

Guidance On F&A (IDC) Waivers

Acceptable explanations for review

- The University's benefits by obtaining resources to support faculty and graduate student development; the State benefits through the mutual benefit through the alignment of its interest and the Foundation's mission to Improve postsecondary access and attainment for all Texas students.
 - More than 75% of the proposed work will be conducted off campus, I.e. classroom facility nearby ports (Newport/Astoria, OR, and or Scripps Institution of Oceanography), and onboard research vessel. Benefit to Texas A&M University and State of Texas: This project is a collaborative (Oregon State, Univ. Texas) community effort to provide hands-on sea going marine seismology training for early career scientists in expanding US marine seismology community and maintaining University-National Oceanographic Laboratory System (UNOLS) facilities. This program is a foundation for advancing wholesale Earth Science studies and an essential for student's education whose career goals are in resource exploration industry.
 - This study is intended to explore how the information needs and information behavior of veterans differ from other traditional and non-traditional students, and will help librarians at TAMU, in Texas and nationally develop better services and programs for this unique patron population.
 - The State of Texas has reiterated the need to maintain the trajectory for providing all Texans with greater access to higher education and has recently tightened its focus on the need to improve graduation rates as well. TAMU's strategic plan aims to increase the number of STEM graduates. This camp's aim is to expose students to STEM Project- based learning activities in middle and high school and these students are more successful in STEM subjects at the post-secondary level and better prepared for university settings.
 - By agreeing to waive the IDC, we are partnering with ABC Foundation to support our students by providing them an academic and research opportunity they could not participate in anywhere else. Providing students with an opportunity to work on a real life research projects gives them a hands on and inside view of how to work. These types of research partnership activities have an increased potential to lead to jobs for our graduating students and increased research collaboration opportunities and support for Texas A&M and the State of Texas.
 - Texas A&M University and the State of Texas will directly benefit by having a positive and highly regarded employee located at NASA Headquarters, working directly with NASA management and staff to develop a better understanding and integration across various education projects implemented by NASA.
 - Promoting this type of research will elevate Texas A&M University profile as a premier institution focusing in Animal and Environmental Health. We envision that results from this project can be extrapolated to other regions with active wind energy developments. In that sense, our findings will benefit the state of Texas directly because prairie falcons breed and winter here in Texas, which produces the most wind power of any US state.
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Explanations that need additional information

- Waiving the IDC will lead to further collaborations with the sponsor which will lead to more funding for the University and graduate students.
- The proposal is with ABC Foundation that provide millions of dollars to the university in endowments. To maintain a charitable relationship F&A should be waived since the costs are recouped in other ways.
- The review committee does look at the overhead charges in the competitiveness of its review.
- The sponsor is a non-profit foundation and does not have the funds to pay for overhead costs of a large university.
- The ABC Foundation will only fund grants in the maximum range of ~\$250,000. This reduction in IDC will be offset while we seek long-term high IDC projects from other sponsors.
- Reducing the IDC will allow more funds to be used to pay graduate students.
- More than 50% of the work will be performed off-campus so the IDC rate should be 26%.
- The funds supporting Dr. X work will allow her to produce fundamental research data that would facilitate the improvement of health and health care systems across the country. This will benefit TAMU and the state by supporting the work of the faculty member, providing a research opportunity for the graduate student, and the proposed work supports Texas A&M University's mission of developing new understandings through research and creativity.