

## University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign FY21 Final Facilities/Administrative (F&A) Rates

FACILITIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE (F&A) RATES	
	FY21
<b>On-Campus:</b>	
Sponsored Research	58.6
Sponsored Instruction	45.8
Other Sponsored Activities	31.9
<b>Off-Campus:</b>	
Sponsored Research & Sponsored Instruction	26.0
Other Sponsored Activities	21.7

*The base for the F&A rates is Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC). For a list of items included and excluded to derive MTDC refer to the Facilities and Administrative Cost Rate section below.*

**Institutional Policy:** [CAM RP-03: Charging of Facilities and Administrative Costs to Sponsored Projects](#)

**Rate Explanation and FAQ's:** [Facilities & Administrative \(F&A\) Rates](#) and [FAQs](#)

### **FACILITIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COST RATES**

Facilities and Administrative (F&A) Cost Rates are established by calculation of the indirect costs of sponsored projects, followed by negotiation with the Federal Government. The FY2021 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Facilities and Administrative Rates negotiated with the Federal Government are provisional rates employed until final negotiations with the Federal Government could be completed.

There are separate rates for Sponsored Research, Sponsored Instruction, and Other Sponsored Activities, and for each of these Activity Types, there are different rates for the Location of the project (on-campus or off-campus). A single Activity Type and a single Location, categorized by the predominance of activities, is determined at the time a request for funding (i.e. proposal) is submitted. The applicable F&A Rate applies for the life of the funding segment.

- If a request for supplemental funds does not extend the funding segment ("Supplement"), then the originally submitted rate shall apply.
- If a request for supplemental funds extends the funding segment ("Continuation"), then the current rate for the original Activity and Location shall apply.

**Modified Total Direct Cost (MTDC)** is the basis for these federally negotiated rates. MTDC is defined in Uniform Guidance at [2 CFR §200.68](#).

MTDC *includes*:

- salaries and wages
- fringe benefits
- materials and supplies
- travel
- services
- The first \$25,000 of those subawards (subgrants or subcontracts) where a portion of the scope of work is subcontracted to a party external to the University (account codes 156000-156149). Note: A subaward for an amount greater than \$25,000 would be assessed F&A on the first \$25,000 only over the lifetime of the award.

MTDC *excludes*:

- Subaward expenditures in excess of \$25,000 in 156000-156149 as well as all expenditures coded 156150-156200.
- Graduate Assistant Tuition Remission coded 198140 and 198150
- Fellowships, Scholarships, and Traineeships (allowable only on sponsored training agreements) coded 181XXX.
- Rentals and Leases. The cost of renting or leasing any property or equipment is to be budgeted in proposals and charged to account codes as follows:
  - 143XXX--Equipment Rentals
  - 157XXX and 158XXX--Operating Leases
  - 169XXX--Capital Leases
- Equipment (including lease purchased and fabricated equipment) costing \$5,000 or more.
- Any other expenditure recorded in an expense account code 163XXX-199999.
- Participant Support Costs (Stipends, subsistence allowances, travel allowances, and registration fees paid to or on behalf of participants or trainees (but not employees) in connection with conferences or training projects.)

## University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign FY21 Final Tuition Remission Rate

Tuition Remission Rate (FY21)	
Graduate Assistant Tuition Remission Rate	64.0%

*The base for the Tuition Remission Rate is salaries and wages of graduate assistant(s) with tuition waivers.*

**Rate Explanation and FAQ's:** [Tuition Remission Rates](#) and [FAQs](#)

### **Sample Tuition Remission Rate Budget Justification:**

Tuition Remission Rate: 64.0% of salaries and wages of graduate assistant(s) for the predetermined period of 07/01/2020 – 06/30/2021, per the Tuition Remission letter of approval from the Office of Naval Research.

### **FY21 TUITION REMISSION RATES**

The Tuition Remission Rate of 64% has been established by approval of the Federal Government. Graduate assistant tuition remission is a direct cost that is excluded from F&A assessment. The way this cost is represented on proposal budgets varies according to sponsor budget formats.

