

KANSAS STATE

College of Engineering

College of Engineering Distribution Policy for Sponsored Research Overhead (SRO) Effective July 1, 2015

This document provides new procedures delineating how the SRO funds will be distributed between the College, the Departments, and the faculty.

- Effective July 1, 2015, all Engineering SRO will be directed from the University (VPR) to the College. The Engineering Research and Graduate Programs (ERGP) Office will then distribute the appropriate amount to the Department/Unit. This change will affect both existing and future grants and contracts and will be phased in over three years.
 - In FY16 and FY17, IER, AMI, KIES, CHSR and NGML will receive all 43.5% of the SRO distributed to the COE by the VPR. For FY18 and beyond, no decisions have been made at this time.
 - In FY16, ERGP will retain 8.3% of the SRO (up from 5.0%) while the Department/Unit will retain 35.2% of the SRO (down from 38.5%);
 - In FY17, ERGP will retain 11.5% of the SRO while the Department/Unit will retain 32% of the SRO;
 - In FY18 and beyond, EGRP will retain 14.8% of the SRO while the Department/Unit will retain 28.7% of the SRO. (Examples of these changes are also shown in the attached tables)
- In summary, once the policy is completely implemented, ERGP will retain 34% of the SRO distributed to the College of Engineering by the VPR while the Departments/Units will retain 66% of the SRO distributed to the College of Engineering by the VPR.
- All of the funds retained by the ERGP office will be placed into a startup account. These funds will be used by ERGP to cover the startup and hard funded matching for faculty in the associated departments.
- Faculty may receive up to a maximum of 50% of the SRO distributed to the Department/Unit. These funds can to be used to assist in the faculty member's research activities (e.g., computers, students, travel, graders, 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. It is acknowledged that some departments may distribute less than 50% to the faculty.
- Although still under discussion, it is expected that startup packages will continue to be funded at the 1/3, 1/3, and 1/3 split; VPR, College, and Department/Unit respectively.

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| | Constant 43.5% of total SRO the University distributes to Colleges | | | Total of funds that come to ENGG | |
| | College | Dept/Unit | equates to: | College | Dept/Unit |
| FY15 | 5.0 | 38.5 | | 11.5% | 88.5% |
| FY16 | 8.3 | 35.2 | | 19.1% | 80.9% |
| FY17 | 11.5 | 32.0 | | 26.4% | 73.6% |
| FY18 | 14.8 | 28.7 | | 34.0% | 66.0% |