SUCCESSFUL RESEARCH PROGRAMS require brilliant faculty, researchers and students; up-to-date lab space and specialized equipment; libraries with access to the latest scientific journals; and administrative support to perform research projects. SUNY incurs costs for all these components, and sponsors share in the costs attributable to the work being performed for them by SUNY.

DIRECT COSTS
- Supplies, such as notebooks, test tubes and beakers
- Specialized equipment, such as microscopes and mass spectrometers
- Salary support and stipends for faculty, researchers, staff and students performing work on the project
- Any travel that may be necessary for conducting research or sharing results

FACILITIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE (F&A) COSTS
- Administrative
  - Compliance activities to meet federal, state, and local regulations
  - Payroll, accounting and purchasing functions necessary to conduct business
  - Comprehensive insurance to cover sponsored programs activities
- Facilities
  - Construction and maintenance of labs
  - Utilities such as lighting, water, air conditioning, and heat
  - Telecommunications, internet, and data storage
  - Radiation safety and hazardous waste disposal
  - Security for sensitive and dangerous chemicals
F&A costs are actual campus expenditures. Recouping the full, real costs of research is essential to maintaining campus operations — for everything from keeping the lights on to ensuring that the labs where research is conducted are state of the art and safe for research staff.

It is extremely important that SUNY receive full reimbursement for F&A.

### SUNY’S F&A RATES

Each SUNY campus has a specific F&A rate it applies to obtain reimbursement for infrastructure costs associated with sponsored research. The Research Foundation and the federal government work to negotiate SUNY F&A rates every three to four years. Talk to your Sponsored Programs Office to find out what the rate is at your campus.

100% of F&A recovery funds return to the campus that generated the costs.

### OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE F&A COST RECOVERY

The F&A costs recovered on grants allow SUNY to build, maintain and operate research facilities. Every proposal budget that is submitted for sponsored funding should seek full-cost recovery.

Strategies include:
- **Direct charge** where allowable
- **Apply full rates** more consistently