

University of Colorado Colorado Springs Center for the BioFrontiers Institute. Indirect Cost Reimbursement Incentive Program

Description: Distribution of Indirect Cost Returns (ICR) from Externally Sponsored Programs

In general, the distribution of ICR funds received by the campus each year are distributed as follows:

- College/Center/Institute (40%)
- UCCS Campus Support Services (60%)

Special ICR policy for the UCCS BioFrontiers Center:

Motivation and History: BioFrontiers has developed an internal grants program at UCCS to strengthen and extend the research base and to encourage the submission of fundable grant proposals in the general area of bio-science and bio-technology. BioFrontiers contributes about \$100,000 per year, a half-million dollars over 5 years. This is a significant and substantial investment in the campus. In addition BioFrontiers also provides equipment-usage internal grants and provides lab space to some researchers.

To make a long-term difference on the campus BioFrontiers should be sustainable, i.e. its efforts should continue beyond the initial period which was funded primarily through the CU Foundation.

To continue the various internal grant programs, it seems appropriate for BioFrontiers to have a small return on investment from the seed grant program. This ultimately led to negotiations with the Chancellor on how ICR from BioFrontiers related grants would be treated. This led to the agreement outlined below.

BioFrontiers ICR Policy

The campus will retain its usual 60%. The remaining 40% will be distributed in the following fashion, depending on the conditions below.

GRANTS SUBMITTED BY BIOFRONTIERS MEMBERS

BioFrontiers Members (see list below) - 40% will accrue to BioFrontiers
(25% of the 40% will be held by BioFrontiers for use by the PI)

BioFrontiers Members, but use of on-campus labs/facilities supported by a college/department –
15% to the appropriate college and department – to be distributed in the usual way
25% to Biofrontiers (25% of this 25% will be held by BioFrontiers for use by the PI)

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GRANTS SUBMITTED BY NON-BIOFRONTIERS MEMBERS

Non-Biofrontiers Members in cases where BioFrontiers provides research support. This would include internal BioFrontiers grant awards, equipment usage grants, or lab space grants, for example.

20% to Faculty member's primary college and department– to be distributed in the usual way
20% to BioFrontiers (25% of this 20% will be held by BioFrontiers for use by the PI)

Implementation

- 1) We should create a question on the routing sheet to see if the PI received research support (lab space, internal grants, equipment usage) from BioFrontiers.
- 2) Faculty members will generally submit grants through their home department. During the routing process they will "check off" the box about BioFrontiers support. This will automatically trigger the correct ICR redistribution rates. BioFrontiers members (see list at end) may submit grants directly through BioFrontiers.
- 3) Faculty receiving BioFrontiers support will be notified that their grant proposals (arising from the BioFrontiers support) should have this alternate ICR distribution. After an initial set of proposals (one or two) the faculty member should decide whether the BioFrontiers support has played a sufficient role so that the special ICR distribution is warranted.

Additional Assistance provided by BioFrontiers

Depending on the volume of requests, BioFrontiers may help with grants in a number of additional ways. For example, this could include the following:

- 1) BioFrontiers can help with organization of grant materials and grant submissions, internal paperwork and approvals, proofreading of submissions.
- 2) BioFrontiers can help with ordering large dollar equipment items and help with financial monitoring.

BioFrontiers Member List as of June 2017

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