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# COVID-19: Guidance for the UD Research Community

## Virtual Town Hall

Monday, April 5, 2021

2–3 pm

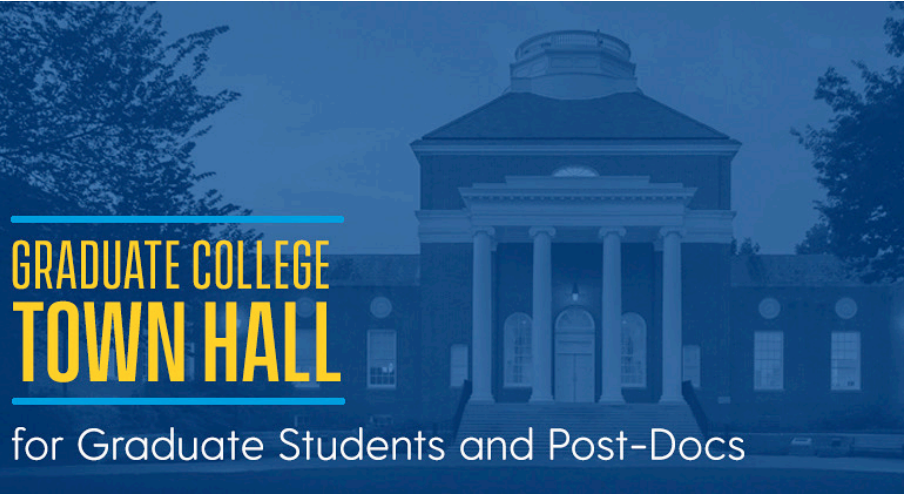


# Agenda

1. State of Delaware Updates
2. UD COVID & Research Updates
3. F&A Primer
4. Questions – Zoom Q&A



# Graduate College Town Halls



## Postdoctoral Fellows & Researchers Town Hall

Thursday, April 8, 11 a.m.-noon (EDT)

[Register Here](#)

## Graduate Student Town Hall

Thursday, April 15, 11 a.m.-noon (EDT)

Thursday, May 20, 11 a.m.-noon (EDT)

[Register Here](#)



## Principal Investigator/Program Director

We seek to appoint an individual with an established record of research excellence, including NIH funding, strong faculty and staff mentoring skills, an unwavering commitment to inclusive excellence and social justice, the ability to build community and collaborations between disparate groups and institutions, and administrative acumen.

Contact Search Committee Chair, Charlie Riordan, [riordan@udel.edu](mailto:riordan@udel.edu)

Review of applications commences May 1<sup>st</sup>

# State of Delaware–Phase 2

## Weekly COVID-19 Update:

Average Daily Cases,  
Current Hospitalizations  
Continue Upward Trend



# State of Delaware–Phase 2

**Outdoor gatherings** in spaces with no fire occupancy restrictions **are limited to 150 people, or higher with a plan** approved by the Division of Public Health (DPH).

**Indoor gatherings** or events at any business or indoor space open to the public remain limited to **the lesser of fifty percent of stated fire occupancy or twenty-five people**.

Food and drink establishments remain at **fifty percent** of stated fire occupancy requirements, excluding employees.



## Governor Carney Updates Omnibus COVID-19 Emergency Order

*Outdoor gatherings limited to 150 people, or higher  
with a DPH-approved plan*

# State of Delaware Statistics

Data reported 4/4/21



	AVG. ON APR. 3	14-DAY CHANGE	TOTAL REPORTED
Cases	339	+33%	96,077
Tests	6,434	-6%	—
Hospitalized	146	+21%	—
Deaths	3	-5%	1,565



