Cost sharing commitments greater than \$50,000 will be provided in the fiscal year specified in the proposal/agreement.