

**Clemson University Authority for Approving Waiver of or Reduction in Facilities
and Administrative Rate (F&A) in
All Research, Instruction, and Public Service Proposals**

Subject: F&A Waiver Provided to Research Proposals Funded by S.C. School Districts,
Municipalities and S.C. State Agencies

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Statement

The responsibility and authority to approve waivers of the DHHS Approved F&A Rate in all Research, Instruction, and Public Service proposals has been delegated to the Vice President for Research.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide a reduction in the University's F&A rate negotiated for its sponsored research programs under the circumstances as described herein.

Discussion

In recognition that municipal and state government agencies exist to serve and benefit the health, safety and welfare of its constituents, specifically the citizens of the State of South Carolina, and that those same objectives overlap within the mission(s) of the University, and that such governmental operation must be financed primarily by tax revenues imposed upon its citizens, it is determined that the University will promote those objectives, as reasonably appropriate, and limit the financial burden upon those same citizens it also serves through a willingness to financially contribute, i.e., to cost share, in certain sponsored programs by a reduction in its standard research F&A rate.

Policy

Except for the circumstance(s) described below, and as long as the use of a University laboratory facility is not needed, research proposals prepared for submission to a State of South Carolina school district, city or county government office or agency will apply an F&A rate of twenty-five (25) percent "MTDC" in the calculation of a project's proposed costs regardless of the originating source of funds (federal or state) used to support the project.

Exceptions:

1. Full University F&A will be included in any Clemson University proposal which is to be incorporated within a separate proposed application for subsequent submission by one of the cited eligible organizations to its "upper tier" funding agency. However, if the "upper tier" funding agency's written policy prescribes a

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lower, "capped" rate as an eligibility criteria for that program, then Clemson's proposal will abide by and accept the lower F&A rate.

2. The following existing State programs will maintain their current standing rate agreement practices:
 - SC State Sea Grant
 - SC State Department of Highways
 - South Carolina Research Authority
 - SC Consumer Boards (various)