

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES RATE AGREEMENT

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ORGANIZATION:
University of Southern Mississippi
118 College Drive
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Hattiesburg, MS 39406-5174

Date: 01/24/2025
FILING REF.: The preceding
agreement was dated
02/15/2018

The rates approved in this agreement are for use on grants, contracts and other agreements with the Federal Government, subject to the conditions in Section III.

SECTION I: INDIRECT COST RATES

RATE TYPES:		FIXED	FINAL	PROV. (PROVISIONAL)	PRED. (PREDETERMINED)	
<u>EFFECTIVE PERIOD</u>						
<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>RATE(%)</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPLICABLE TO</u>	
FINAL	07/01/2022	06/30/2024	48.00	On-Campus	Organized Research	
PRED.	07/01/2024	06/30/2025	48.00	On-Campus	Organized Research	
PRED.	07/01/2025	06/30/2028	50.00	On-Campus	Organized Research	
FINAL	07/01/2022	06/30/2024	46.00	On-Campus	Instruction	
PRED.	07/01/2024	06/30/2025	46.00	On-Campus	Instruction	
PRED.	07/01/2025	06/30/2028	50.00	On-Campus	Instruction	
FINAL	07/01/2022	06/30/2024	26.00	Off-Campus	All Programs (1)	
PRED.	07/01/2024	06/30/2025	26.00	Off-Campus	All Programs (1)	
FINAL	07/01/2022	06/30/2024	28.00	Off-Campus	All Programs (2)	
PRED.	07/01/2024	06/30/2028	28.00	Off-Campus	All Programs (2)	
PROV.	07/01/2028	Until Amended			Use same rates and conditions as those cited for fiscal year ending June 30, 2028	

*BASE

Modified total direct costs, consisting of all salaries and wages, fringe benefits, materials, supplies, services, travel and subgrants and subcontracts up to the first \$25,000 of each subgrant or subcontract (regardless of the period covered by the subgrant or subcontract). Modified total direct costs shall exclude equipment, capital expenditures, charges for patient care, student tuition remission, rental costs of off-site facilities, scholarships, and fellowships as well as the portion of each subgrant and subcontract in excess of \$25,000.

(1) Off-Campus, Remote: Locations outside the commuting distance of the University.

(2) Off-Campus, Adjacent: Locations within commuting distance of the University.

SECTION II: SPECIAL REMARKS

TREATMENT OF FRINGE BENEFITS:

The fringe benefits are specifically identified to each employee and are charged individually as direct costs. The directly claimed fringe benefits are listed below.

TREATMENT OF PAID ABSENCES:

Vacation, holiday, sick leave pay and other paid absences are included in salaries and wages and are claimed on grants, contracts and other agreements as part of the normal cost for salaries and wages. Separate claims are not made for the cost of these paid absences.

OFF-CAMPUS DEFINITION: The off-campus rate will apply for all activities: a) Performed in facilities not owned by the institution and where these facility costs are not included in the F&A pools; or b) Where rent is directly allocated/charged to the project(s). Grants or contracts will not be subject to more than one F&A cost rate. If more than 50% of a project is performed off-campus, the off-campus rate will apply to the entire project.

Fringe benefits include: FICA, Retirement, Life Insurance, Tuition Remission, Workers Compensation, Unemployment Insurance, and Health Insurance.

The rates in this rate agreement were reviewed in compliance with the HHS and NIH Grants Policy Statement applying a Salary Rate Limit (SRL) to indirect cost salaries & wages not exceeding the Executive Level II rate contained in the HHS Appropriations Act.

Equipment means an article of nonexpendable tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year, and an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more per unit.

Your next proposal based on actual costs for the fiscal year ending 06/30/2027 is due in our office by 12/31/2027.

SECTION III: GENERAL

A. LIMITATIONS:

The rates in this Agreement are subject to any statutory or administrative limitations and apply to a given grant, contract or other agreement only to the extent that funds are available. Acceptance of the rates is subject to the following conditions: (1) Only costs incurred by the organization were included in its facilities and administrative cost pools as finally accepted: such costs are legal obligations of the organization and are allowable under the governing cost principles; (2) The same costs that have been treated as facilities and administrative costs are not claimed as direct costs; (3) Similar types of costs have been accorded consistent accounting treatment; and (4) The information provided by the organization which was used to establish the rates is not later found to be materially incomplete or inaccurate by the Federal Government. In such situations the rate(s) would be subject to renegotiation at the discretion of the Federal Government.

B. ACCOUNTING CHANGES:

This Agreement is based on the accounting system purported by the organization to be in effect during the Agreement period. Changes to the method of accounting for costs which affect the amount of reimbursement resulting from the use of this Agreement require prior approval of the authorized representative of the cognizant agency. Such changes include, but are not limited to, changes in the charging of a particular type of cost from facilities and administrative to direct. Failure to obtain approval may result in cost disallowances.

C. FIXED RATES:

If a fixed rate is in this Agreement, it is based on an estimate of the costs for the period covered by the rate. When the actual costs for this period are determined, an adjustment will be made to a rate of a future year(s) to compensate for the difference between the costs used to establish the fixed rate and actual costs.

D. USE BY OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES:

The rates in this Agreement were approved in accordance with the authority in Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200 (2 CFR 200), and should be applied to grants, contracts and other agreements covered by 2 CFR 200, subject to any limitations in A above. The organization may provide copies of the Agreement to other Federal Agencies to give them early notification of the Agreement.

E. OTHER:

If any Federal contract, grant or other agreement is reimbursing facilities and administrative costs by a means other than the approved rate(s) in this Agreement, the organization should (1) credit such costs to the affected programs, and (2) apply the approved rate(s) to the appropriate base to identify the proper amount of facilities and administrative costs allocable to these programs.

BY THE INSTITUTION:

University of Southern Mississippi

(INSTITUTION)



(SIGNATURE)

Kelly Lucas

(NAME)

Vice President for Research

(TITLE)

Jan 28, 2025

(DATE)

ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(AGENCY)

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