

USP Quality Institute Indirect Cost Policy

The United States Pharmacopeial Convention (USP) is a scientific non-profit organization whose mission is to improve global health through public standards and related programs that help ensure the quality, safety, and benefit of medicines and foods worldwide. USP, through its Quality Institute, taps into global health, policy, scientific, and technical expertise to objectively assess the benefits, costs, and feasibility of improving medicine quality. The overarching aim of the Quality Institute is to generate a rigorous evidence base to inform open discussion, public policy, and regulatory reforms that advance medicine quality.

To achieve this aim, USP Quality Institute partners with other stakeholders, including leading academic research institutions, to sponsor projects on quality in medical products through implementation and administration of the Fellowship in Quality Medical Products. Through the fellowship, the USP Quality Institute and partner research institutions pursue research in one or more investigational themes. Once partnership agreements have been established, USP Quality Institute works with its academic research partners to identify, select, and co-fund individual(s) to conduct primary and secondary research on aspects of the value of quality medicines.

While the USP Quality Institute recognizes the recovery of indirect costs is a necessity for research institutions, it is our policy to fund only direct costs. These include funding contributions for salaries and fringe benefits for fellow(s) and faculty mentor(s), supplies or other materials deemed essential to the conduct of research, travel for either fellows or mentors to attend relevant and necessary meetings such as national or international conferences, publication costs, and other supplies, such as computer equipment and office supplies for the fellow(s). Through its agreements with academic or other research institutions, USP Quality Institute provides upfront funds to support these essential project needs, and will provide additional funds to support project needs, on a case by case basis, and through mutual agreement between USP and the partner institution.