# COVID-19: Delaware

## New Cases

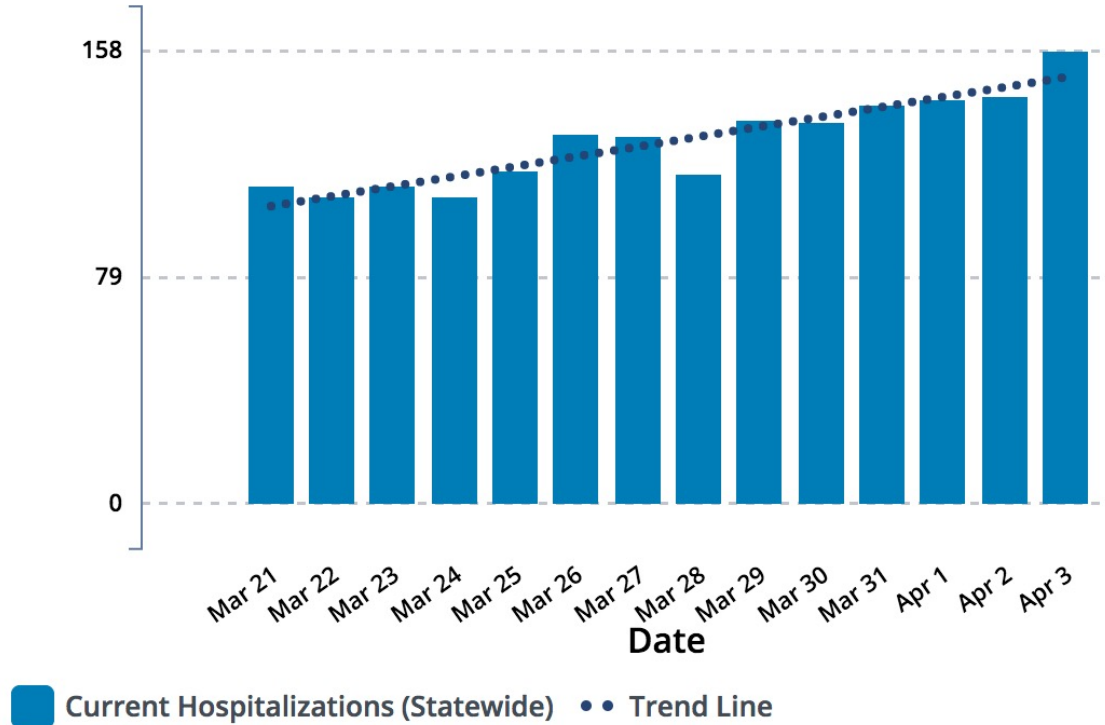


Percent Positive = 5.7%



# COVID-19: Delaware

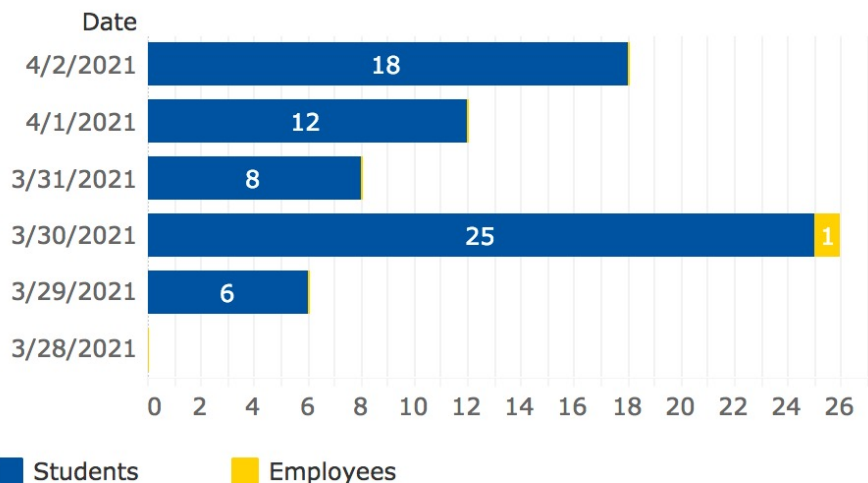
## Hospitalizations



# University of Delaware COVID Dashboard

## Daily New Positive Cases

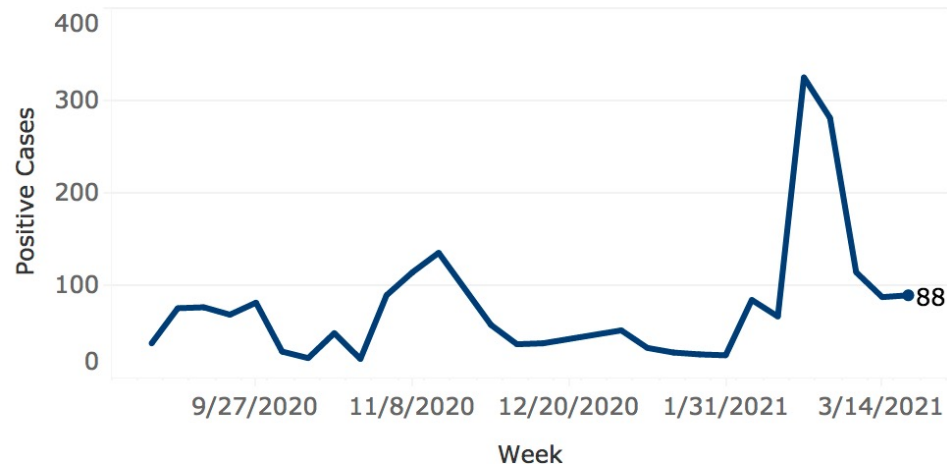
Week Filter



Last week

## Positive Cases by Week

Employees and Students



# COVID Surveillance Testing

Saturdays, 10 am to 3 pm on STAR Campus. Drive-through test hosted by New Castle County. Pre-registration required.

[https://curative.com/19711 - 9/39.68/-75.74](https://curative.com/19711-9/39.68/-75.74)

Additional testing sites by date and location <https://curative.com/search>

New Castle County testing events. <https://www.nccde.org/2011/COVID-19-Resources>

Tuesdays, 11 am-7 pm, the state will be testing at the Hollingsworth parking lot, at the corner of North College and Cleveland. Registration is encouraged at [this link](#).

