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To Whom It May Concern:

East Carolina University charges a reduced F&A rate (facilities and administration costs sometimes called indirect or overhead costs) for non-federal clinical trial agreements. The F&A rate for clinical trials is 26%. 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 the TDC base for the purposes of F&A calculation. This includes costs which may sometimes be referred to as "pass-through costs" such as advertising and recruitment or IRB fees. Any expense incurred by ECU on behalf of the clinical trial program will receive 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 and information at [http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/osp/benefits\\_FA\\_inflation.cfm](http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/osp/benefits_FA_inflation.cfm)

For additional information on clinical trial agreements and F&A rates, please contact the Office of Sponsored Programs [OSP@ecu.edu](mailto:OSP@ecu.edu) or the Clinical Trials Office . <http://www.ecu.edu/clinicaltrials/> or the Office of Grants and Contracts [grantsc@ecu.edu](mailto:grantsc@ecu.edu)

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