



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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June 28, 2021

Ms. Hope Rispono  
Director, Financial Accounting & Reporting  
Louisiana State University and A&M College  
Office of Financial Accounting & Reporting  
204 Thomas Boyd Hall  
Baton Rouge, LA 70803

Dear Ms. Rispono:

A copy of the indirect cost Rate Agreement is being sent to you for signature. This Agreement reflects an understanding reached between your organization and a member of my staff concerning the rate(s) that may be used to support your claim for F&A and fringe benefit costs on grants and contracts with the Federal Government.

Please have the Agreement signed by an authorized representative of your organization, email to me, retaining a copy for your files. Our email address is [cas-dallas@psc.hhs.gov](mailto:cas-dallas@psc.hhs.gov). We will reproduce and distribute the Agreement to the appropriate awarding organizations of the Federal Government for their use.

For the 2020/2022 carry forward, the grantee elected to waive approximately 50 percent of the under-recovery (\$9,997,949 for graduate assistants – tuition remission).

Requirements for adjustments to cost claimed under Federal Grants and Contracts resulting from this negotiation are dependent upon the type of rate contained in the negotiation agreement. Information relating to these requirements is enclosed.

In addition, both parties agree to the following over (+) / under (-) recoveries:

	<u>2019/2021</u>	<u>2020/2022</u>
Main Campus	(\$3,896,176)	(\$7,573,486)
Federal Employees	(\$428,394)	(\$99,776)
Non Federal Employees	(\$6,393,147)	(\$9,019,627)
Graduate Assistants – Tuition Remission	(\$7,212,227)	(\$9,997,950)
Post Docs	-0-	(\$179,818)

These amounts are included in your fixed fringe benefit rates for the fiscal years ending 6/30/2021 and 6/30/2022 which are listed in the attached Rate Agreement. The fixed rate(s) for fiscal year ended 6/30/2019 and 6/30/2020 are considered final.

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A Fringe Benefit cost proposal, together with supporting information and the certified audit financial statement, is required each year. Thus, your next Fringe Benefit cost proposal based on actual costs for the fiscal year ending 06/30/2021 is due in our office by 12/31/2021.

An F&A cost proposal, together with supporting information, are required to substantiate your claim for F&A costs under grants and contracts awarded by the Federal Government. Your F&A cost proposal for fiscal year ending 06/30/2020 is in our office for review.

Please submit your proposals electronically to the following email address: CAS-Dallas@psc.hhs.gov.

Since this is an integral part of the Negotiation Agreement, please note your acceptance by signing in the space provided below.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Arif M. Karim -S

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Karim -S  
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Arif Karim  
Director  
Cost Allocation Services

Enclosures

ACCEPTANCE:

Louisiana State University and A&M College  
(Institution)

Donna K. Torres

(Signature)

Donna K. Torres, CPA  
(Name)

Interim Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration /CFO  
(Title)

7/19/2021  
(Date)

**COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES RATE AGREEMENT**

EIN: 1726000848A1

DATE:06/28/2021

ORGANIZATION:

Louisiana State University  
330 Thomas Boyd Hall  
Baton Rouge, LA 70803-2701

FILING REF.: The preceding  
agreement was dated  
05/18/2020

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)

EFFECTIVE PERIOD

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>RATE(%)</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPLICABLE TO</u>
PRED.	07/01/2020	06/30/2021	48.00	On Campus	Organized Research (1)
PRED.	07/01/2020	06/30/2021	49.00	On Campus	Instruction
PRED.	07/01/2020	06/30/2021	35.00	On Campus	Other Spon. Act
PRED.	07/01/2020	06/30/2021	40.00	On Campus	Agri Center
PRED.	07/01/2020	06/30/2021	26.00	Off Campus	All Programs
PROV.	07/01/2021	Until Amended			Use same rates and conditions as those cited for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

\*BASE

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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, participant support, 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) Includes all Pennington Biomedical Research Center Projects.

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**SECTION I: FRINGE BENEFIT RATES\*\***

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<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>RATE(%)</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPLICABLE TO</u>
FIXED	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	44.00	Main Campus	Main Campus Employee
FIXED	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	33.00	AG Center	Federal Employees
FIXED	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	53.00	AG Center	Non Federal Employees
FIXED	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	36.00	All	Graduate Assistants Tuition Remission
FIXED	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	22.00	All	Post-Doctoral Researchers*
FIXED	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	44.00	Main Campus	Main Campus Employee
FIXED	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	33.00	AG Center	Federal Employees
FIXED	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	53.00	AG Center	Non Federal Employees
FIXED	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	38.00	All	Graduate Assistants Tuition Remission
FIXED	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	22.00	All	Post-Doctoral Researchers*
PROV.	7/1/2022	Until amended			Use same rates and conditions as those cited for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

\*\* DESCRIPTION OF FRINGE BENEFITS RATE BASE:

Salaries and wages

\*2-Year Post-Doctoral Researchers and 2-Year Interns

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**SECTION II: SPECIAL REMARKS**

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TREATMENT OF FRINGE BENEFITS:

The fringe benefits are charged using the rate(s) listed in the Fringe Benefits Section of this Agreement. The fringe benefits included in the rate(s) 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.

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FRINGE BENEFITS:

Main Campus-

Group Medical & Life Insurance  
Medicare Contribution, Social Security  
La. State Retirement System, TIAA-CREF Matching Retirement  
Teachers' Retirement System  
Unemployment Compensation, Workers' Compensation  
Termination Pay, Sabbatical Leave  
Optional Retirement Plan  
Employee Tuition Exemption Program  
LA Deferred Comp.457 Plan  
LA School Employees Retirement System  
Graduate Assistant Tuition Exemption Program

Agriculture Centers-

Group Medical & Life Insurance  
Medicare Contribution  
Unemployment Compensation, Workers' Compensation  
Social Security  
Termination Pay, Sabbatical Leave  
Graduate Assistant Tuition Exemption Program

Non-Federal employees:

LA State Retirement System  
TIAA-CREF Matching Retirement  
Teachers' Retirement, Optional Retirement Plan

Federal Employees:

Federal Civil Service Retirement

Per 2 CFR 200.414(g) - A rate extension has been granted.

\*This rate agreement reflects the new fringe benefit rates only. \*

Next Proposal Due:

The next F&A cost proposal based on actual costs for the fiscal year ending 06/30/2020 is in our office under review.

The next fringe benefit cost proposal based on actual costs for the fiscal year ending 06/30/2021 is due in our office by 12/31/2021.

Equipment means tangible personal property (including information technology systems) having a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost which equals or exceeds \$5,000.

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**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:

Louisiana State University

(INSTITUTION)

Donna K. Torres  
(SIGNATURE)

Donna K. Torres, CPA  
(NAME)

Interim Executive Vice President for  
(TITLE) Finance and Administration / CFO

7/19/2021  
(DATE)

ON BEHALF OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(AGENCY)

Arif M. Karim - S Digitally signed by Arif M. Karim - S  
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Arif Karim  
(NAME)

Director, Cost Allocation Services  
(TITLE)

6/28/2021  
(DATE) 4114

HHS REPRESENTATIVE: Tyra Tallie

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