

Academic Plan - Excellence in Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity

Provide Support for Scholarly Activity and External Funding - 2008 Update

The idea of returning indirect costs generated by senior faculty hires in order to provide startup funds has been tried for a small number of hires. A comprehensive pursuit of this method has recently been initiated by the new Vice Chancellor for Research. His office is starting a review of existing practices on startup funds to identify opportunities for optimum realization and practice of providing startup funds, which would result in effective recruitment and retention of top faculty.

The Vice Chancellor for Research's office has also reviewed existing practices on indirect costs return (ICR). This study needs to be enlarged to identify opportunities for optimum use of ICR to enhance research productivity. In the coming academic year, OVCR will carry out this effort in close collaboration with campus units and advisory committees, including the Council of Associate Deans for Research, and the Research Affairs Committee.