

## **Policy Statement with Regard to Proposal Approvals in the School of Environmental and Forest Sciences**

Historically SEFS has collected a comparatively smaller proportion of its research expenditures in indirect costs, due to circumstances that are largely beyond our control. As a result of organizational change, what we do collect is subject to taxation by the Dean's Office in addition to the UW-level tax. Further adjustments in methodology have erased the higher-return advantage we previously had with our relatively large proportion of off-campus projects. Indirect costs are critical to the financial health of the UW, College, and School. It is necessary to reverse the trend of these changes and increase our rate of collection of indirect costs or at a minimum ensure that compensating value is directed to the School. Therefore, meeting at least one of the following conditions is necessary for approval of a grant proposal through SEFS:

1. The proposal must have standard indirect costs, OR
2. The proposal must provide significant support of graduate and/or undergraduate students or, where appropriate, administrative support, OR
3. The proposal must be clearly linked to UW programs and their associated educational, research or outreach missions.

Any proposal not meeting at least one of these will require an extensive discussion with the SEFS Director.