Noyce Budget Considerations
(and Timeline Considerations)

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Dates to Consider

• Full proposal deadline
  • Aug. 27, 2019

Six month processing window:
  • Most projects notified by Mar. 1, 2020

• Possible start date for 2019 submissions
  • April 15 – Aug. 15, 2020
  • Start dates must be the 1\textsuperscript{st} or 15\textsuperscript{th} of a respective month, within 12 mo. of the submission date
Logistical Considerations

• When do you plan to start supporting Noyce scholars?

• Is there time to implement your recruitment plan before scholar support is slated to begin?

• Does your proposed project include novel features that need time to develop?
Timing of Noyce Recipient Awards

• It is not mandatory that you award scholarships and stipends in the first semester of your award.

• You should not plan to make new S&S awards in year 5 (unless providing one year scholarships), since these recipients will not be able to complete a full two years of support.
Budget (Required)
Each proposal must contain a budget for each year of support requested. The budget justification should be no more than five pages for all years of the project combined.
Proposals containing subawards must include a separate budget justification of no more than five pages for each subaward.

Budget Should Be:
• Consistent with Noyce guidelines.
• Realistic & reasonable
• Well-justified
Activity 1: Noyce Solicitation
Budget Requirements

• Review the Noyce solicitation.

• Identify 5 relevant budget points to consider when preparing a Noyce solicitation.
Significant Budget Considerations

1. Budget align with activities in the proposal?
2. Budget and budget justification match?
3. Budget have the leadership structure (PI, evaluator, mentor(s) support, etc.) in place?
4. Travel costs aligned with the scope of work?
5. Is line F1 correctly calculated for T1, T2, and T3 projects? 60% of direct costs of budget?
6. What are the necessary materials and supplies? Consultant costs? Honoraria? Subawards?
7. Are indirect costs included?
8. Is PI or Senior Personnel time in excess of 2 person-months per year (across all NSF awards)?
PARTICIPANT SUPPORT COSTS – BUDGET LINE F

It's important to note that Noyce solicitation requirements may deviate from general budget guidelines (PAPPG). As per Noyce Budget Preparation Instructions: “Scholarships, stipends, and fellowships should be indicated on budget line F.1. STIPENDS “

- **Line F.1 – Stipends:** Specific to Noyce, line F.1 denotes the funds dedicated to Noyce Scholar scholarships and stipends, only.

- **Line F.2 – Travel:** Funds may be requested for the travel costs of participants. These should include travel for at least one current and former scholar to attend the Noyce summit.

- **Line F.4 – Other:** Funds associated with student payment (outside of scholarships & stipends), e.g. summer internships, stipends for learning/teaching assistantships, research fellowships, should be listed here, as well as field trips and similar activity requests.
“The 60%”: A Test Case

You want to support 4 cohorts of 6 Noyce scholars at a level of $20,000 each ($10,000 each year for 2 years)

\[4 \text{ cohorts} \times 6 \text{ scholars} \times \$20,000 = \$480,000\]

You also plan to support each of the scholars for a summer each to do undergraduate research ($5000 per scholar per year)

\[24 \text{ scholars} \times \$5000 = \$120,000\]

What amount should be entered on line F1 of the budget?
A. $600,000
B. $480,000
C. $120,000
D. Not enough information to decide
Unallowable Costs

**Entertainment:** Costs of entertainment, amusement, diversion and social activities, and any costs directly associated with such activities (such as tickets to shows or sporting events, meals, lodging, transportation and gratuities)

**Intramural Meetings:** No funds may be requested for meals or coffee breaks for intramural meetings of an organization or any of its components,

**Alcoholic Beverages:** NSF funds may not be proposed or spent on alcoholic beverages

**Recognition Awards:** Payments given for the purpose of conferring distinction or to symbolize respect, esteem, or admiration may not be paid from grant funds.

**Prizes:** Prizes are unallowable costs on grants.
Activity 2: Mock Budget/Budget Justification

There are more than 5 non-compliant issues with this budget information. How many can you detect? What are they?

• See handout.
Budget Helpful Hints

• Adhere to your federally negotiated rate. Using any rate less than or more than any rate is unallowable and deemed involuntary cost sharing which is prohibited by NSF.

• Do not mingle travel funds between PIs and participants.

• Provide a detailed budget justification along with your budget prepared by line item.

• Place all related participant support costs in designated participant cost categories.

• IRB approval or exemption must be completed by prior to receiving a NSF award regardless of project affected.
Project Evaluation

As stated in the solicitation, proposals must describe:

“x. An evaluation plan that will assess the effectiveness of the project in attracting, preparing, and retaining STEM majors and/or STEM professionals in teaching careers (for S&S and TF) or developing and retaining Master Teaching Fellows in teaching careers (for MTF) in high-need local educational agencies. The plan should include ways to measure the effectiveness of the recipients as teachers and teacher leaders. The proposal must identify an independent evaluator with the expertise to conduct an objective evaluation.”
Project Evaluation Basics

Independent evaluator must be external to the project, but need not be external to the institution.

Budget request for the independent evaluator should reflect the amount of work needed to conduct the evaluation.

If evaluator will be a consultant, requests made under Budget section G.3, Consultant Services are based on normal daily compensation rate and number of days of expected service. Consultant travel costs, including subsistence, may be included. The Budget Justification should provide these specific details.

If possible, proposal should include a Biosketch for the independent evaluator in order to clarify their qualifications.
Project Evaluation Hints

A strong evaluation plan will align with the proposed goals and outcomes of the project.

Evaluation results can provide an avenue for the project to contribute to the knowledge base.

Working with the independent evaluator as you write the proposal leads to better results.

Logic models are communication tools – they can help you determine whether the independent evaluator understands your project, your context, and your priorities.
Additional Conversation or Questions?