

My research budget is comprised of five main areas:

- 1) Stipend – principle investigator
- 2) Travel: transportation, lodging, and per diem
- 3) Equipment: printing and office supplies
- 4) Services: transcriptionist
- 5) Participant thank you tokens: gift certificates.

The total budget request for my research project is \$12,166.63. Each area is itemized below.

Stipend - \$5,000

As the principle investigator I will be conducting this research throughout the year, beginning in the summer of 2017 and ending in the summer of 2018. Much of the preparation at the beginning of the study as well as the data analysis and report construction at the end of the study will be conducted during summer months. As a 9-month employee, I am not compensated for any scholarly work conducted in the summer.

Travel - \$3,948.63

This research project requires that I travel to two different research sites to conduct my study: University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA and Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. I will visit each location twice (fall semester and spring semester) for a total of four days per visit. This will allow sufficient time to interview 10 students per visit. Bloomington, IN does not have an airport, so I will fly into Indianapolis and rent a car to drive from Indianapolis to Bloomington. I used *Fox World Travel* to calculate airfare. I used the *Enterprise* website to calculate the cost of the car rental. I used the *UW TravelWise Allowance Calculation* to calculate the costs of lodging and per diem expenses. The total cost for travel will be \$3,948.63, itemized below.

Transportation - \$1,644.63:

La Crosse, WI to Iowa City, IA: 186 miles x 2 = 372 miles roundtrip x 2 trips = 744 miles

- Car rental: standard size car for 4 days = \$203.98 x 2 trips = \$407.96
- Gasoline: 744 miles/ 25 miles per gallon = 29.76 gallons x \$2.20/gallon = \$65.47

La Crosse, WI to Bloomington, IN: 529 miles x 2 = 1,058 x 2 trips = 2,116 miles

- Airfare from La Crosse to Indianapolis: approximately \$350 x 2 trips = \$700
- Car rental- Indianapolis to Bloomington: \$54.66/day x 4 days = \$228.03 x 2 trips = \$456.06
- Gasoline (Indianapolis-Bloomington): 43 miles x 2 = 86 miles roundtrip x 2 trips = 172 miles/25 miles per gallon = 6.88 gallons x \$2.20/gallon = \$15.14

Lodging – \$1,464.00:

- Iowa City, IA – 3 nights @ \$114.00/night = \$342.00 x 2 trips = \$684
- Bloomington, IN – 3 nights @ \$130.00/night = \$390 x 2 trips = \$780

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- Iowa City, IA (4 days) - \$178.50 x 2 trips = \$357
- Bloomington, IN (4 days) - \$241.50 x 2 trips = \$483

Equipment - \$368.00

My research project will require basic equipment for the gathering, organizing, and coding of data. I will need to print out each of my interview transcripts as part of the coding process for data analysis, which will include the use of software coding and manual coding. As a visual learner, it is essential that I am able to physically break the data (transcripts) into units (categories) which I can move around as I use the “constant comparative method” of data analysis. Thus, manual coding will include color coding of themes and categories using colored markers. A secure filing system will be essential for organizing transcripts, memos, and other documents, and keeping them private to protect the confidentiality of the participants. This includes both physical files (hanging folders, file folders, lockable file case) and digital files (external hard drive). I based my printing costs on the printer located in the Student Affairs Administration office; I used the Office Depot website to estimate costs for the filing equipment; and I used the Best Buy website to estimate the cost of an external hard drive.

Printing - \$110.00

Includes printing and color coding of transcripts (40 transcripts @ approximately 20 pages per transcript = 800 pages); printing of reports and article drafts (200 pages).

- Student Affairs Administration printer (color copies): \$0.11 x 1000 pages = \$110.00

Office supplies - \$258.00:

- Paper: 10 reams (1 case) = \$30.00
- Lockable file cabinet (1) = \$80.00
- Hanging folders: 2 boxes @ \$8/ea. = \$16.00
- File folders: 2 boxes @ \$16/ea. = \$32.00
- Filing accessories (plastic tabs, labels, etc.): = \$20.00
- Markers = \$20.00
- Seagate-Backup Plus Slim 1TB External USB 3.0/2.0 Portable Hard Drive = \$60.00

Services - \$2,400.00

I plan to hire a professional transcriptionist to transcribe all of my interview audio recordings. I will be conducting a total of 40 interviews (20 participants x 2 interviews). Each interview will last 60 minutes, for a total of 40 hours of interviews. I based my transcription estimate on the rates listed in the *Quick Transcriptions* website <http://www.quicktranscriptions.com/English-rates.php>.

- \$60/hour x 40 hours = \$2,400

Participant thank-you tokens - \$450.00

As a token of appreciation I will be offering a \$10 gift certificate (coffee shop) for student participants in my study each time they participate in an interview. Each participant (20) will be

interviewed twice, for a total of 40 interviews. I will also offer a \$10 gift certificate (coffee shop) to each of the peer debriefers (5).

- \$10 gift certificate per student interview x 40 interviews = \$400.00
- \$10 gift certificate per peer debriefer x 5 peer debriefers = \$50.00