

Indirect Costs Policy - Research

The Canadian Spondyloarthritis Association has a policy that its funds are not to be used to cover the indirect costs of conducting research. Indirect costs refer to the essential operational expenses that support an institution's research activities, such as heating, lighting, IT services, ethics reviews, animal research facilities, intellectual property management, and safety compliance. These costs, while necessary for the functioning of research institutions, are not specific to individual research projects or programs.

The Association acknowledges that indirect costs are a legitimate component of research expenses. However, it believes that these costs should be the responsibility of the institutions conducting the research or the governments that fund them, and not covered by donations from the public to the Canadian Spondyloarthritis Association.

