

UCR C&G User Group Meeting

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PROPOSAL BUDGETING CASE STUDIES

ALLOWABLE OR UNALLOWABLE?

Dr. Drynk Alot plans to submit a proposal to the NIH for a longitudinal project aimed at assessing the link between chronic alcohol consumption and driving test failure rates in adults over 70 years of age. He wants to compensate research subjects with a pint of either gin or vodka for completing the research survey.

Is this cost allowable?

How would you explain your findings to Dr. A lot?

PRUDENT PERSON?

Professor Zan Tac is submitting a grant application to the National Heartburn Association. He requests that you budget the cost of an OTC antacid. The corner drugstore sells the antacid for \$4.95 per box (20 caplets). Professor Tac asks you to include a price of \$5.10 per box (24 caplets), because he would like purchase them from a company owned by his brother-in-law. You will need 500 boxes to complete the project.

What are the issues?

What price will you use?

How do you explain your decision to Dr. Tac?

DIRECT OR F&A?

Dr. Digg wants to submit a grant application to NSF to study the recently discovered remains of an ancient Mayan village in the remote Honduran jungle. His field team consists of twenty people. He wants the budget to include 10 laptop computers and 20% of an Administrative Specialist.

What are the issues?

How would you explain these expenses in the budget justification?

FACULTY SUMMER EFFORT

Dr. Highlander wants to submit proposal for a new project. She indicates her effort (see below) on the project, but does not want to budget or charge her salary.

Name	Role	Period	% Effort	Salary	Benefits	Total
Dr. Highlander	PI	Acad Yr	10%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dr. Highlander	PI	Summer	33%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

What are the potential issues if this is a grant proposal?

What are the potential issues if is an industry contract?

What steps would you take to resolve these issues?

FACULTY SUMMER EFFORT WITH A TWIST

Dr. Highlander wants to submit grant application for a new project and asks you to budget her salary as noted below. She has two active awards, is a member of three campus committees that continue to meet over the summer and will be taking over as department chair in July at the start of this project.

Name	Role	Period	% Effort	Salary	Benefits	Total
Dr. Highlander	PI	Acad Yr	10%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dr. Highlander	PI	Summer	100%	\$ 30,000	\$ 3,810	\$ 33,810

What issues can you identify?

What steps would you take to resolve these issues?