Clarification of January 2006 Policy
Research Incentives and Support for Infrastructure Expansion

The purpose of this clarification is to consolidate the administration allocation and allow senior leadership to utilize the funds more strategically.

This memo will also provide clarification of the existing policy with regard to the allocation for centers and with the intent of assuring a simple, transparent and effective policy designed to motivate investigators and support the infrastructure required to administer research.

Administration

- 60% of the research cost recovery funds will be assigned to a single administrative account and will be available to incent research culture and provide research administration infrastructure.

  Decisions on these expenditures will be made during a quarterly meeting of the Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor, Administration & Planning, the Vice Chancellor for Advancement and External Relations, and the Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs.

  Individual researchers are eligible to apply for funds to support administration of research activities for a specific purpose and defined duration. Applications will be facilitated by the Office of Research Support and the Director will staff and prepare the agenda for these quarterly meetings.

  This clarifies and consolidates the current distributions to the Chancellor (10%), the Vice Chancellor, Administration & Planning (20%), the Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs (20%) and Administrative Support (10%).

Programs

- In the case of a principal investigator (PI) submitting a grant through a program, the distribution remains the same, 20% to the investigator’s RCR account and 20% to the program’s RCR account.

Centers

- In the case of a principal investigator submitting a grant through a center, 40% will go to the center to allow flexibility to grow in the direction of their choosing and attract individual PIs with service, data, collaboration, mentorship and other returns (possibly a percentage of RCR).

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