

COMMON RESEARCH RELATED ACRONYMS

ACRONYM	DEFINITION
CFDA	Code of Federal Domestic Assistance
COGR	Council of Governmental Relations – a professional organization supporting university business officers
COI	Conflict of Interest
COLA	Cost of Living Adjustment
DC	Direct Cost
DOD	Department of Defense
DOE	Department of Energy
DoEd	Department of Education
F&A	Facilities and Administrative costs - also referred to as indirect cost and overhead – the cost of doing business
FAR	Federal Acquisition Regulations – Contract Terms
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FCOI	Financial Conflict of Interest
FEA	Fully executed agreement – both signatures are now on the agreement, and it is fully approved
First Ex	An agreement issued to the University unsigned. The University must sign first, return to the sponsor, a fully executed agreement will be issued at which time an account can be set up
GAID	(Used for a SmartGrant legacy data identifier in Kualii) Gams Award ID – The number in SmartGrant (previously GAMS) for identifying your award - usually ends in 'a#'
GAO	Government Accountability Office
GPID	(Used for a SmartGrant legacy data identifier in Kualii) GAMS Proposal ID – The number in SmartGrant (previously GAMS) associated with a proposal
IACUC	Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee – Committee responsible for oversight of protocols for research that involved animals
IDC	Indirect cost – also referred to as F&A
IPA	Inter Personnel Assignment – an agreement that is issued when an individual is appointed on an assignment at another agency for a period of time.
IRB	Institutional Review Board – Committee responsible for oversight of protocols for research that involves human subjects
ISA	Interdepartmental Service Agreement – An award from a Commonwealth institution to the University
JIT	Just In Time – materials some sponsors request just before making an award rather than requiring at proposal stage
JOL	Jordan on line – Research Administration’s data warehouse of sponsored activities
MOU	Memorandum of understanding. Normally associated with an award action for projects that have Co-PI’s
MTDC	Modified Total Direct Cost - the basis for calculating F&A where some costs are exempted from the base
NASA	National Aero and Space Administration
NCURA	National Council of University Research Administrators – a professional organization for Research Administrators
NEA	National Endowment for the Arts
NEH	National Endowment for the Humanities
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NSF	National Science Foundation
OGCA #	(Used for a SmartGrant legacy data identifier in Kualii)
OIG	Office of Inspector General – Federal government offices who are charged with deterring, detecting waste, fraud, and abuse
OPAM	Office of Post-Award Management
OPAS	Office of Pre-Award Services
OMB	Office of Management and Budget – agency that provides directives regarding management of federal funding
PEA	Pre-establishment account – an account that may be requested prior to an award arriving to allow projects to start if purchases or appointments need to be made
PI	Principal Investigator – the lead person carrying out and overseeing a sponsored project
PIAA	Principal Investigator Award Agreement – a form OPAM sends to the faculty with a copy of their award informing them of the terms and making sure that the PI agrees to the terms and the requirements of accepting the award
RBML	Research Business Manager Liaison
RFP	Request for Proposal
SBA	Small Business Administration
SRA	Society of Research Administrators – a professional organization for research administrators
SRO	Sponsored Research Office – OPAS and OPAM (formerly OGCA)
ST	Speed Type – A Controller’s Office Peoplesoft number associated with your award
TCP	Technology control plan – related to export controls
TDC	Total Direct Cost - used by some sponsors or programs as the basis for calculating F&A where only Tuition Charge is exempt
UG	Uniform Guidance – Federal regulations for management of grants and cooperative agreements. Formerly OMB A-21, A-110 and A-133
UMA	University of Massachusetts Amherst
UMII	University of Massachusetts Innovation Institute
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture