


**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Council of Deans

FROM: James N. Petersen, Vice Provost for Research 

CC: Robert C. Bates, Provost and Executive Vice President

DATE: April 11, 2007

SUBJECT: OGRD Memorandum #2 - Credit Sharing Based on Project Contribution and Facilities and Administration Cost Splits

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The recognition of the contributions made by multiple investigators to extramurally funded projects has become increasingly important. While project success will continue to depend on creative contributions by individual investigators, collaborative synergy is increasingly necessary to fully realize the promise of modern research. Increasingly, projects require multi-disciplinary or inter-disciplinary teams or multiple investigators working in a collaborative fashion to accomplish complex, interrelated goals. Such contributions are not necessarily correlated with the expenditures associated with a particular investigator. Thus, WSU wants to ensure that proper credit is provided to the appropriate investigator(s) for each individual's Project Contribution (PC). WSU wants to encourage team projects, and to do so by properly recognizing each participant's effort on a project.

As a result, a credit sharing policy has been developed and was approved by the PEC at its meeting on March 22, 2007. This policy was created as a mechanism to recognize this important credit and provide guidance regarding definitions, applicability, processes, changes, etc.

Please distribute broadly to those faculty and staff that submit proposals for external or internal funding through the Office of Grant and Research Development. The Request for Extramural Support form (REX form) has been updated with a credit sharing appendix that will be filled out to properly track PC (see <http://www.ogrd.wsu.edu/forms.asp>). The policy is posted at the following website [http://www.ogrd.wsu.edu/documents/Credit\\_Sharing\\_Policy\\_FINAL\\_3-27-07.pdf](http://www.ogrd.wsu.edu/documents/Credit_Sharing_Policy_FINAL_3-27-07.pdf).