

NACCA 2024 Program Matrix



Session	Session Description	Level of Education	Time	Category	Length (in minutes)	
Pre-Conference 1/2 Day Workshop: Tuesday, October 29th						
W1	Uniform Guidance Updates & Implementation at Your Institution	OMB made changes to Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200). So what are the practical impacts to your institution and how do we implement at our institution? Hear from the experts on what the changes mean, along with discussion among the attendees. What analysis do you do to inform management as to what the changes will affect?	Intermediate	1:00 - 5:00 Refreshment Break 3:00 - 3:15	Costing	225
Day 1 - General Conference: Wednesday, October 30th						
<i>Breakfast</i>				7:00 - 8:00		
Welcome to NACCA				8:00 - 8:15	Introductions/Information	
1	Planning and Managing the F&A Projections Process (with indirect proposal or talking to management)	A Facilities Cost Projection Proposal (Projections) can be the key to getting the Indirect Cost rate that your institution is seeking. When does it make sense to submit a Projection? What information do you need? Where do you find that information? How do you handle the allocations based on space? You need to project the base as well as the new facilities components. How do you project that base? Is there a specific format that is required? When should the Projection be sent to the cognizant agency? We will cover these questions and more in this session on Projections. We will cover projections for both HHS-CAS and ONR-DCAA institutions.	Advanced	8:15 - 9:15	F&A - IDC Costing	60
2	Succession Planning and How to Talk to Management	at are the key components of an effective succession plan and why your organization needs one? How to identify critical roles and high-potential talent within the organization and address readiness for leadership transitions. How to discuss & navigate challenges with leadership.	Intermediate	9:15 - 10:00	Multi-Topic Session	45
<i>Refreshment Break</i>				10:00 - 10:30		
3	COGR Update	Join COGR for an overview of its perspective on recent regulation and policy changes with an emphasis on the work of the Costing and Financial Compliance committee. Engage in an interactive discussion while learning more about COGR's work related to the federal regulatory landscape and the corresponding compliance requirements associated with managing federal research grants and contracts.	Intermediate	10:30 - 11:30	Multi-Topic Session	60
4	F&A Depreciation Components, Challenges, Allocations, & Best Practices	Utilizing current technology and best practice techniques to optimize the building and equipment components of the F&A indirect cost rate calculation. Allocations, challenges, and the critical influence space has on the outcome.	Intermediate	11:30 - 12:30	F&A - IDC Costing	60
<i>Lunch</i>				12:30 - 1:45		
5	Optimizing Recharge Unit Management: Challenges, Strategies, Oversight, and Templates.	When it comes to recharge and service centers, one major challenge is that from one university to another, or even from one department to another, your recharge centers can look completely different. So where or how should we set our baselines for university-wide recharge policy and operations? In this session, we will explore the benefits of creating flexible structures and processes, identifying and approaching issues collaboratively, and developing a change management strategy that will allow you to adapt to challenges with ease. Bring your templates and ideas to share!	Advanced	1:45 - 2:45	F&A - IDC Costing	60

