**Future Investigators in NASA Earth and Space Science and Technology (FINESST)**

**BUDGET AND NARRATIVE**

*Edit the sample text to align with your specific budget, remove blue text, and print to PDF. Append the budget table from the ‘Print FINESST Budget’ tab of the FINESST budget spreadsheet to complete the budget section of the proposal document. The solicitation recommends 2 pages total for the budget section.*

**Future Investigator Stipend - A stipend of $40,000 per year is requested.**

The University of Colorado Boulder allocates support to the FI through a fellowship stipend account code that is not subject to indirect costs. In keeping with NASA SMD’s stated intent in the solicitation, the University has included the NASA FINESST proposed budget under participant support cost categories. Comparisons to the prevailing rate for a graduate student in the FI’s department at the University of Colorado Boulder are shown on the attached budget table.

**Allowance - An allowance of $10,000 per year is requested.**

1. Travel and Conference Registration Fees

*(If applicable, describe travel and registration fees in support of the research investigation or to conferences, symposia, workshops, or collaborative meetings. There is a Travel Table tab on the spreadsheet which may be copied/pasted for convenience. If no travel is budgeted, state “None” and delete the rest of this section.)*

*Example:* Travel funds are requested for the Future Investigator to travel to a science conference, such as AGU, each year. San Francisco, CA has been used for the estimate below. The cost of travel is calculated for 3 days and 3 nights and includes airfare, lodging, per diem, ground transportation, and conference registration fees. The costs of airfare, ground transportation, and conference registration fees are based on estimated costs. Lodging and per diem are based on GSA lodging and per diem allowances.

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|  | **Cost/ Person** | **# Days** | **Year 1** | **Year 2** | **Year 3** | **Total** |
| *Conference Attendance* | | | | | | |
| Airfare | $0 |  | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Lodging | $0 |  | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Per diem | $0 |  | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Ground Transportation | $0 |  | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Conference Registration | $0 |  | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| **Total Travel** | | | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 |

**2. University Tuition/Fees/Health Insurance**

*(If CU’s commitments for covering required costs above the requested FINESST amount aren’t known at this time, state how many credit hours of tuition/fees the requested allowance will cover. Otherwise, describe the requested tuition funds for the expected number of credit hours of coursework, fees, and health insurance, as applicable. Address any known CU commitments to reduce, waive, or cover the difference in tuition and fees.)*

*Example of how much of the tuition & fees costs the $10K will cover. This can be calculated from the FINESST budget template:* Graduate in-state tuition for AY 25-26 for the College of Engineering is estimated to be $4,845 plus 3% inflation per year for 5 credit hours per semester, for a total of $9,981 in academic year 1. University fees are approximately $546 per semester plus 3% inflation, for a total of $1,124 in academic year 1.

**3. Other**

*(Describe funds requested for society memberships, textbooks or other instructional support, expendable laboratory supplies, page charges for journal articles, or printing of a thesis.)*

*If none, state:* No other costs are included with this proposal.