Where possible, tuition should be shown as an identified line item called "tuition remission", or otherwise included as an item under "other direct costs." In either case, F&A is not assessed on this amount, and tuition is not to be included in fringe benefits.

**Tuition remission should always be included in proposal budgets unless (a) it is known with certainty that the graduate assistant(s) who would be hired for the project would not be eligible for an assistantship tuition waiver (see [The Graduate College Handbook, Section D](#)), or (b) the sponsor's policy or program guidelines specifically disallow tuition remission.**

## University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign FY21 Final Fringe Benefit Rates

FRINGE BENEFIT RATES – FY21							
Employee Group	Total Benefit Rate	Retirement <sup>1</sup>	Health, Life, Dental	Workers' Compensation <sup>2</sup>	Termination	Medicare	OASDI
Employees Covered By The State University Retirement Systems (SURS) <b>Hired AFTER 4/1/86</b>	<b>46.91</b>	12.70	31.98	0.01	0.77	1.45	
Employees Covered By The State University Retirement Systems (SURS) <b>Hired BEFORE 4/1/86</b>	<b>45.46</b>	12.70	31.98	0.01	0.77		
Non-student Employees NOT covered by SURS	<b>7.66</b>			0.01		1.45	6.20
Graduate Assistants Enrolled 6 hours or More (Fall / Spring) Or Enrolled 3 hours or More (Summer)	<b>9.91</b>		9.90	0.01			
Graduate Assistants Enrolled less than 6 hours (Fall / Spring) Or Enrolled less than 3 hours (Summer) <sup>3</sup>	<b>17.56</b>		9.90	0.01		1.45	6.20
Students Enrolled 6 hours or More (Fall / Spring) Or Enrolled 3 hours or More (Summer)	<b>0.01</b>			0.01			
Students Enrolled less than 6 hours (Fall / Spring) Or Enrolled less than 3 hours (Summer) <sup>3</sup>	<b>7.66</b>			0.01		1.45	6.20

<sup>1</sup> For employees who have elected the self-managed plan the actual rate of 7.6% will be charged.

<sup>2</sup> If you have federal contracts where employees will be performing duties outside the US you may be subject to required insurance coverage under the Defense Base Act. Please contact Post Award who coordinates any required coverage. Also refer to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR 48 CFR 28.309) for Defense Base Act insurance. The rate in effect until 11/30/20 is 2.0%

<sup>3</sup> IRS regulations require FICA (OASDI plus Medicare) withholding on assistantship salaries when student is registered for fewer than six credit hours during Fall and Spring semesters, and fewer than three hours in the summer, except if registering for this many credits would result in taking more credits than required for the degree.

**Institutional Policy:** [CAM HR-24: Effort and Compensation on Sponsored Projects](#)

**FAQ's:** [Fringe Benefit Rates Frequently Asked Questions](#)

## **FRINGE BENEFIT RATES**

The fringe benefit rates are updated annually and approved by the Federal government near the beginning of each fiscal year. Unlike facilities and administrative rates, changes in fringe benefit rates are assessed immediately when they become effective, even if the budgeted rates are different. Fringe benefit rate changes for FY21 will be effective July 2020 (BW16 and MN8 pay periods). These rates are finalized after federal audit and negotiations with any changes communicated at that time.

## **QUESTIONS**

Questions related to rate applications in proposals should be directed to Brian Rogers, Senior Associate Director Proposals/Sponsored Programs Admin, at 300-9997, [bprogers@illinois.edu](mailto:bprogers@illinois.edu), or SPA generally, at 333-2187, [spa@illinois.edu](mailto:spa@illinois.edu).

Questions related to rate applications to project financial funds should be directed to Linda Gregory, Director Post Award/Sponsored Programs Admin at 333-4881 or SPA generally, at 333-2187, [spa@illinois.edu](mailto:spa@illinois.edu).

Questions related to the calculation of F&A rates or costing issues should be directed to Shelly Benson, Senior Director, System Government Costing at 333-4882, [sbenson@uillinois.edu](mailto:sbenson@uillinois.edu).