# Delaware Vaccination Data

## TOTAL DAILY DOSES ADMINISTERED IN STATE OF DELAWARE

### Vaccines Delivered to DE

Pfizer: 309,075

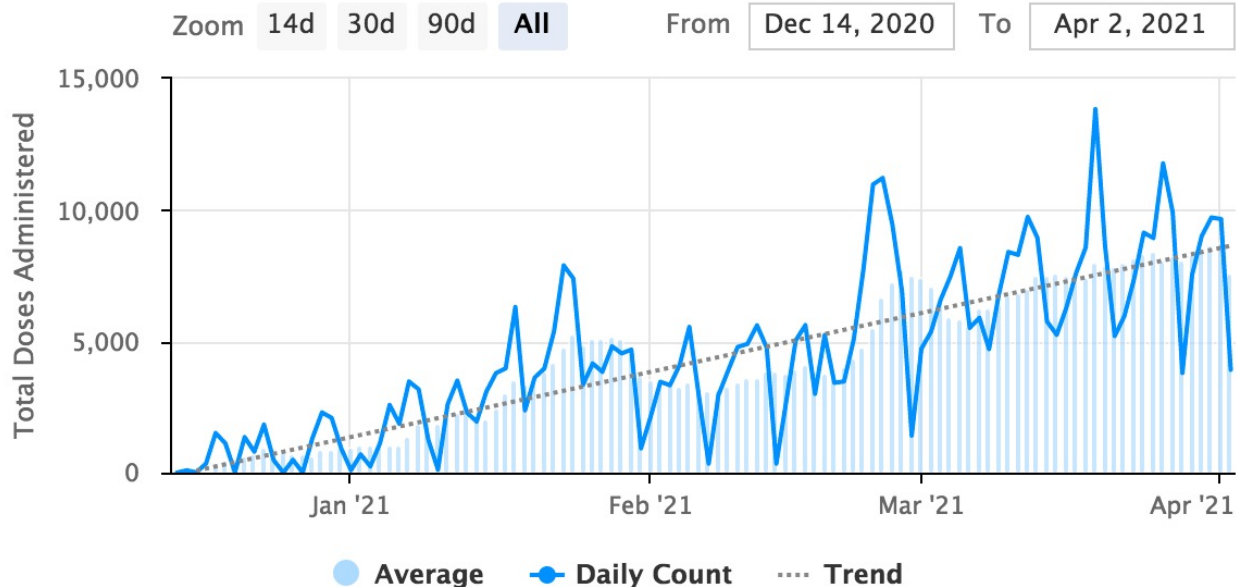
Moderna: 267,900

Johnson & Johnson: 23,200

Total: 600,175

### Total Doses Administered

492,657 (82.1%)



BEGINNING  
**APRIL 6**

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**All Delawareans 16+  
will be eligible  
for the COVID-19 vaccine**

# Vaccinations

**All employees of institutions of higher education (now) and all Delawareans 16 and older beginning tomorrow, April 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**Undergraduate and Graduate Student Employees:** HR distributed employment documentation for graduate students and student employees to confirm their vaccine eligibility via email last week. All other employees can present their UD ID cards or a pay stub as proof of employment.

