

FACT: #1 F&A COSTS ARE REAL COSTS OF RESEARCH

Myths

Myth #1c: F&A costs are like a tax which is levied by the institution to fund its overall activities and operations

Myth#1d: F&A received is funneled back to individual researchers and their departments for discretionary use

Facts

F&A reimbursement covers costs allocable to the sponsored activity, including facilities maintenance, utilities, disposal of research waste and administration

Distribution of F&A reimbursement varies by institution but is based on costs previously incurred to support the sponsored activity. Once the institution is reimbursed for F&A costs, it may distribute the funds according to its policies