INDIRECT RESEARCH COSTS

Definition
Indirect costs of research are institution overhead costs that benefit and support research. They can include such things as the operations and maintenance of buildings, use of facilities and libraries, hazardous waste disposal, regulatory and research compliance and administration of research services. Although they are necessary for the conduct of research, and although they may be incurred in the course of research, they are costs that do not directly address the approved research objectives of a grant.

Direct research costs do not include any indirect costs such as those outlined below:
- indirect costs of research
- networking costs
- institutional overheads and administrative costs
- personal membership of professional organisations and groups
- non project related staff training and development costs
- research infrastructure – facilities necessary to the research endeavour that a responsible Institution would be expected to supply as a prerequisite to its engagement in research. This includes
  - physical space and all the services associated with it
  - furniture for research staff
  - administrative services
  - office services and laboratory services
  - ethics approval costs
  - staff training and development
  - animal house facilities
  - computer networks and basic network utilities
  - personal computers, related network peripherals and software needed for communicating, writing and undertaking simple analyses (Scholarship grant holders, however, may purchase laptops – refer Direct Costs above)
- travel to associated/relevant conference attendance (other than for Early Career Fellowship and Scholarship holders)
- overseas travel (unless it is directly related to the research recommended by the GRP and prior formal approval has been obtained from NHMRC)
- health insurance, travel insurance, foreign currency, airport and related travel taxes, passports and visas Fellowships)
- personal subscriptions (private journal subscriptions)
- communications costs (mobiles, telephone calls)
- patent costs
- entertainment and hospitality costs
- airline club memberships
- purchase of reprints
- car rental