



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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July 2, 2014

Mr. William Decatur
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Virginia Commonwealth University
McAdams House
914 West Franklin Street
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Richmond, VA 23284-3076

Dear Mr. Decatur,

A copy of the facilities and administration (F&A) cost Rate Agreement is being faxed to you for your 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.

In addition, both parties agree that the differences between the fixed and actual fringe benefit costs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 are:

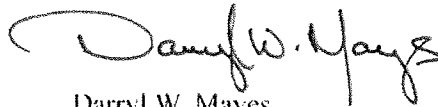
- Over-recovery of \$4,164,321 applicable to Faculty and Classified Employees
- Under-recovery of \$398,940 applicable to Hourly Employees

These amounts are included in your fixed fringe benefit rates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 which are listed in the attached Rate Agreement.

Please have the original signed by an authorized representative of your organization and email it to me, retaining the copy for your files. Our email is CAS-Bethesda@psc.hhs.gov. We will reproduce and distribute the Rate Agreement to the appropriate awarding organizations of the Federal Government for their use.

A fringe benefit proposal, together with the required supporting information, must be submitted to this office for each fiscal year in which your organization claims fringe benefits under grants and contracts awarded by the Federal Government. Therefore, your next fringe benefit proposal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, will be due in our office by December 31, 2014.

Sincerely,



Darryl W. Mayes
Deputy Director
Cost Allocation Services

CONCURRENCE:

Virginia Commonwealth University
(Institution)



(Signature)

William R. Decatur

(Name)

VP Finance & Administration

(Title)

July 30, 2014

(Date)

Enclosures

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN A COPY OF THE RATE AGREEMENT

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COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES RATE AGREEMENT

EIN: 54-6001758

DATE:07/02/2014

ORGANIZATION:

FILING REF.: The preceding agreement was dated 10/31/2013

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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>
FINAL	07/01/2011	06/30/2012	49.50	On-Campus	Organized Research
PRED.	07/01/2012	06/30/2013	52.00	On-Campus	Organized Research
PRED.	07/01/2013	06/30/2015	52.50	On-Campus	Organized Research
FINAL	07/01/2011	06/30/2012	26.00	Off-Campus	Organized Research
PRED.	07/01/2012	06/30/2015	26.00	Off-Campus	Organized Research
FINAL	07/01/2011	06/30/2012	34.00	On-Campus	Instruction
PRED.	07/01/2012	06/30/2015	40.00	On-Campus	Instruction
FINAL	07/01/2011	06/30/2012	26.00	Off-Campus	Instruction
PRED.	07/01/2012	06/30/2015	26.00	Off-Campus	Instruction
FINAL	07/01/2011	06/30/2012	30.00	On-Campus	Other Sponsored Activities
PRED.	07/01/2012	06/30/2015	35.00	On-Campus	Other Sponsored Activities
FINAL	07/01/2011	06/30/2012	26.00	Off-Campus	Other Sponsored Activities

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<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>RATE (%)</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPLICABLE TO</u>
PRED.	07/01/2012	06/30/2015	26.00	Off-Campus	Other Sponsored Activities
PROV.	07/01/2015	06/30/2017			Use same rates and conditions as those cited for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

*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.

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SECTION I: FRINGE BENEFIT RATES**

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>RATE (%)</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPLICABLE TO</u>
FIXED	7/1/2014	6/30/2015	34.30	All	Faculty and Classified Employee
FIXED	7/1/2014	6/30/2015	8.60	All	Hourly Employee
PROV.	7/1/2015	6/30/2017			Use same rates and conditions as those cited for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

** DESCRIPTION OF FRINGE BENEFITS RATE BASE:
Salaries and wages.

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SECTION II: SPECIAL REMARKS

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: For all activities performed in facilities not owned by the institution and to which rent is directly allocated to the project(s) the off-campus rate will apply. 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, Health Insurance, Unemployment Compensation, Faculty-Staff Tuition Waivers, Disability Insurance, Worker's Compensation, and Cash Match Plan.

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

This Rate Agreement updated the Fringe Benefits rates only.

Next fringe benefit proposal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, will be due in our office by December 31, 2014.

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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 Office of Management and Budget Circular A-21, and should be applied to grants, contracts and other agreements covered by this Circular, 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:

Virginia Commonwealth University

(INSTITUTION)



(SIGNATURE)

William R. Decatur

(NAME)

VP Finance & Administration

(TITLE)

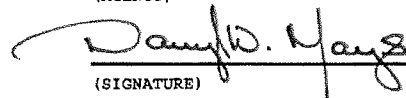
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ON BEHALF OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:

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(AGENCY)



(SIGNATURE)

Darryl W. Mayes

(NAME)

Deputy Director, Cost Allocation Services

(TITLE)

7/2/2014

(DATE) 0448

HHS REPRESENTATIVE: Lucy Siow

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