

School of Education and Society Grant Cost Recovery Policy

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The proposed EHS guidelines are intended to address the reality that most educational and social granting agencies only allow a low indirect cost ratio (usually between 5% and 8%) and that course release time at replacement rates are costing departments, the division and the university, fiscal resources that are becoming increasingly scarce. We propose to take into consideration the percent indirect cost offered by the agency in the calculation of cost recovery.

Grant recipients should approach cost recovery and course release time in the following ways:

- Training grants usually limit their indirect cost at 5-8%. When this is the case, particular attention should be given to course releases funded at the full faculty salary, not the replacement cost. As a general guideline, one course release should be computed at 25% of the faculty member's salary for that semester (or 12.5% of the annual salary), when allowed by the granting agency.
- When a grant allows an indirect rate higher than 25%, a lower course release rate can be negotiated; however, such a rate should never be lower than 8%.
- Course releases for grants funded by Private Foundations can be negotiated on a case-by-case basis.