



## FASEB Statement on Unprecedented Cuts to NIH Facilities & Administration Costs

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The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), a coalition of 22 biological and biomedical societies representing 110,000 individual scientists, is dismayed by the administration's decision to apply significant – and immediate – cuts to research grants funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). While touted as a path towards significant cost savings and increased efficiency, this draconian approach will slow progress towards life-saving research, impede health care delivery, reduce training of the next generation of scientists, and negatively affect local economies.

In a [Notice](#) issued on February 7, NIH announced application of a 15 percent rate for Facilities and Administration (F&A) costs for all existing and new grants to institutions of higher education effective February 10, 2025, a move that conflicts with existing rates contracted between institutions and the Department of Health and Human Services. For the majority of research institutions, this flat F&A rate represents a minimum 50 percent decrease in funds that support the facilities where research is conducted. These funds cover maintenance of shared equipment and resources, compliance with measures to ensure patient privacy and research security, and utilities, such as appropriate management of biohazardous materials. These are real costs that will stymie the pursuit of research and also risk the safety of those working in or with research facilities.

FASEB joins its partners in the biomedical research community, including the [Association of American Universities](#), the [Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities](#), the [Association of American Medical Colleges](#), the [Council on Governmental Relations](#), and the Association of Independent Research Institutes, in urging the administration to rescind these unprecedented cuts before they negatively impact the health and safety of the Nation.