When UNC-Chapel Hill conducts research for agencies like NIH or NSF, the federal government funds UNC for the expense of the research itself (direct costs) and for the expense of the facilities and administrative services required to conduct the research (F&A).

**UNC’s Total FY17 Federal Research Expenses:** $682.4m  
**Direct Funding:** $527.7m  
**Facilities & Administrative Funding:** $154.7m

The federal government’s funding for F&A covers part of the costs of supporting research, and universities cover the remainder internally through in-kind support. This research partnership between the federal government and universities pays tremendous economic dividends to the state of North Carolina.

- **7,860** UNC employees with salaries funded by federal sponsored research  
- **306** Private NC businesses spun out of research at UNC  
- **8,090** NC employees working at UNC spinout businesses  
- **$2.6 billion** Annual NC economic impact of UNC research & spinout businesses

Calculations based on FY2017 negotiated organized research F&A rate
# Administrative Costs

**Departmental Administration**  
- e.g., assistance with proposal preparation, financial management of awards, financial reporting, reconciliation of accounts/funds, monitoring expenditures, effort reporting, management of subcontracts, and other related administrative activities  
  - 6.43 cents

**Central Business & Financial Administration**  
- e.g., human resources, central financial administration, procurement, payroll, campus-wide information technology services  
  - 2.56 cents

**Sponsored Projects Administration**  
- e.g., proposal review and submission, award negotiation, negotiation and issuance of subcontracts, amendments to awards, non-financial post award activities, letter of credit reporting and drawdowns, accounts receivable cash management, F&A rate negotiation, central effort reporting support, review and submission of financial reports, sponsor invoicing, and award closeout  
  - 0.54 cents

**Research Administration & Compliance**  
- e.g., VCR office, conflict of interest management, research compliance offices, research communication, postdoc services  
  - 0.45 cents

**Research Information Systems**  
-  
  - 0.18 cents

**Office of Clinical Research**  
-  
  - 0.11 cents

**Human Research Ethics & Regulatory Compliance**  
- e.g., Office of Human Research Ethics, human subjects protection, and compliance  
  - 0.20 cents

**IACUC**  
- e.g., animal care and management  
  - 0.07 cents

**Total Administrative Costs**  
- 10.54 cents

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# Facilities Costs

**Utilities**  
-  
  - 3.63 cents

**Buildings & Fixed Equipment Depreciation**  
-  
  - 2.43 cents

**Facilities Services**  
-  
  - 2.10 cents

**Building Debt Service Interest**  
-  
  - 1.33 cents

**Movable Equipment Depreciation**  
-  
  - 0.90 cents

**Library**  
-  
  - 0.81 cents

**Rent**  
-  
  - 0.55 cents

**Environmental Health & Safety**  
-  
  - 0.19 cents

**Total Facilities Costs**  
- 11.94 cents

**Total Direct Research Costs**  
- 77.52 cents

**Grand Total**  
- $1.00