• Indirect cost (IDC, aka F&A) is negotiated with the federal government and therefore doesn’t always cover the true cost of research at UGA.
• Therefore, OVPR is expected to recover full IDC whenever possible.
• The Director of Pre-Award in Sponsored Projects Administration receives and evaluates requests for reduced IDC, which must include unit approval, a detailed budget and a scope of work.
• The Vice President for Research makes the final decision in contested cases.
• Requests for reduced IDC rates are generally denied, except in usual circumstances.
• Arguments that absent reduced IDC rates, there are insufficient funds to conduct the research are generally not compelling.
• Projects that are predominantly student-driven, or involve students in an exceptional way, may be approved for reduced IDC.
• Reduction in IDC is a tool used sometimes by OVPR to meet exceptional cost share requirements.