

UNDERSTANDING OVERHEAD

Your quick reference guide to understanding
Overhead or Indirect Costs of Research (ICR)



WHAT IS OVERHEAD (ICR)?

Overhead or ICR is the institutional costs related to research.

They include:

- Facilities & Equipment
- Administrative Costs of Supporting Research
- Regulation & Safety Compliance



WHEN DO I NEED TO BUDGET FOR ICR?

During the creation of your budget for any grant or clinical research opportunity, it is important to read the funding guidelines around ICR and incorporate it into your application. Sub-transfers are also subject to ICR, therefore check in with the ovdr@usask.ca if you are unsure.



WHAT DO I DO IF I HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED MY APPLICATION & DID NOT ACCOUNT FOR ICR?

Please connect with the OVDR (ovdr.funding@usask.ca) and we will work with you and the Research Acceleration & Strategic Initiatives office to determine if ICR is required and facilitate further discussions with the funder.

WHAT IS THE USASK ICR RATE (NON-TRI-AGENCY)?

The rate varies slightly based on the type of grant or contract.

- Research Agreements – 25%
- Human Clinical Trial Agreements – 30%
- Tri-Agency – 0%
- NIH Grants – 8%
- Other – Some funders or External Agencies set their own overhead or ICR rate in which case we default to that rate.



WHO DO I CONNECT WITH IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about ICR and would like to gather more information please reach out to the OVDR team at ovdr.funding@usask.ca and we would be happy to help you.

