

FEC Rates - contents

The rates EXCLUDE costs attributed to Teaching and Other. They also EXCLUDE direct costs (ie charged "direct" to a project), such as PI time, Research Assistants, Technicians, New equipment, Consumables, Travel & subsistence. Also treated as direct costs (to enable recovery in projects) are Recruitment:

- Staff Apptmnts-Advertising
- Staff Apptmnts-Interview Expenses
- Recruitment costs - general
- Staff Apptmnts-non-personal relocation

Estates rate: This includes:

Costs relating to running and maintaining buildings and the estate:

- Maintenance (inc B&E department)
- Utilities
- Cleaners
- Porters
- Depreciation (Plus TRAC Infrastructure charge – a sort of depreciation top-up; and TRAC RFI (Estates) adjustment)

Not so obviously:

- Equipment costs – maintenance, consumables, depreciation.

Indirect Cost rate: This includes:

- Academic staff "Support for research" time (ie time not directly attributable to project or PGR work)
- Other School staff time, such as Academic-Related and Clerical staff
- School non-staff costs
- Central University Costs (such as would be charged via the PSC)
- TRAC RFI (Expenditure) adjustment (a sort of "surplus" for reinvestment)

NB this does not include any costs charged to a project account.

Technician Infrastructure rate:

Technicians are complicated. They can be charged direct to a project, evidenced by a contract referencing the project; or by timesheets. They can be allocated to a project, using a published Technician hourly rate and an estimate of hours. Finally, technician infrastructure support time (overheads - training, H&S, equipment maintenance, etc) is recovered through a rate just like the estates rate.

Rate calculation: The respective cost pools for Estates and Indirect Costs are divided by Direct research FTEs.

Direct research FTEs comprise:

- Academic staff time allocated to Internally funded Research;
- Academic staff time allocated to Externally funded Research;
- Academic staff time allocated to PGR supervision;
- Research Assistants (100%);
- Post-Graduate Research Students (Weighted).

Academic staff time is established from Time Allocation Schedules.

It excludes:

- Academic staff time allocated to Support for Research (included in Indirect Cost);
- Technicians (Technicians' overheads are recovered on Academics and RAs).