# Weitzman School of Design

# Indirect Cost Recovery Faculty Allocation Policy\*

# Purpose

In order to recognize the extraordinary research efforts of the Weitzman faculty (see eligibility), and to encourage new research and participation in the external sponsored proposal process, the School will share 20% of the indirect costs recovered from the University with principal investigators.

Definition

Facilities and Administration (F&A) cost is another term used for indirect cost. F&A/Indirect cost are calculated based on the direct expenditures of sponsored projects. Examples of F&A/Indirect Cost are building space, heating, lighting, library expenses, accounting, payroll, central and departmental administration. The School will apply the appropriate F&A rate to the direct cost of the project based on either the University’s federal pre-negotiated rates, a non-negotiable rate allowable by the sponsor (i.e. foundations), or the rate in a fully executed cooperative agreement.

Eligibility

Eligible Weitzman faculty include standing, associated (adjuncts and practice professors) and full time non-standing faculty (i.e., senior lecturers, lecturer As, and faculty-administrators) who are the principal investigators of an award made to Weitzman through the Office of Research Services (ORA). Non-standing faculty proposals/awards require a standing faculty sponsor. If, for whatever reason, the non-standing faculty is unable to fulfill his/her obligations, a standing faculty sponsor assumes full responsibility for the completion of the awarded project.

Distribution of Recovered Indirect (Facilities and Administrative) Costs

The School will distribute 20% of the indirect costs recovered from the University from the prior fiscal year by the start of the fall term. Funds will be transferred from the School into the Faculty Development Funds (FDFs) of eligible Weitzman faculty. FDF guidelines and procedures apply to these funds with the addition that recovered costs can be used for the purchase of computers and equipment.

\*The School reserves the right to review the indirect cost recovery faculty allocation policy annually with the Dean and the research committee and to make any necessary adjustments to the amount of indirect costs recovered from the University.