

KANSAS STATE

College of Engineering

College of Engineering Distribution Policy for Sponsored Research Overhead (SRO) Updated effective July 1, 2018

Kansas State University (through the Office of the Vice President for Research, OVPR) directs all engineering sponsored research overhead (SRO) funds or indirect cost (IDC) to the College of Engineering's (COE) Engineering Research and Graduate Programs (ERGP) office. The current distribution is 43.5% to the COE ERGP unit with the remaining 56.5% held centrally.

The ERGP office then distributes the appropriate amount to the department/unit, in accordance to the following:

- Centers/institutes (i.e., IER, AMI, KIES, CHSR and NGML) will receive all 43.5% of the SRO distributed to the COE by the OVPR.
- Departments will receive 28.7% of the SRO distributed to the COE by the OVPR while ERGP will retain the remaining 14.8%.

All of the funds retained by the ERGP office are placed into a start-up account and are used by the COE to cover start-up packages for new faculty and hard-funded matching for faculty in the associated departments. It is expected that start-up packages for new faculty will be funded at the 1:1:1 split among the OVPR, COE, and department/unit, respectively. If the OVPR is not able to provide the 1/3 match, the COE will do its best to provide the remainder.

Of the funds distributed to the department/unit, each department sets its own policy regarding distribution percentages, if any, to faculty. Faculty funds may be used to assist in research activities (e.g., computers, students, travel, matching funds for grants, etc.); however, these funds cannot be used for the faculty member's salary unless approved by the Department Head and the Dean.

The COE Dean's Office may revise the distribution percentages that come to the college at any time.