

Facilities and Administration (Indirect Costs) Recovery and Distribution in ABI

Overview

The Arkansas Biosciences Institute (ABI) is the premier interdisciplinary research facility on the Arkansas State University campus. Having celebrated its 20th anniversary on September 18, 2024, new operating procedures are being established to ensure the long-term sustainability of research operations and continued support of discovery and innovation originating in ABI. Part of new procedures include diversifying the revenue sources that support the ABI research administration staff and the facilities. Per A-State policy, 39% of the facilities and administration (indirect) costs recovered on externally sponsored grants returns to the Dean or Equivalent Entity of the Principal Investigator (PI) of the award. Because ABI supports grant preparation and post-award grant administration in addition to providing office and laboratory space for ABI researchers, it is critical for ABI operations to receive F&A funds back to ABI. Facilities and Administration costs will be recovered and distributed as follows for grants awarded to A-State ABI researchers after July 1, 2025 (FY26):

Facilities and Administration (Indirect) Costs Sources

- ABI keeps a census of all faculty members who maintain office and/or laboratory space within ABI; other faculty members are affiliated members who collaborate with ABI researchers and/or use ABI core facilities in their research.
- ABI will collect Facilities and Administration (F&A) costs recovered from externally sponsored grants for researchers supported by the ABI grant development administration structure and office and/or research space within the facility.

Distribution of Facilities and Administration (Indirect Costs) Funds Between ABI and Academic Home Units

- The full amount (39%) of F&A funds generated that return to the Dean or Equivalent Entity will come to ABI under the following circumstances:
 - When the PI is an ABI researcher whose salary and fringes are paid by the ABI appropriation
 - When the scope of the grant is ABI-focused such as for equipment, supply, and core facility acquisition and improvement within the ABI or for ABI outreach and education. Decisions about grant scope will be made by the Vice Provost for Research, Innovation, and Discovery in consultation with the PI and the academic dean in the college for which the faculty PI has a tenure-track position.
- The 39% of F&A distributed to the Dean or Equivalent Entity will be split with 75% going to ABI and 25% going to the home college unit of the PI when ABI manages the grant for ABI-affiliated faculty members whose salary and fringes are paid by an academic department or college.
- The 39% of F&A distributed to the Dean or Equivalent Entity will be split with 50% going to ABI and 50% going to the home college unit of the PI when the home college (other than ABI) manages the grant for ABI-affiliated faculty members who have office and/or research space in ABI.

Facilities and Administration Costs Recovery from New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine (NYITCOM)

- Per the agreement with NYIT and ABI, 19.5% of the F&A funds generated from sponsored research of NYIT researchers supported by ABI research space will come to ABI annually.

Distribution of Facilities and Administration Costs Funds Within ABI

- ABI distributes its F&A recovery in the following way:
 - 50% is retained by ABI for reinvestment back into research support
 - 50% is returned to the PI for professional use in support of research activities