

Office of Pesticide Analysis and Consultation's Policy on Indirect Costs

All relevant State policies apply and supersede these program policies if there is a conflict.

How to calculate indirect costs

OPCA requires that indirect be calculated as a percentage of the modified total direct costs (MTDC). The MTDC is the total direct cost minus any line items that cannot be included in indirect cost calculation. See the 'Nonallowable items' section for a list of those items.

How much indirect is allowed?

Awards from Agricultural Fund have a cap of 10% indirect for all awardees and subawardees (including UC) combined. OPCA can provide a memo with all supporting documentation upon request.

Awards from general fund have different caps depending on the entity. UC and CSU are to use their negotiated rate. Other entities with negotiated rates should use those. Entities without negotiated rates will be capped at 10%. An exemption may be possible. Contact the OPCA grant manager to discuss.

Excluded items

Equipment

Equipment (\$5,000 or more) must be excluded from the MTDC calculation; indirect costs cannot be claimed for these expenses.

Tuition

UC and CSU maybe not include tuition in their indirect cost calculation. Other entities should discuss the situation with the OPCA grant manager.

Subawards

Subawards are not allowed in the MTDC for Agricultural Fund. For general fund, UC and CSU may include up to \$25,000 of a subaward in their MTDC as long as the subawardee is not a part of UC. No other entities may include subawards in the MTDC.