

Standard Information:

1. The National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) is operated by the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR), DUNS# 078339587, under the sponsorship of the National Science Foundation (NSF). NSF, our cognizant audit agency, approves UCAR rates annually. Out year rates are estimated based on current rates and are subject to change. During certain time periods, budgets may include proposed rates, which are subject to review and approval of NSF.
2. The salary budget includes direct labor charges only for time worked. The employee benefit rate includes direct charges for non-work time of vacation, sick leave, holidays and other paid leave, as well as standard staff benefits. The casual benefit rate applies to casual employees who do not receive the full benefit package.
3. Indirect Costs are applied to all modified total direct costs (MTDC). Items excluded from MTDC are equipment costing \$5,000 or more, participant costs, and individual subcontract amounts in excess of \$25,000 per fiscal year.
4. The UCAR management fee is a fixed fee, calculated as a percentage of proposed MTDC and NCAR applied indirect costs.
5. The budget may include a charge for scientific computing and networking support in accordance with OMB circulars and NCAR management policy allocating the costs of scientific computing system infrastructure.
6. NSF Cosponsorship is defined as the value of resources funded by NSF to NCAR through the UCAR cooperative agreement that contribute to the performance of research sponsored by another organization. NSF Cosponsorship should not be viewed as cost sharing, as defined in OMB Circular A-110, as it is borne by the Federal Government.
7. Non-NSF and NSF Special Fund research at NCAR is monitored by our sponsor, the National Science Foundation, in accordance with criteria and guidelines approved by NSF/Division of Atmospheric Sciences.
8. For Federal Interagency Agreement Fund Transfers, NSF Administrative Cost recovery is applied at the current rate to total transfers. As a condition of NSF's entering into an interagency agreement or fund transfer, other Federal agencies must agree to the following conditions:

NSF will implement the agreement by a Scientific Program Order/Amendment issued to the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research under Cooperative Agreement No. ATM-0301213, or any successor agreement. All fund transfers and work performed will be accepted under the terms and conditions of the Cooperative Agreement. NSF will not, itself, be directly responsible for the provision of the goods or services contemplated under NCAR's proposal to the other Federal Agency.

NSF assumes no liability for any costs above the funds obligated against Program Orders.

It is NCAR's responsibility to provide the necessary fiscal and technical reports to the sponsoring agency in accordance with the terms and conditions of the sponsoring agency's agreement.

NSF may recover administrative costs consistent with Foundation Policy.

For funds provided by Federal interagency agreement or fund transfer with NSF, the contact is, Ms. Kristin Spencer, Grant and Agreement Specialist, Division of Acquisition and Cooperative Support, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 475 S, Arlington, VA 22230. Phone (703) 292-8242, Fax (703) 292-9141. If a proposal was written with the expectation of being funded by interagency transfer, the total funds requested include funds to cover NSF's administrative costs, based on NSF's current rate, related to undertaking this activity. The following language should be included in the interagency transfer documentation: "This agreement includes funds to cover NSF's administrative costs related to undertaking this activity." Please refer to the NCAR proposal number on all correspondence with NSF.

For funds provided by direct agreement with UCAR, contractual arrangements should be made with Ms. Virginia Taberski, Manager of Sponsored Agreements, UCAR Sponsored Agreements, 1850 Table Mesa Drive, Boulder, CO 80305, Phone (303) 497-2132, Fax (303) 497-8501. Please refer to the NCAR proposal number on all correspondence with UCAR.