**UConn Co-op Legacy Fellowship**

**Project Budget Worksheet**

Use the worksheet below to outline estimated expenses directly associated with your proposed Co-op Legacy Fellowship project. The budget tips found below the worksheet can assist you with developing your estimated budget. Fellowship recipients will have the opportunity to refine and finalize their budgets before beginning project work, but spending time crafting a realistic estimate of expenses demonstrates to the selection committee that you are taking your application seriously.

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| **UCONN CO-OP LEGACY FELLOWSHIP BUDGET WORKSHEET** | | |
| **ITEM/EXPENSE** | **EXPLANATION/JUSTIFICATION** | **AMOUNT** |
| List items and expenses that are necessary for completing your project. Please be specific. | Explain each item and expense, and why it is needed for your project. | Total estimated cost per item or expense. |
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| **Total Estimated Expenses** |  |  |

**Tips for Estimating Your Budget**

Acceptable project expenses are those above and beyond the normal expenses of being a UConn undergraduate.

**Normal Expenses:**

* Tuition and fees
* Personal expenses
* Commuting from home to campus during fall or spring semester; campus parking permit

**Examples of items that might be a part of your budget:**

**Travel away from your home during the the summer**

Travel may be budgeted as part of a proposal if the travel is necessary for the proposed work. Common travel expenses are included below.

* Transportation, including vehicle fuel allowance, parking fees, taxi/shuttle/train or bus fare: Review information on the UConn [Travel Services website](http://web.uconn.edu/travel/index.php) for current mileage reimbursement rates. The mileage reimbursement rates and mileage charts provided on the Travel Services website will help you estimate your travel expenses.
* Airfare: Search the web to get an estimate of costs and use an average number for your budget. Take into account factors that may impact ticket prices, such as seasonal or holiday rates.
* Lodging: Review information on per-diem reimbursement rates on the [Travel Services website](http://web.uconn.edu/travel/index.php) to help you determine a reasonable estimate.
* Meals: Review information on per-diem reimbursement rates on the [Travel Services website](http://web.uconn.edu/travel/index.php) to help you determine a reasonable estimate.
* International Travel: If you plan to travel outside the U.S. you will need to research and factor in the costs for visas and immunizations (if applicable), and health insurance while abroad (available through UConn [Education Abroad](http://abroad.uconn.edu/cisi/)). Also consider how much you may need for expenses such as phone and internet access.
* Museum admission

**Consumables**

Think about each step in the process of working on your project, and anticipate your needs for supplies and materials such as:

* Lab supplies
* Art supplies
* Research materials
* Books
* Software (if not available through [SkyBox](http://skybox.uconn.edu/))
* Small equipment such as recording devices
  + Equipment purchases must be pre-approved and may be subject to University purchasing requirements as well as University ownership of equipment once the project has ended. Purchase of durable equipment, such as computers, cameras, and microscopes, is not allowed.

**Other Expenses**

Other expenses should be justified by their relation to the proposed work and documented to current costs. Below are a few examples of expenses students have included in their budgets.

* Publicity materials
* Publishing costs
* Participant compensation
* Supplies and materials for community service initiative
* Presentation costs
* Prototyping materials

Hiring or compensating assistants or contractors for external services will be evaluated on an individual basis. Please discuss this with the program coordinator for guidance.

**Stipend**

If requesting a stipend, use the following guideline to estimate your stipend amount:

* $400 per week to cover living expenses while engaging in project work

The per-week amount can be adjusted accordingly for cost-of-living variations, depending on project location.

**Important note for financial aid recipients:**

If you are a financial aid recipient (including tuition waivers, residential assistant waivers, loans, grants, work-study employment), your financial aid package may be revised as a result of this award. Please contact Kimberly Duby in the Office of Student Financial Aid Services at [Kimberly.duby@uconn.edu](mailto:Kimberly.duby@uconn.edu), or (860) 486-3474 to discuss how this might affect your financial aid package.