

MEMORANDUM

To: Animal Facility Users

From: James A. Dias, Ph.D.
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Date: July 1, 2021

Subject: Updated Animal Facility Rates

In accordance with Uniform Guidance ([2 CFR § 200](#)), the University is required to complete a cost study at least once every two years for any campus services that are charged to sponsored awards. In order to comply with this requirement, the University recently completed a cost study for the husbandry services provided through the campus Animal Facilities. The results of this cost study indicate that a small rate adjustment for animal husbandry services is in order. As such, the following rate changes will be put into effect on the dates indicated below. Rates are broken down into three user categories, which have been established for each campus facility given the user's affiliation with the University.

User categories are as follows:

State or RF Funded Users – Any Animal Facility user whose funding comes through State/University funds or is funded through the Research Foundation at the University at Albany (RF location 010).

Affiliated User – Any Animal Facility user who has an appointment or direct affiliation with the University, of SUNY but does not receive funding through State/University funds or RF location 010.

External User – By contract.

The new rates are displayed below:

| | | | <u>Per Cage per Day</u> <u>Health Sciences</u> <u>Campus</u> | <u>Per Cage per Day</u> <u>Uptown Campus</u> |
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| State or RF Funded Users <i>Effective for grant applications or renewals submitted 7/1/2021 or later</i> | Mice | \$ | 0.90 | \$ 0.70 |
| | Rats | \$ | 1.10 | \$ 0.80 |
| Affiliated Users <i>Effective 7/1/2021</i> | Mice | \$ | NA* | \$ 1.08 |
| | Rats | \$ | NA* | \$ 1.23 |

**No Affiliated users currently at HSC.*

In recognition of the funding included in current sponsored award agreements, the old animal husbandry rates will be honored through the end of all existing grants and contracts for State and RF locations 010 awards. Please begin to utilize the new rates outlined above in all grant applications dated after July 1, 2021. For affiliated users, in order to allow for the accommodation of the new rates in new or renewed grants and contracts or re-budgeting on existing awards, the new rates will be applied to all affiliated user accounts beginning July 1, 2021. External users will follow negotiated contract rates.

It should be noted that even after these slight rate increases, the animal husbandry rates for State, RF and affiliated users will be equal to approximately 52 percent of the actual cost of providing animal husbandry services on campus, with the remaining 48 percent being subsidized by the campus financial plan. In setting these highly subsidized rates, my office has taken into account animal husbandry rates at both peer and local Universities, in which our rates continue to remain below the average rates for these institutions.

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