TO: Principal Investigators and Business Administrators

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SUBJECT: Notice Regarding Facilities and Administrative (F&A) Rates for Use in Proposals Submitted and Awards Received as of October 23, 2019

Negotiations with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) regarding the University’s F&A rates have been concluded. This negotiated process enables the University to recover over $150 million annually in documented costs that support the University’s research enterprise. This memo serves as an immediate notice of the new F&A rates that should be used when preparing proposal budgets for prospective awards with project periods in Fiscal 2020 and future years.

Given upcomingsponsor submission deadlines, it is important to alert you of the new rates in order for their incorporation into proposals.

The attachment, Application of F&A Rates Starting October 23, 2019, details the new rates and the application of the rates. Effective immediately, please reference this attachment to apply the new F&A rates when preparing proposal budgets.

The FY18 and FY19 Provisional rates have been finalized and the rates remain the same. The FY20 and FY21 have the same rates as FY19. Starting FY22, the Federal on-campus organized research rate is 60%, increased by 2 points. We will apply the higher rates only to new and competitive renewal awards received on or after October 23, 2019. Federal agencies will have access to the new rate schedule, but it often takes several weeks before the new rate schedule becomes officially available to them. During this period, the Office for Sponsored Research (OSR) will work with sponsors so that grants awarded on or after October 23, 2019 are either awarded with the new F&A rate or are subsequently revised to incorporate the new rate. In some cases, however, the award may need to be rebudgeted to accommodate the new F&A rate; Principal Investigators do not need to request sponsor approval or formally re-budget their accounts to provide for this change.

Note that for industry-funded clinical trial submissions, the new F&A rate is effective for all submissions received by OSR on or after November 1, 2019.

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