

SEFS Research Grants and Contracts Proposal Approvals Policy

It is necessary to assure that the costs associated with research administration in SEFS are covered by research revenue, or that exceptions be made only in cases that advance SEFS goals. Therefore, meeting at least one of the following conditions is necessary for approval of a grant proposal through SEFS:

1. The proposal must have a full federally negotiated indirect cost rate applicable to on- or off-campus sponsored programs, as defined by the UW in [GIM 13](#), OR
2. The proposal is for a student or postdoctoral fellowship or is led by a student OR
3. The proposal is clearly linked to existing UW programs, including those with alternative indirect cost rates, and their associated educational, research or outreach missions. These programs include:
 - Pacific Northwest Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CESU)
 - Washington Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit (WCFWRU)
 - Stand Management Cooperative (SMC)
 - UW Internal proposal calls, including the Royalty Research Fund (RRF)
 - The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
 - Mt. Rainier Institute (MRI)

OR

4. The proposal must provide at least 30% of total direct project costs in support of students (salary, stipend, benefits, and tuition), OR
5. The proposal must include appropriate and permissible charges for administrative support, or salary or other offsets (e.g., academic-year salary) so that the sum of these charges plus IDC returned to SEFS is at least 10% of total direct costs *
6. The proposal is to fund a faculty member's travel/living expenses and/or salary for specific sabbatical-related activities, while on a sabbatical that extends for at least two quarters.

*PI is responsible for accounting of offset support which will be validated by the SEFS Grants Team, this will require extra time and will make such proposals COMPLEX proposals. See SEFS Complex Proposal Policy.