

Policy on Indirect Costs for grant applications

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Lex International Fund permits indirect costs (also referred to as overhead, facilities and administrative (F&A) costs, or institutional costs) in grant budgets submitted under any Lex International Fund's call for proposals. Indirect costs are defined as real costs that cannot be directly attributed to a specific project activity but are necessary to support the broader operations of the applicant organisation.

The maximum allowable indirect cost rate is **15% of eligible direct costs**. This ceiling applies uniformly to all applicants regardless of organisation type or country of registration. Applicants whose standard institutional rate exceeds 15%, including US universities operating under federally negotiated F&A rates, may not apply their full institutional rate to Lex International grants. By submitting an application, applicants confirm their acceptance of this condition.

Questions regarding this policy should be directed to grants@lexinternational.org.