Policy for Waiver of Collection of Indirect Costs Related to Contracts/Grants for Graduate Student Research Supported Projects

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1. General Policy

Indirect costs, although not readily identifiable with specific projects, are real costs charged to individual grants or contracts to provide reimbursement for certain institutional expenses that cannot be directly charged since they result from shared services such as libraries, plant operation and maintenance, utility costs, department support, research administration expenses, and depreciation or use allowance for buildings and equipment. UW System policy provides that indirect costs should be included for Federal and Non-Federal grants and contracts at the federally negotiated rates currently in effect and that the inclusion or exclusion of indirect costs cannot be used as a bargaining point to gain a competitive advantage in securing extramural funding. UW System policy additionally provides for the Chancellor or designee to determine that a project is of sufficient importance to warrant the waiver of the collection of indirect costs.

In consideration of the above and recognizing that funded graduate student projects are of benefit to the student, the knowledge base, and the institution, in those cases where funds are received as a result of a non-competitive grant or contract that are for the purpose of funding research projects for UW-Green Bay graduate students the institutional policy is established to allow the Chancellor, or designee to waive the collection of indirect costs as they apply to student salaries, stipends, and/or tuition costs.

In order for indirect costs associated with student research projects to be waived (as noted above) the Faculty Mentor shall be required to sign an agreement acknowledging their commitment to mentor the student researcher, to serve as the Project Principle Investigator (PI), and to refrain from any actions which would result in student funds received as a result of the non-competitive grant or contract being reallocated to faculty or staff salaries. Said agreement must be additionally signed by the Chancellor or designee and included as a component of the project proposal.

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Gary L. Miller, Chancellor UW-Green Bay

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