# **Boise State University**

# **Budget Justification**

## A. Senior Personnel

Dr. Michael Allen is the Principle Investigator (PI) along with two Boise State University faculty Co-PIs. The salary cost for each PI is calculated using his/her institutional base salary rate with a **3% increase in years 2 and 3**.

**Dr. Michael Allen** has committed 1.5 months of summer for three years during this project. The PI primary responsibility will be in developing international relations theory, connecting empirical results to international relations, lead development of the international relations-focused paper, co-manage and mentor graduate students, lead development of relevant public articles, coordinate the project’s academic output, coordinate contact and communication with military bases, manage the budget in coordination with Boise State OSP, monitor funded research progress, delegate additional work to capture any shortfalls in productivity, and lead official reporting compliance. Total PI salary request is $40,791.

**Co-PI Dr. Gillespie** has committed 1.5 months of summer for three years during this project. The PI will co-manage and mentor graduate students, oversee instrument design and implementation, construct relevant criminology theoretical frame, lead development on the criminology-focused paper and connect results to those frames. Total Co-PI salary request is $40,504.

**Co-PI Dr. Steve Utych** has committed 1.5 months of summer for three years during this project. The PI primary responsibility will be in survey instrument design, human subjects compliance, survey deployment, experiment implementation and analysis, and general quantitative analysis of results. Total Co-PI salary request is $43,043.

## B. Other Personnel

**Graduate Research Assistant** (to be designated at a future date; 27 calendar months at 50% effort; 20 hours per week, which is considered full-time at the University and 9 months at 37.5% effort (15 hours a week during the summer)) is a graduate student who will work with Dr. Allen and Dr. Gillespie on data collection, data cleaning, data coding, information gathering, additional coding of data, attend meetings and take notes, and proofing or copyediting documents. The total request for the graduate research assistant is $37,500.

## C. Fringe benefits

Fringe benefits for PI Dr. Allen (36%) and are salary-based and cover retirement contribution, health, dental, life insurance, and employment taxes. The total fringe benefit request is $14,518.

Fringe benefits for the co-PI Dr. Gillespie (36%) and are salary-based and cover retirement contribution, health, dental, life insurance, and employment taxes. The total fringe benefit request is $14,460.

Fringe benefits for the co-PI Dr. Utych (39%) and are salary-based and cover retirement contribution, health, dental, life insurance, and employment taxes. The total fringe benefit request is $14,987.

Fringe benefits for the Graduate Research Assistant (4%). Fringe rates for students are salary-based (4% for the academic year) and cover employment taxes. The total fringe benefit request is $2,310.

Health Insurance for Graduate Research Assistant (5%). Health insurance is salary based and covers the student each year for three years. The total health insurance coverage request is $11,440.

Graduate Research Assistant fee remission. The fee is per semester and allows for a 3% increase in year 2 and year 3. The total graduate student fee remission request is for $35,092.

## D. Equipment

None.

## E. Travel

The basis for travel costs are airline websites, GSA or US DOS per diem and hotel rates and state of Idaho travel policies and contracts. Travel reimbursements are governed by BSU travel policy 6180 and are consistent with federal regulations. BSU travel policy may be accessed here: <https://www.boisestate.edu/policy/finance/policy-title-travel/>

Domestic Travel

This travel is expected for two PIs per year, roundtrip Boise-Washington, D.C. For budgeting purposes, we estimate 4 days and 3 nights. Broken down by function: Flight ($550), lodging (3 nights x $188 = $564) meals and incidentals per diem (4 travel days x $76 = $304); local travel ($75). Each trip we estimate to be $1,493. Total request for six trips over 3 years is $11,573

Foreign Travel

This travel is expected for three PIs in year 3, roundtrip overseas Boise-Europe or East Asia Trip (using Frankfurt as an estimate). For budgeting purposes, we estimate 15 days and 14 nights. Broken down by function: Flight to country and within country ($1,800), lodging (14 nights x $78 = $1,092) meals and incidentals per diem (15 travel days x $126 = $2,040). Each individual trip we estimate to be $4,932. Total request for six trips over 3 years is $14,796.

## F. Participant Support Cost

None.

## G. Other Costs

Contracting Services

**Survey firm contracting** is requested to provide 1,000 respondents that meet demographic needs of the survey in year 1 of the project. Using estimates from various firms, we estimate each response will run up $14. The total requested amount for survey response contracting is $14,000.

## H. Total Direct Costs

Total direct cost request is $ 303,114.

## I. Indirect Costs

Boise State University’s federally negotiated indirect cost rate is 40.5% of modified total direct costs for on-campus sponsored research. Total indirect cost request is $108,549.

## J. Total Direct and Indirect Costs

Total budget request for the project is $411,663.

***Boise State University’s fiscal year begins 07/01 and ends 06/30.***