**Upcoming vaccination events for UD employees:** 1400+ Delaware higher education employees were vaccinated on STAR Campus April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Tuesday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 9 am-5 pm, Safeway 2522 Foulk Rd [Registration](#)

Friday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 am-5 pm, STAR Campus Tower, Audion [Registration](#)

# Vaccination Status Survey

The University encourages all members of our community to get the vaccine when it is available to them.

To accurately understand the vaccination rate in our community, the University is asking you to share basic information about your vaccination status. This information will help the University more effectively advocate for vaccines in our community and plan appropriate opportunities for vaccinations on and near campus.

**Please be assured that UD is absolutely committed to protecting your privacy. Vaccination data will only be reported in the aggregate; your individual information will be kept strictly confidential.**

Please complete [this brief survey](#) by Friday, April 9.



# After Vaccination Guidelines-What Changes

One is considered **fully vaccinated two weeks** after their second shot of 2-dose vaccine (Pfizer, Moderna) or their only shot in a single dose regimen (J&J/Janssen).

You can gather indoors with **fully vaccinated people** without wearing a mask.

You can gather indoors with unvaccinated people from **one other household** without masks, unless any of those people or anyone they live with has an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

If you've been around someone who has COVID-19, you do not need to stay away from others or get tested unless you have symptoms.

However, if you live in a **group setting and are around someone who has COVID-19**, you should still stay away from others for 14 days and get tested.

# After Vaccination Guidelines-What Changes

## **Latest CDC Guidance 4/2/21**

Fully vaccinated individuals can resume domestic travel and do not need to get tested before or after travel or self-quarantine after travel.

Fully vaccinated individuals do not need to get tested before leaving the United States unless required by the destination or self-quarantine after arriving back in the United States.

**As UD travel guidance evolves, changes will be communicated.**

# After Vaccination Guidelines-What Does Not Change

You should still take steps to protect yourself and others in many situations, like **wearing a mask**, staying at least **6 feet apart** from others, and **avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces**.

You should still **avoid medium or large-sized gatherings**.

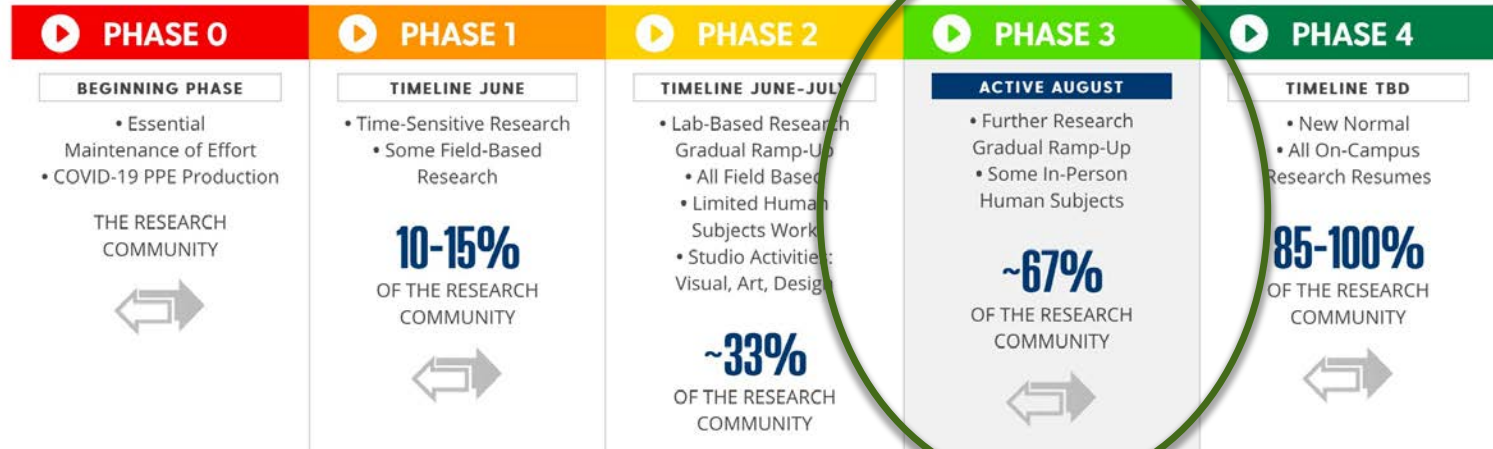
You should still watch out for symptoms of COVID-19, especially if you've been around someone who is sick. **If you have symptoms of COVID-19**, you should get tested, stay home and away from others.

