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To Whom it May Concern:

East Carolina University charges a reduced F&A rate (facilities and administrative costs - sometimes called indirect or overhead costs) for non-federal clinical trials agreements. The F&A rate for non-federal clinical trials is 30%. Clinical trial budgets are developed on a Total Direct Cost (TDC) basis and F&A is charged on all costs incurred on behalf of the project.

No costs are excluded from Total Direct Costs for the purposes of F&A calculation. This includes costs which may sometimes be referred to as “pass-through costs” such as advertising, recruiting, or IRB fees. Any expense incurred by ECU on behalf of the clinical trial program will be subject to F&A charges. All budgets for clinical trial programs should include an appropriate F&A budget line based on Total Direct Costs anticipated for the program.

See ECU F&A Rates - <https://rede.ecu.edu/ora/proposal-cover-information/>

For additional information on clinical trial agreements and F&A rates, please contact the Office of Clinical Trials – <https://clinicaltrials.ecu.edu> – or the Office of Research Administration – <https://rede.ecu.edu/ora>.

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