

Guidelines for the Use of Research Reinvestment Fund Awards

Florida Atlantic University

Division of Research – Research Accounting

Purpose

Indirect cost (IDC) is collected when expenditures are made from awards, contracts and grants. The Division of Research returns the IDC/overhead through Research Reinvestment Funded accounts in order to support research and research-related activities of the university. According to FAU policies and Florida Statutes, these funds can only be used for specified purposes.

Allowable Uses

- Research-related supplies, equipment, or services allowed under the university's procurement policies
- Travel support for research-related activities and professional development
- Professional licenses, certifications and memberships
- Employment of research support personnel (students, staff, consultants or other professionals)
- Graduate assistantship stipends and tuition benefits

Disallowable Uses

- Any expense that would cause a negative overhead account balance
- Salary supplement, overload or other extra compensation
- Costs associated with credit-bearing instruction or related administrative support
- Any purchase or service for which expenditures are prohibited by Florida Statutes, such as promotional gifts, personal compensation items, appliances, commemorative plaques, flowers, greeting cards, decorative items, food, beverages, meals other than for authorized travel, and entertainment or lobbying. These examples are not exhaustive. For further guidance, refer to http://www.fau.edu/controller/accounts_payable/allow_expenditures.php.

Purchases of supplies, equipment, etc.

Purchases made from the internally sponsored awards are owned by the university and subsequently the college/unit in which they were purchased; therefore inventory of purchases must follow university policy as well as college/unit specific policy.

Note: Research Reinvestment Funded awards are internal awards referred to as college or PI overhead, start up, seed grants, research incentive, etc. that are funded from collected IDC by the Division of Research.

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