

## Laboratory Animal Resources Per Diem Rates - FAQ

- Q: What is the funding model for laboratory animal care?  
A: The Laboratory Animal Resources (LAR) funding model assumes that by FY 2015, per diems charged to investigators will cover all costs directly associated with animal care (feed, bedding, and compensation for technical and hourly animal care staff). All other LAR costs are covered by academic units and OVPR. Per diems and costs to academic units will be slowly increased over the next five years (FY 2011 to FY 2015) using a declining subsidy from SSRF.
- Q: What rates should I use in a grant proposal?  
A: Refer to the [LAR Per Diem Table](#) under IU Rates on the ORA website.
- Q: Do I use the same rate for every year in my grant proposal?  
A: No. A graduated rate schedule has been implemented for transition to a fully burdened per diem rate by FY 2015. Refer to the [LAR Per Diem Table](#) under IU Rates on the ORA website.
- Q: What if I have a grant where the budget for laboratory animal care does not match current LAR rates?  
A: Prior to July 1, 2010 there were departments providing their own animal care staff and establishing departmental per diem rates. In the case where current LAR rates exceed previously established departmental rates, the departmental rate will be grandfathered. Grandfathered rates apply ONLY to contract and grant awards resulting from proposals submitted prior to July 1, 2010. Contact your department chair or fiscal officer for further information on grandfathered rates. Standard LAR rates apply to submissions for renewals of current awards (see [LAR Per Diem Table](#)).
- Q: What if I am paying for LAR charges on a non-grant account?  
A: Standard per diem rates apply to non-grant accounts.
- Q: How are LAR per diem rates determined?  
A: LAR per diem rates are determined by the cost of feed and bedding for each species plus labor based on time studies.
- Q: How often are per diem charges billed to my account(s)?  
A: Charges are billed monthly via the FIS.
- What if I want to charge multiple accounts?  
Contact the LAR business office at [larsfin@indiana.edu](mailto:larsfin@indiana.edu) or 855-2356 to coordinate how charges should be designated to various accounts.
- Q: What if I want to charge a different account than the account(s) that I originally provided?  
A: For charges in process, contact your department fiscal officer to request a GEC to move expense to new account. For future charges, contact the LAR business office at [larsfin@indiana.edu](mailto:larsfin@indiana.edu) or 855-2356 to provide new account.
- Q: Who do I contact for billing issues?  
A: Contact the LAR business office at [larsfin@indiana.edu](mailto:larsfin@indiana.edu) or 855-2356. Contact information will also appear on monthly billing statements.
- Q: Is there input from academic units regarding financial issues at LAR?  
A: Yes. The LAR Fiscal Oversight Committee works with the LAR Director to review animal program expenses and to make recommendations to the Vice Provost for Research prior to each new fiscal year. This committee consists mainly of chairs of the relevant departments and associate deans for research of the schools involved.