You will still need to follow guidance at your workplace.



## Research Ramp-Up Phases

Click on each phase for more details. We are now reviewing PI request forms for Phase 3. If you already have campus access and are bringing additional coworkers on-site and/or accessing additional space you must submit a new Phase 3 request.



# Summer Undergraduate Research



UD is planning for face-to-face undergraduate research this summer.

Individual programs are making their own decisions. Students should check with the specific program director for details.

# Sponsored Research Facilities & Administrative Costs A Primer



# What Do Sponsors' Funds Pay For?



National Institutes  
of Health



NATIONAL  
ENDOWMENT for the **ARTS**  
[arts.gov](http://arts.gov)



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
**ENERGY**



**Chemours™**

JPMORGAN  
CHASE & CO.

BILL & MELINDA  
GATES *foundation*



NATIONAL  
ENDOWMENT  
FOR THE  
HUMANITIES







**Direct costs –**  
salaries and stipends for  
researchers and students  
materials & supplies  
equipment  
travel costs for conducting and  
sharing research

# F&A costs –

Administrative,  
maintenance &  
custodial staff

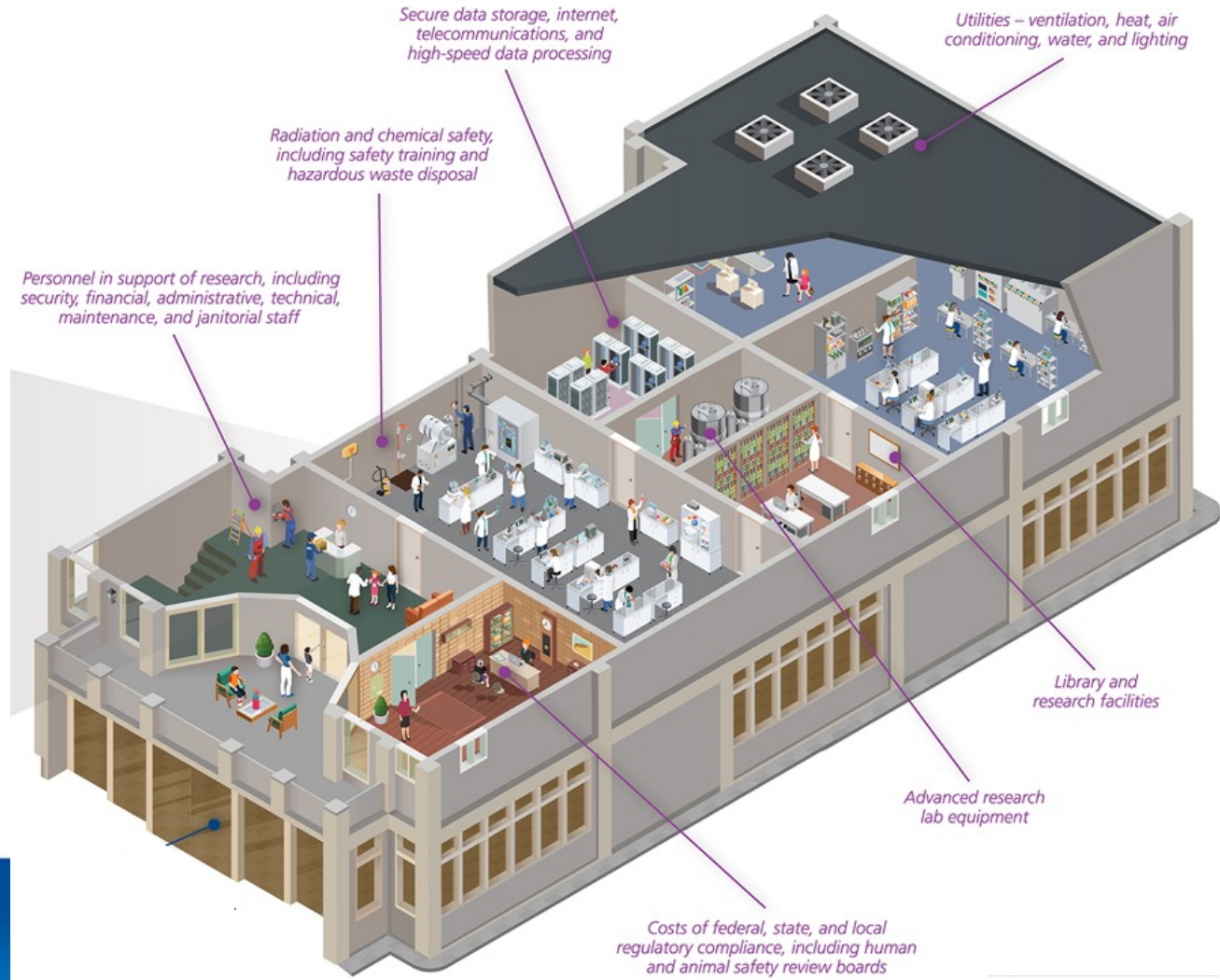
Utilities

Information Tech.

Library

Radiation &  
chemical safety

Compliance



# *Facilities & Administrative Costs*

*Also known as F&A, indirect costs, overhead*

*Real Costs* incurred while conducting sponsored program activities

- related to providing **facilities** where sponsored programs work is performed
- related to the **administrative management** of the work
- “costs that are incurred for common or joint objectives and, therefore, cannot be identified readily and specifically with a particular sponsored project”

***F&A is reimbursement for costs already incurred in the performance of research (federally-created cost recovery mechanism)***

