Sample Budget Justification

Key Personnel

Dr. Ellie Sattler will serve as Principal Investigator for the project. Dr. Sattler’s responsibilities as Principal Investigator include overall implementation and management of the project, data collection and analysis, and supervision of student assistants.

Dr. Sattler is requesting salary for two summer months per year at 50% effort (base salary $65,000, one summer month = 1/9 of base salary). A 3% escalation is applied to Year 2 salary.

Year 1: $7,222    Year 2: $7,439    Total: $14,661

Other Personnel

Graduate Research Assistants: Two graduate students will be hired at $15.00/hour for 320 hours to perform summer field research at the proposed study location in Years 1 and 2.

Year 1: $9,600    Year 2: $9,600    Total: $19,200

Fringe Benefits

Fringe benefits for Dr. Sattler are included at the faculty summer rate of 17.9%.

Year 1: $1,293    Year 2: $1,332    Total: $2,625

Travel

In Years 1 and 2, Dr. Sattler and the graduate research assistants will travel to Isla Nublar, Costa Rica, for field work and data collection. Charter helicopter flight is the only way to reach Isla Nublar.

Flight to San Juan ($500 x 3 = $1,500), charter helicopter ($1,000/trip, 2 trips = $2,000), meals (56 days @ $22/day/person = $3,696). Total each year: $7,196

In Year 2, Dr. Sattler will present initial results at the American Paleobotanist Conference.

Conference registration ($500), flight ($500), lodging (4 nights @ $200/night = $800), meals (5 days @ $50/day = $250). Total: $2,050

Year 1: $7,196    Year 2: $9,246    Total: $16,442

Materials and Supplies

The following materials and supplies will be purchased in Year 1 for field research:
1) Shears (10 sets @ $25 each) - $250
2) Plant specimen bags (500 @ $1) - $500
3) Flares (20 sets @ $25 each) - $500
4) Handheld two-way radios (5 sets @ $50) - $250

Year 1: $1,500  Year 2: $0  Total: $1,500

Other Direct Costs

Software license
$1,000 for software that is needed to process and store digital samples of collected specimens (Year 1).

Publication fees
$1,000 for journal page charges to disseminate project results (Year 2).

Subaward
Dr. Alan Grant for Big State University will serve as Co-Principal Investigator and will be responsible for identifying study sites and assisting with specimen collection and preservation at the field collection site. A subaward of $50,000 ($25,000/year) will be made to Big State University. A detailed subaward budget and justification are also included.

Year 1: $26,000  Year 2: $26,000  Total: $52,000

Total Request

Year 1: $52,811  Year 2: $53,617  Total: $106,428