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TO: College of Medicine Faculty
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Indirect cost returns to centers and institutes provide critical additional funding to support our research and educational missions.

Funds received by the COM Education Center (COMEC) are used exclusively to support graduate education, i.e. the Interdisciplinary Program in Biomedical Sciences Ph.D. program. All faculty members with graduate students who have requested travel funds from the IDP have benefited from this IDC account. However, contributions to the COMEC account come from a disappointingly small number of departments, and the majority of the funds are allocated to COMEC by the faculty members from a single department. If broader support for COMEC is not achieved, the use of COMEC funds may be restricted in the future to support only those faculty members who have contributed to the fund.

Effective immediately all faculty members with graduate student support included in their grant budget are expected to allocate a minimum of one third of the center IDC allocation (i.e. 2.5%) to COMEC on all new grant applications and on currently funded grants. Faculty members may elect to designate more to COMEC if they so choose.

If no other research center or institute is designated for IDC returns on a new grant application, basic science faculty members are expected to designate COMEC for center IDC returns, and clinical faculty members are expected to designate the General Clinical Research Center (GCRC) for center IDC returns.

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