Sponsored Projects (Funds 30 & 31)

A sponsored project is an activity defined in scope and goal generally undertaken by University faculty, often with the involvement of students and staff, utilizing University facilities and equipment, and conducted with financial and/or other valuable support from an external sponsoring entity. Sponsored projects may include basic and applied research, scholarly activity, training, instruction and instructional design, public service, and other creative endeavors.

For sponsored projects, the sponsoring entity typically expects an outcome that either directly benefits the sponsor or serves a charitable or public purpose. The sponsoring entity usually requires the University to report on how the funds or other project resources were used and what progress was made toward accomplishing the goals of the project.

- (1) Research Projects
 - (2) Human Subjects Research (including but not limited to Clinical Trials)
- (3) Other Sponsored Projects

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A project is typically a "Sponsored Project" if it involves:

- Federal Funding (with CFDA number), including Federal Flow Through
- State Funding
- Resources other than just Principal Investigator (PI) time, such as lab equipment or space on campus
- o Multiple PIs
- O Compliance/regulatory components (human/animal subjects, export control, etc.)
- An intellectual or scholarly contribution from University personnel
- O A formal proposal or award document
- An itemized budget which may place restrictions on how funds can be spent and/or re-budgeted
- O Cost-sharing in order to receive the funding
- A specific commitment regarding the level of personnel effort
- A fiscal report, activity report, and/or external audit during the course of the work or at the end of the project period
- A proposed agreement with the sponsor that provides for the disposition of tangible or intangible property
- O Unexpended funds that must be returned to the sponsor at the end of the activity

Fee for Service/Revenue (Funds 20/28/29)

Fee for service activities in academic settings generally encompass service projects for which an external client pays a certain defined rate to the University for a deliverable generated using known practical applications of standard procedures and established theories, methods and standard experiments using special or unique University research capabilities. The results of such work are of specific interest to the client and normally involve a set fee according to a published rate schedule routinely charged to all potential customers, off-the-shelf tools and established protocols. Fee for service work does not require original, creative, or scholarly analyses or non-standard interpretation of data sets by University faculty, staff or students engaged in the work.

Examples of fee for service agreements include: Incoming/Outgoing Equipment Rentals, Lab Services, Conference Hosting, Material Transfer Agreements that involve a sale of a material, Consulting (Non-CU medicine) or Professional Services, Continuing Medical Education (CME) Events

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A project is typically Fee for Service if it involves the University receiving money or equipment from an external entity and one of the following is also true:

- The faculty member executing a scope of work that was created by an outside entity, and expected to do so without variation
- Work restricted to performance of previously published methods that are routinely executed by the faculty member and/or methods prepared by company for which standardized pricing is typically appropriate
- The faculty member being asked to analyze data generated and draw conclusions from those data that will not be used in research but will be used for outreach or extension project or reports
- A scope of work that describes routine or repetitive services
- Work that will require little or no intellectual or scholarly contribution on the part of the faculty member
- O No new intellectual property expected to be developed in performing the work.
- No scientific uncertainty regarding the faculty member's ability to perform the work and provide the stated deliverables
- The faculty member is not engaging in significant interpretive analysis of resulting data or provide conclusions
- O No expectation of the faculty member for publishing on the work or the data.
- O A budget that is based on a fixed rate (for example, \$100 per sample analyzed)
- O The University is loaning or renting equipment