Cost Principles, Audit, and Administrative Requirements for Sponsored Research

Administrative Policy

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Responsible Official: Associate Vice President for Finance and Controller
Financial Services
Office of Research and Sponsored Programs
Related Policies: Unallowable Costs

Policy Statement
The University conducts research that is sponsored by the federal and state government as well as private sponsors. Sponsored research grants and contracts are an essential element in creating a collegiate university and providing outside funding to support the academic mission and research function of the University. As a recipient of federal, state and privately sponsored grants and contracts, the University is required to comply with all policies and regulations set forth by the federal and state government and private sponsors, including compliance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Uniform Guidance (Uniform Guidance). Uniform Guidance identifies the costs principles, audit and administrative requirements for Sponsored Research.

All University faculty, staff, and students who are responsible for administering federal and state sponsored grants should be familiar with these principles as well as other requirements of a granting agency or authority to mitigate risk associated with noncompliance.

Reason for the Policy
The purpose of this policy is to implement and inform the campus community of the requirements set forth in Uniform Guidance. This policy does not provide guidance on other requirements that might apply to federal, state or privately sponsored grants or contracts though the campus community should be aware of these as well.
Responsibilities

Primary Guidance
OMB Uniform Guidance “OMB Uniform Guidance: Cost Principles, Audit, and Administrative Requirements for Federal Awards”
www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/financial/grant_reform/proposed-omb-uniform-guidance-for

Responsible University Office or Officer
Associate Provost for Research
AVP for Finance & Controller
Financial Services
Office of Research & Sponsored Programs
Deans and Department Chairs
Principal Investigators
Business Administrators

Who Is Governed By This Policy
All Wake Forest University faculty, staff, and students who administer federal, state and privately sponsored research agreements/contracts.

Who Should Know This Policy
All Wake Forest University faculty, staff, and students who administer federal, state and privately sponsored research agreements/contracts.

Exclusions & Special Situations
None.

Highlights of Revisions, by Date

Related Policies:
Unallowable Costs, Finance Policy Number: 3.12.05
http://finance.wfu.edu/policies-and-procedures

Related Documents
Business Expense Policy (http://finance.wfu.edu/policies-and-procedures)
Unallowable Costs Administrative Policy (http://finance.wfu.edu/policies-and-procedures)
Unallowable Costs Administrative Procedure (http://finance.wfu.edu/policies-and-procedures)
Cost Transfer Explanation Form (http://finance.wfu.edu/forms)
Expenditure Voucher Form (http://finance.wfu.edu/forms)
Travel, Meals and Entertainment Policy (http://finance.wfu.edu/policies-and-procedures)