Costs of Federally Sponsored Research

The total cost of federally sponsored research includes a combination of both direct and facilities and administrative (F&A) costs. Both types of expenditures are key to an institution’s ability to conduct cutting-edge research. F&A costs cover the construction and maintenance costs of laboratories and high-tech facilities; energy and utility expenses; and safety, security, and other government-mandated expenses. These costs are real and research cannot be conducted without them.

Direct costs - These expenses only cover research and include lab supplies and equipment, salaries and stipends for researchers and graduate students, and travel costs for conducting and sharing research.

F&A costs - These costs cover the indirect expenses of conducting research, such as utilities, maintenance, and office supplies.

No Federal Funds used - These costs are unrelated to federal research grants and projects.