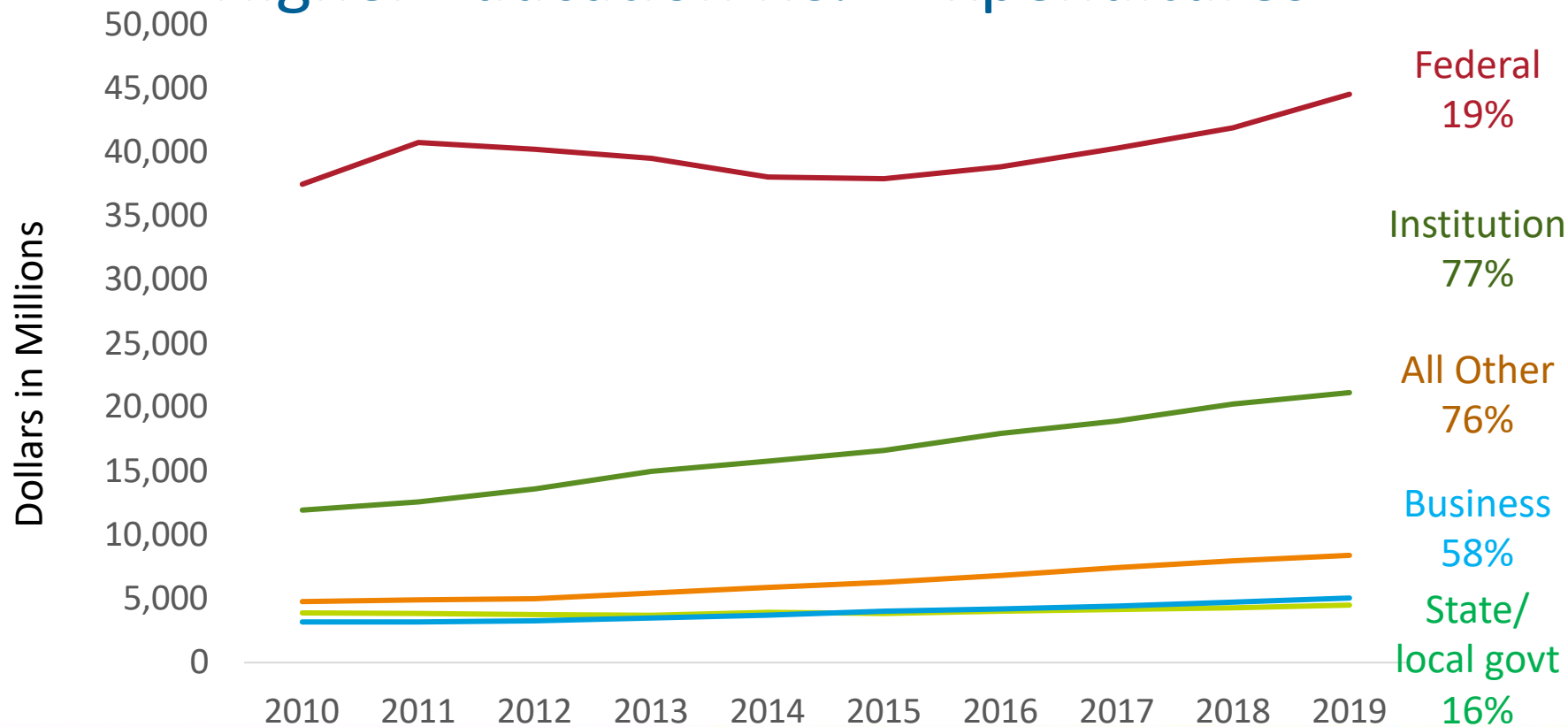
# Cost Recovery Optimization

Universities contribute their own funds to research. In FY15, there were \$4.9B in unrecovered F&A expenses nationally.

According to NSF Higher Education R&D data, in the last 20 years the university share for research support has grown faster than any other sector.

Has the percentage of federal funding going to F&A changed over time? *Over the past decade-plus, the percentage has remained level at 27-28%.*

# Higher Education R&D Expenditures



# *F&A Rates Are Negotiated with the Federal Government*

Organized Research (OR)	FY2020 Proposed	FY2020 Negotiated
<b>Administrative</b>		
General Administration	8.79%	8.79%
Department Administration	16.52%	16.52%
Sponsored Programs Administration	5.46%	5.46%
Student Services Administration	0.00%	0.00%
Adjustment for Administrative Cap		-4.77%
Subtotal	30.77%	26.00%
<b>Facilities</b>		
Building	7.07%	6.55%
Equipment	4.28%	3.97%
Interest	1.49%	0.68%
O&M	21.20%	20.30%
Library	3.55%	2.00%
Subtotal	37.59%	33.50%
<b>On Campus</b>	<b>68.4%</b>	<b>59.5%</b>
<b>Off Campus</b>	<b>34.4%</b>	<b>28%</b>



ment Services Administration	0.00%	0.00%	al Government
stment for Administrative Cap	-4.77%		
total	30.77%	26.00%	
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ing	7.07%	6.55%	Admin. Cap Imposed by Gov't
oment	4.28%	3.97%	
est	1.49%	0.68%	Under-recovery
l	21.20%	20.30%	
ry	3.55%	2.00%	
total	37.59%	33.50%	
ampus	68.4%	59.5%	
ampus	34.4%	28%	



# Cost Recovery Working Group Charge

The working group looked at **UD's current practices, approaches and policies, our effective F&A rates and benchmarked UD against peer institutions.** With this information in hand, the working group made **actionable recommendations** to enhance UD's practices and policies to **optimize cost recovery to better support** sponsored program activities.

# Cost Recovery Optimization

## Working Group Members

Tammy Anderson, Professor, Sociology

Susan Bledsoe, Director, Cost Accounting

