George Mason University has received Provisional F&A rates from our cognizant agency, the Office of Naval Research (ONR) for FY14. Existing sponsored research agreements will not change, and the Provisional rates will be used on awards received beginning July 1, 2013.

Provisional rates are as follows:

On-campus research – 48.6%
Off-campus research, adjacent – 27.2%
Off-campus research, remote – 26.0%

On-campus instruction – 56.0%
Off-campus instruction, adjacent – 38.4%
Off-campus instruction, remote – 26.0%

On-campus other sponsored activities – 34.4%
Off-campus other sponsored activities, adjacent – 27.1%
Off-campus other sponsored activities, remote – 26.0%

Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) awards – 7.9%

Department of Defense (DOD) research contracts
On-campus – 54.1%
Off-campus, adjacent – 30.6%
Off-campus, remote – 29.4%

Rates for DOD research contracts are higher than the regular research rates because there is no cap on the administrative portion of the rate.

Definitions of terms are as follows:

**Sponsored Research** includes all research and development activities that are sponsored by Federal and non-Federal agencies and organizations. This term involves systematic study directed toward fuller knowledge or understanding of the subject and includes activities involving the training of individuals in research techniques (research training) where such activities utilize the same facilities as other research and development activities and where such activities are not included in the instruction function. Sponsored Research generally includes hypothesis testing and has a defined scope of work, a work plan, time frame and reporting requirements to the sponsor.

**Sponsored Instruction** is defined as teaching and training activities funded by grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements from Federal or non-Federal sponsors. Sponsored Instruction includes agreements that support teaching/training activities, whether offered through regular academic departments or separate divisions.

**Other Sponsored Activities** include programs and projects financed by Federal and non-Federal agencies and organizations which involve performance of work other than instruction and organized research. Other Sponsored Activities are established primarily to provide non-instructional services beneficial to individuals and groups external to the institution. Some examples include: Travel, Conferences, Social Service, Community Service, Health Service and Program Operation.

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