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NEW GUIDELINES FOR INDIRECT COST DISTRIBUTION, MANAGEMENT, AND USE

Our Strategic Plan: University 2016, stipulates that the Río Piedras Campus of the University of Puerto Rico has as its fundamental goal, the development and growth of intellectual endeavors and their multiple manifestations, which include research projects, creation, knowledge, and professional accomplishments. The Campus has also recognized that knowledge production, its protection, disclosure, and use is are essential and fundamental tasks in the daily work of faculty. Not only does it contribute to the epistemological progress of disciplines, but it also enriches the student experience and provides a mechanism for the University to contribute to society by sharing knowledge.

With these objectives in mind, the Río Piedras Campus works continuously in the search and acquisition of external funding. Aside from providing additional resources for the development of projects that contribute to the institutional agenda, external funding also has indirect costs. Indirect costs pay for costs related to projects such as infrastructure, utilities, services, and administrative support, which are not part of the project's direct costs.

Hoping to encourage better use of these funds, optimize the investment of said funds, maintain a balance between institutional needs and those essential to sponsored projects, foster self-management in the faculty and other personnel that participates in intellectual endeavors, and promote the search and acquisition of additional external funding, the following guidelines: **Guidelines for Distribution, Management, and Use of Indirect Costs Reimbursed to the Río Piedras Campus for Acquiring External Funding.** **These Guidelines take effect on October 1, 2012 and shall apply to all externally funded projects starting on January 1, 2012.** These Guidelines repeal the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus Policy on Distribution and Use of Funds Acquired Through Indirect Costs approved on February 4, 1991 by then Chancellor, Dr. Juan R. Fernández.

We hope these Guidelines promote the ability of the Río Piedras Campus to produce knowledge, innovate, and share knowledge for the social, economic, scientific, and cultural development of Puerto Rico.

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