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Cost Share, It Isn't Play Money; It is Real

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Cost Share Basics

Cost share (sometimes called match) is the cost the institution (PI, dept, division, university) pays for research that the sponsor does not.



Uniform Guidance § 200.306

Under Federal research proposals, voluntary committed cost sharing is not expected. It cannot be used as a factor during the merit review of applications or proposals but may be considered if it is both in accordance with Federal awarding agency regulations and specified in a notice of funding opportunity.

Criteria for considering voluntary committed cost sharing and any other program policy factors that may be used to determine who may receive a Federal award must be explicitly described in the notice of funding opportunity.

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Three types of cost share:

- 1) Mandatory*
- 2) Voluntary Commitment*
- 3) Voluntary Uncommitted

*Must be tracked and reported once the offer is accepted by the sponsor in the agreement

Questions?
