

GBAnalytics Survey #1 – Results Funding Animal Care Core Facilities

The GBA Data and Benchmarking Committee developed its first GBAnalytics survey in response to questions around funding animal care core facilities. The Survey was distributed to all members of the Group on Business Affairs on February 6, 2015. The Survey closed on February 24, 2015 with 52 responses representing 49 schools. A list of participating schools is provided at the end of this report.

1. Does your institution have an Animal Care Facility?

Response	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	Frequency	Count
Yes						98.0%	50
No						2.0%	1
Not Answered							1

2. The level of service provided by my institution’s Animal Care Facility is generally considered by users to be (select one):

Response	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	Frequency	Count
More than satisfactory						58.8%	30
Satisfactory						39.2%	20
Less than satisfactory						2.0%	1

3. The cost of animal care [choose all that apply]:

Response	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	Frequency	Count
Is perceived to impede research at my institution						37.3%	19
Has impeded faculty recruitment during the past year						9.8%	5
Has impeded faculty retention during the past year						2.0%	1
Has resulted in the loss of grant funding						0.0%	0
Has affected my institution’s ability to compete for grant funding						7.8%	4
Other ⁽¹⁾						7.8%	4
There have been no negative impacts due to cost at my institution						51.0%	26

⁽¹⁾“Other” comments: (a) Faculty are continuously encouraging a decrease in the rate - but we have not seen the cost widely impede research or recruitment; (b) subsidy is borne by central medical school administration; (c) animal facility is heavily funded by the our Institute therefore per diems are extremely low; (d) Some minor impact to grants

4. The operating budget of our Animal Care Facility is subsidized with funding from [choose all that apply]

Response	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	Frequency	Count
Central University administration						35.3%	18
Central office of research/sponsored programs						7.8%	4
Health Sciences Campus administration						17.6%	9
Affiliated hospital(s)						2.0%	1
The Medical School dean's office						54.9%	28
Other sources ⁽²⁾						19.6%	10
No additional subsidy						2.0%	1

⁽²⁾“Other sources”: Two other Schools that use the facility; philanthropy; grants; subsidy; University Center Consortium; Contract work; medical school operating budget; F&A withheld (not returned to units) from units/grants that engage in animal research; other schools using the facility; Deans from Engineering and Arts and Science

5. For FY2014, what percentage of your Animal Care Facility's operating costs was subsidized?

Response	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	Frequency	Count
100%						2.0%	1
76-99%						3.9%	2
51-75%						23.5%	12
26-50%						19.6%	10
10-25%						23.5%	12
Less than 10%						21.6%	11
Not sure						5.9%	3

6. The percentage of our Animal Care Facility's operating costs covered by subsidized funding has:

Response	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	Frequency	Count
Increased significantly over the past three years						10.4%	5
Increased slightly over the past three years						25.0%	12
Remained level over the past three years						45.8%	22
Decreased slightly over the past three years						16.7%	8
Decreased significantly over the past three years						2.1%	1
Not sure						0.0%	0

7. The burden on individual investigators to cover the unsubsidized cost of animal care in the form of per diem rates has

Response	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	Frequency	Count
Increased significantly over the past three years						7.8%	4
Increased slightly over the past three years						49.0%	25
Remained level over the past three years						41.2%	21
Decreased slightly over the past three years						2.0%	1
Decreased significantly over the past three years						0.0%	0
Not sure						0.0%	0

8. The burden on individual investigators to cover the cost of animal care has increased over the past three years primarily due to [check all that apply]

Response	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	Frequency	Count
A reduction in subsidized funding						18.0%	9
Improvements in animal care (new equipment, staffing ratios, environmental enrichments, etc.)						34.0%	17
An increase in costs associated with administrative mandates						32.0%	16
Not applicable/costs have not increased						32.0%	16
Not sure						8.0%	4

9. Per diem rates and the basis for per diem rates at my institution are [choose one from the list]

Response	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	Frequency	Count
Clearly understood and published						51.0%	26
Rates are published, but the basis for rates is unclear						45.1%	23
Neither rates nor the process for setting rates are clear						2.0%	1
Not sure						2.0%	1