

RESEARCH BITE #6

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RE: Research Contracts/Research Grants

A research agreement refers to a research contract or research grant. Contracts and grants differ in a number of ways. Grants usually do not require signature of the authorized representatives of the University on the grant letter from a sponsor whereas contracts require signatures of both parties. Grants have fewer obligations imposed on the University whereas contracts may include many terms (ex. intellectual property, confidentiality, indemnification, governing law, etc.).

Most agreements are for externally-funded research projects. This includes funding from private industry, government and Tri-Agencies. Grant agreements are always related to funding while contract agreements may not be related to funding (eg. Intellectual property agreements, data transfer agreements, etc.).

To maintain University viability, these costs need to be recovered in research agreements as per the [Institutional Costs of Research](#) policy. Effective May 1st, 2014 the Board of Governors approved a 25% flat rate for all research agreements. This policy includes a rate to be applied to the total amount of all research agreements. This begins with an inclusion of the applicable rate within the budget proposed by a Principal Investigator to a sponsor. Research agreements are administered as per the [Administration of Research Grants and Contracts](#) policy.

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