



Overhead/ Indirect Cost Guidelines for Applicants

Please budget for overhead (OH) at the LOI and Full Proposal stages. However, as funding decisions for individual projects are not finalized until late December, please note that OH requests may not be funded, depending on the overhead policies of individual funding organizations.

Organization Name	Overhead Eligibility (%)	Details/Notes
Alberta Beef Producers	15%	The final amount allocated to a project from ABP will include overhead (i.e. if ABP provides \$40,000 to a project, that number includes the 15% overhead)
Alberta Beekeepers Commission	Not Applicable	Overhead is not an eligible expense.
Alberta Canola Producers Commission	15%	ACPC's maximum allowable rate for overhead on the direct costs of research is 15%.
Alberta Chicken Producers	15%	Alberta Chicken Producers' maximum allowable rate for overhead on the direct costs of research is 15%.
Alberta Grains	15%	Alberta Grains allows a maximum rate of 15% on direct research costs.
Alberta Innovates	Not Applicable	Overhead is not an eligible expense.
Alberta Pork	15%	Alberta Pork's maximum allowable rate for overhead on the direct costs of research is 15%.
Alberta Pulse Growers Commission	15%	APGC's maximum allowable rate for overhead on the direct costs of research is 15%.
Egg Farmers of Alberta	Up to 30%	Overhead will be considered on a case-by-case basis up to a maximum of 30%. Overhead should be clearly identified in the budget of research proposals.
Genome Alberta	Not Applicable	Overhead is not an eligible expense.
Manitoba Crop Alliance	15%	Manitoba Crop Alliance maximum allowable rate for overhead on direct costs of research is set at 15%.
Manitoba Canola Growers Association	15%	MCGA's maximum allowable rate for overhead on the direct costs of research is 15%. Overhead should be clearly identified in the budget of research proposals.

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Prairie Oat Growers Association	15%	POGA allows a maximum overhead cost of 15%. Additional overhead may be considered if extenuating circumstances are approved by the board.
Results Driven Agriculture Research	15%	Indirect overhead expenses are eligible up to a maximum of 15%, provided the applicant can demonstrate that these funds are allocated to the department completing the project and are used to support research activities. *For AAFC applicants, the 15% overhead applies specifically to the Science Service Charge (SSC).
Saskatchewan Barley Development Commission	15%	The SBDC maximum allowable rate for overhead on direct costs of research is set at 15%.
Saskatchewan Oilseeds Development Commission	15%	Indirect costs of research to a max of 15%. For AAFC, a max of 10% SSC. For any funding that flows through from one institution to a collaborating institution, overhead can be claimed at one institution only.
Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission	15%	The SWDC maximum allowable rate for overhead on direct costs of research is set at 15%.
Western Dairy Research Collaboration , as represented by Alberta Milk, BC Dairy, Dairy Farmers of Manitoba, and SaskMilk	N/A	Producer funds are not available to support research institution administration or overhead costs.
Western Grains Research Foundation	15%	The WGRF maximum allowable rate for overhead on direct costs of research projects and programs is 15%. WGRF funding for capacity-building, including human resources and infrastructure, is ineligible for overhead charges.

*Note: This information is subject to change. Organizations are responsible for keeping their details up to date. AFC members should email research@rdar.ca with any updates to their OH policies.