



BRYN MAWR COLLEGE

Cost Sharing Policy

Cost sharing occurs when an applicant contributes resources to a sponsored project in addition to the amount funded by the sponsor. The College may contribute cost share when required or requested by a sponsor. These costs will depend on what is allowable per the sponsor's guidelines, but may be direct or indirect costs. The Office of Sponsored Research will assist in drafting an appropriate budget based on Funder guidelines, but all cost share must be approved by the Provost and the Controller as the commitment to provide such support is binding for the College and that must be tracked and recorded in the accounting system

Examples of Cost Share items:

Direct Costs

Faculty or Staff Effort – It may be appropriate to contribute faculty or staff effort to the performance of a sponsored project. Salary and fringe benefits would both be included.

Student Support – This is typically limited to Summer Research stipend contributions from the College, but this requires a student to work on the grant project and not their own project. Thus, it is not an appropriate fit for all projects.

Equipment – It may be appropriate to cost share the cost of equipment (in whole or in part).

Other Direct Costs – Travel expenses and laboratory supplies are examples of other costs that may be appropriate for cost share.

Indirect Costs

Indirect costs are real costs of conducting instruction, research and public service. They are real costs incurred by this work whether or not the sponsor pays for them. Therefore, unrecovered direct costs are eligible for cost sharing and can be tracked at the rate specified in our federally negotiated rate agreement.

Not available for Cost Share:



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- Facilities
- Administrative effort
- Depreciation on equipment

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