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6	Fringe Benefit Rates: The How to Guide	Join us for an insightful presentation walking you through the essential steps to accurately calculate and manage fringe benefit rates while ensuring compliance. We'll cover the fundamental concepts, key calculations, and practical tips to streamline your processes. Whether you're new to fringe benefits or looking to refine your approach, this session will equip you with the tools and knowledge to effectively handle the crucial aspects of a fringe benefit rate calculation.	Beginner	2:45 - 3:30	Multi-Topic Session	45
	<i>Refreshment Break</i>			3:30 - 4:00		45
7	Enduring Relevance of Libraries in Indirect Costs	A library cost study is important to a university because library costs are a component of the indirect recovery rate negotiated with the federal government for sponsored research.	Intermediate	4:00 - 5:00	Multi-Topic Session	60
	Networking Reception			5:30 - 7:00		
Day 2 - General Conference: Thursday, October 31th						
	<i>Breakfast</i>			7:00 - 8:00		
	Announcements			8:15 - 8:30		
8	Space Survey: Why is it Important?	The functionalization of your university space is the basis for allocating most of the uncapped and all-important facilities costs in an F&A proposal. Planning, coordination, and staff training are keys to taking advantage of the space survey as a tool to maximize the space allocated to research. In this session, we will review space survey best practices, such as starting early, enlisting the assistance of facilities management, and effectively training staff as strategies to achieve compliant and successful space survey results.	Intermediate	8:30 - 9:30	F&A - IDC Costing	60
9	Compliance and Audits - Federal and Institutional Perspectives	This session will provide insights from the federal OIG perspective and institutional viewpoints in understanding the audit process, current federal thinking about audits, the federal areas of focus and how institutions might consider how to anticipate and proactively address potential audit concerns.	Intermediate	9:30 - 10:15	Compliance/Audit	45
	<i>Refreshment Break</i>			10:15 - 10:45		
10	What Activities do you Perform Cradle to Grave for your Indirect Proposal?	Preparing an indirect cost rate proposal is a daunting task that higher education institutions typically face every 4 to 8 years. While these proposals may be prepared infrequently, they have a significant impact on the financial resources of your institution. Having an understanding the proposal development process can help make this task a little less daunting and pays dividends when it comes time for your institution to prepare its next indirect cost rate proposal.	Beginner	10:45 - 11:45	F&A - IDC Costing	60
	<i>Lunch</i>			11:45 - 1:00		75
11	O&M UCA - What Types of Allocations?	It has been eight years (2016) since IHE's have had to justify the Utility Cost Adjustment (UCA) in their Indirect Cost proposals. However, there is still confusion as to what costs are utilized in the calculation, how to calculate it, and is what you calculated reasonable. We still find institutions that don't even realize that all Long Form IHE's can include it in their proposal and are leaving money on the table if they aren't.	Advanced	1:00 - 2:15	F&A - IDC Costing	75
	<i>Refreshment Break</i>			2:15 - 2:45		30

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12	Internal Controls for Research Administration: Navigating Uniform Guidance with a Focus on Effort Reporting and Cost Share	This presentation will explore the essential internal controls required for effective research administration within the framework of Uniform Guidance. By examining effort reporting and cost sharing as key examples, we will highlight how these practices impact cost accounting at higher education institutions. The session aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of how robust internal controls not only ensure regulatory compliance but also support the integrity and efficiency of research funding management.	Intermediate	2:45 - 3:45	Compliance/Audit	60
13	University Panel	Universities unite for a panel discussion that spans all skill levels. Engage in dynamic conversations that tackle key challenges, opportunities, and the future of higher education. From fresh-faced novices to seasoned veterans, this session brings together diverse perspectives for a rich and enlightening experience. Shape the future together!	Beginner	3:45- 4:45	Multi-Topic Session	60
	Announcements			4:45		
Day 3 - General Conference: Friday, November 1st						
	<i>Breakfast</i>			7:00 - 8:00		
14	ONR Update	Stay abreast of the Office of Naval Research (ONR) with this advanced session. Uncover the latest changes, compliance requirements, and strategies for implementation. Engage with leading experts, ask questions, and explore scenarios.	Advanced	8:00 - 8:30	Federal	30
15	DHHS - CAS Update	Stay abreast of the Department of Health and Human Service-Cost Allocation Services with this advanced session. Uncover the latest changes, compliance requirements, and strategies for implementation. Engage with leading experts, ask questions, and explore scenarios.	Advanced	8:30 -9:15	Federal	45
16	Federal Panel - Part 1	This is your chance to have your questions answered! A panel of representatives from the federal government will respond to your 'have to know' questions.	Intermediate	9:15- 10:15	Federal	60
	<i>Refreshment Break</i>			10:15 - 10:30		
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