

F&A Return Policy

Encouraged by faculty input, we have explored ways to increase F&A return to grant active faculty for non-grant supported research expenses that would incentivize above modular NIH budgeting and more grant getting: multiple grants. Currently we return 2% of F&A for all grants that return F&A rates of 26% or more and return \$5,000 or more in F&A for a given FY. See Indirect Cost (F&A) Sharing for current policy.

Under a new policy: F&A Return, we will return 2% for all amounts of F&A up to \$150,000 in a given FY (counting all the project awards attributed to a given PI – so multiple grants and projects add up). When the F&A attributed to a PI exceeds \$150,000 in a given FY (the approximate amount of F&A returned for a modular NIH R01 grant), 5% of the amount above \$150,000 will be returned to the PI. The F&A eligible and its amount will be calculated as currently calculated.

As an example let's consider a PI who returns a total of \$300K of F&A in a given FY:

Under the current system this PI would receive \$6,000 (2%). Under the revised system, effective for grants generating F&A in FY 2020-2021 (i.e. the current FY) and beyond, the PI would receive \$3,000 (2%) on the first \$150K and \$7,500 (5%) on the second \$150K for a total F&A return of \$10,500.

Note that this new policy will take place after FY20 is completed, and that the F&A return for FY19 will be governed by the existing policy.