

**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY**

**HEARING CHARTER**

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

**TO:** Members, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

**FROM:** Majority Staff, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

**SUBJECT:** Research and Technology Subcommittee and Oversight Subcommittee hearing  
“Examining the Overhead Cost of Research”

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The Subcommittee on Research and Technology and the Subcommittee on Oversight of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology will hold a hearing titled *Examining the Overhead Cost of Research* on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2318 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

**Hearing Purpose:**

The purpose of the hearing is to examine the overhead costs for conducting federal taxpayer-funded research at universities and non-profit research institutions, including how the National Science Foundation and other federal research agencies negotiate and monitor indirect costs (facilities and administrative costs), and hear recommendations for improving efficiency and transparency.

**Witness List**

- **Mr. Dale Bell**, Division Director, Institution and Award Support, National Science Foundation
- **Mr. John Neumann**, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Government Accountability Office
- **Mr. James Luther**, Associate Vice President of Finance & Compliance Officer, Duke University; Chairman of the Board, Council on Governmental Relations
- **Dr. Richard Vedder**, Distinguished Professor of Economics Emeritus, Ohio University, Department of Economics; Director, Center for College Affordability and Productivity

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