

POLICY MEMORANDUM

No. III-20

Cost Sharing Policy

The report of the Grants and Contracts Management Task Force adopted in 1979 states, in part, that, "The University seeks and accepts grant and contract support which is consistent with its missions and hence cost sharing may be appropriate." The thrust of the campus policy is to obtain as close to full cost recovery as *is* possible. The corollary to this is that cost sharing should be held to the minimum necessary to obtain a grant award. There may be cases where the required level of the University's cost participation is deemed to be too high and an award would be refused or a proposal not be allowed to go forward to a sponsor.

The Missouri University of Science and Technology will attempt to recover costs from grants and contracts to the maximum extent possible and will agree to share in a portion of project cost only when a project is deemed otherwise consistent with and important to its mission.


It shall be the function of the Office of Sponsored Programs to review and approve grant and contract proposals and awards to balance the degree of cost participation against the benefit to the University and to determine the acceptability of cost sharing proposed in a particular project. It is expected that cases involving cost sharing will be referred to administrative superiors for decisions with ultimate referral to the Vice Provost for Research.

The proposal signature routing sheet is to be used as the document for approval of cost sharing. It is the responsibility of the principal investigator(s) and the department chair(s) to consider carefully, the programmatic benefits and costs associated with any proposed cost sharing. A brief summary of the request (and rationale) for cost sharing should be provided in the Comments Section of the proposal signature routing sheet or in an attached memorandum. This information will be reviewed by the Vice Provost for Research in his/her evaluation of the proposal.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately.

RESPONSIBILITY: Department Chairs and Vice Provost for Research

BASIS: Chancellor


John F. Carney III
Chancellor