

Principal Investigator (PI) Facilities & Administrative (F&A) Cost Recovery Revenue Distribution

General Principles

Costs to sustain funded research programs are incurred at all levels of the institution, including by Principal Investigators (PI). To support PI-level costs, at least in part:

- PIs will receive an annual distribution of 2% of Annual Earnings (“F&A Revenue Allocation”), by college, as calculated within the [AIB F&A Dashboard](#) associated with “Investigator Name,” so long as the PI is a UArizona employee or employee of an affiliated healthcare partner who also meets the UA eligibility requirements to serve as a Principal Investigator per UA Policy (<https://research.arizona.edu/administration/getting-started/principal-investigator-project-director-co-investigator>).
- Minimum Annual Distributions will be set at \$200/year. Earnings by individual PIs below \$200 will be distributed to the college / support unit associated with the award F&A.
- Funds can be used for any purpose allowed under current UArizona purchasing policies.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- How frequent will the distributions to PIs be made?
 - Annually, at a minimum – more frequently if deemed feasible within a college or support division.
- Can more than 2% be distributed?
 - The Dean / VP of the college / support unit shall determine if additional funding is available for distribution to PIs from the college / support unit F&A Revenue Allocation funds.
- Will these funds be excluded from AIB Gain Share?
 - No.
- Can these funds be subject to carryforward redistribution or limit?
 - Deans / VPs are encouraged to set their own policies regarding use and carryforward of these funds. AIB rules will consider these funds as general operating funds and therefore they will be counted as unrestricted funds subject to Gain Share.
- Can these funds be retained by the PI’s research group if the PI departs the university?
 - Deans / VPs have oversight of policies regarding use and carryforward of F&A funds.
- How should colleges / support units track and report on these funds?
 - Any reporting method is allowed. A single college / division account with sub-accounts by PI was recommended by a number of finance officers as likely a common and productive reporting model to use within our current financial system and chart of accounts.