

Guidance for Activity Type and Corresponding Indirect Cost Rate

Much of the university's sponsored endeavors focus on Research. However, the university also

“Research.” If the proposed request is solely equipment, as defined above, the Equipment activity type should be used. One caveat to note, National Science Foundation (NSF) awards that involve the purchase of a large piece of equipment (e.g., the Major Research Instrumentation) should be classified as “Research” per guidance from the NSF.

Other/Other Sponsored Activities: Other Sponsored Activities (OSA) are defined as projects funded by sponsors that involve the performance of work other than Instruction or Research or Equipment. Examples of OSAs may include:

- Public or community service activities.
- Support for students, staff, or teachers in elementary or secondary schools, or the general public, through outreach-related activities.
- Testing.
- Travel grants.
- Foreign capacity building projects.
- Support for conferences or seminars.
- Support for University public events in the arts.
- Support for projects pertaining to library collections or acquisitions.
- Projects where use of the Other Sponsored Programs rate is mandated by the sponsor.

A clinical trials indirect cost rate is not a federally negotiated rate and is most often used with industry-sponsored clinical trials. The university is working on establishing a separate rate specific to clinical trials.

Additional Notes

Finally, while activity types apply to all projects, corresponding federally negotiated indirect cost