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Dan Rich, Professor, Public Policy

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# Cost Sharing Definitions

**Mandatory cost sharing.** The University's contribution to the sponsored project as required by the sponsor in the request for proposal or application (RFP/RFA). Required by the sponsor as a condition of the award and is quantified in the proposal.

**Voluntary, committed cost sharing.** The University's voluntary and quantified contribution to the sponsored project.

**Voluntary, uncommitted cost sharing.** Cost sharing that is not included (nor quantified) in either the proposal budget or the narrative. Voluntary uncommitted cost sharing is not included in the university's organized research base for computing the F&A cost rate.

*All cost sharing commitments must have **prior approval** of those responsible for the funds being committed. Typically, department chair, dean and VPRSI. Mandatory and voluntary committed cost sharing must be tracked as direct costs and is fully auditable.*

# Cost Recovery Optimization-Recommendations

## **Corporate and Foundation Sponsors**

Apply full F&A rate (68.4%) to agreements with for-profit sponsors.

Non-federal sponsors including foundations. Direct charge allowable cost categories that are typically calculated in the F&A base for federal sponsors.

## **Cost Sharing**

- Mandatory cost sharing

- Limit voluntary, committed cost sharing

- Disallow voluntary, uncommitted cost sharing

- Disallow voluntary cost sharing of faculty academic year salary

- Disallow using waived F&A for meeting cost sharing requirements

- Greatly minimize F&A waivers. Exceptions require justification and dean/VPR approval

**Initiate a communications strategy**

# Questions

Submit your questions via the Zoom Q&A



**Next Town Hall**  
**Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

**2–3 pm**

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