

Office of Research Administration

Facilities and Administrative Rates: Industry Sponsored Projects

HUMAN SUBJECT RESEARCH – This research is designed to solve practical problems in the modern world. This includes any intervention or interaction with human subjects. This is often referred to as Applied Research.

Facilities and Administrative Rate for Human Subject Research
25% of Total Direct Cost (TDC) Base*

Examples of Human Subject Research include clinical trials, device trials, observational trials, registries, chart/database reviews, questionnaires, surveys, non-invasive procedures, tissue collection and blood sample collection (i.e. blood collected from a specific population that is used to invent diagnostic test or discover a cancer biomarker).

* The TDC base includes all outpatient costs, inpatient costs, materials, equipment, salary and fringe benefits and patient remuneration. Institutional Review Board (IRB) Fees, Administrative Start-Up Fees and Investigational Pharmacy Fees are excluded from F&A.

BASIC RESEARCH – This research is driven by a scientist’s interest in a scientific question rather than to create or invent something. There is no commercial value to the discoveries found in basic research. There is no human subject intervention or interaction.

Examples include studies of previously collected blood samples, tissue or stem cells.

There is a three tiered F&A rate for industry sponsored basic research grants

Direct Costs	Facilities and Administrative Rate
Less than \$7,000	The project is exempt from F&A
Between \$7000 and \$50,000	35.9% Modified Total Direct Costs
Exceeds \$50,000	48.5% Modified Total Direct Costs

If you need further advice on calculating Total Direct Costs, or Modified Total Direct Costs, please consult [your department’s contact at the Office of Research Administration](#).