

## Animal care per diem rates increase February 1, 2022

We have undertaken an extensive cost analysis for the Center for Biomedical Research (CBR). CBR per diem rates have continued to significantly lag actual costs. Per this analysis, the animal care per diem rates will increase in a step wise manner over the next three years to better align with CBR expenses. Below is the model for the increases starting on February 1, 2022 (subsequent annual increases will begin on January 1 of the calendar year).

The chart includes the net cost per unit and the rate of increase over the previous calendar year for mice and rats for the next three years across each cost center.

Per Diem Model over 3 Years (CY22-24)						
Cost Centers	CY22 Net Cost Per Unit	% Chg from cy21	CY23 Net Cost Per Unit	% Chg from cy22	CY24 Cost Per Unit	% Chg from cy23
CBR Mice	\$ 0.20	23%	\$ 0.24	20%	\$ 0.28	17%
CBR Rats	\$ 0.52	100%	\$ 0.63	20%	\$ 0.74	17%
CBR2 Mice	\$ 11.55	42%	\$ 13.88	20%	\$ 16.23	17%
CBR2 Rats	\$ 14.43	34%	\$ 17.34	20%	\$ 20.27	17%

Again, the intent is to bring the per diem rates in alignment with expenses. Please note that the expenses have not risen dramatically—it is the rates that have lagged behind. However, UND recognizes that the increased fees charged for use of animals in research may impact researchers whose budgets are limited. To help mediate this impact and to demonstrate continued support for research, UND will implement a process for requesting supplemental funds for existing grant-funded work with fixed budgets or new proposals with severe budget limitations to help defray these increased costs. Details on the process will be forthcoming.

CBR staff continue to work very hard to keep per diem increases to a minimum and will continue to find innovative ways to control costs and keep rates as low as possible.

— John Mihelich, Interim Vice President for Research & Economic Development