

Personnel/Budget Justification

The timeline for the study helps to put the budget in perspective. The Phase 1 research will be conducted in year 1 of the project. The first three months will be devoted to hiring and training of project staff and the development of research materials. 50 individuals will be interviewed and their data coded for the critical incident methodology of Phase 1 and in the next 3 months, the same will be implemented for the 50 individuals in the Articulated Thoughts in Simulated Situations tasks. The data will be analyzed in the final three months to inform the work in Year 2. In year 2, during the first three months, the 280 respondents will be recruited into the study, baselined, and complete the intervention (an average of about 90 per month or 22 per week). After five months, they will be reinterviewed (covering months 6-9), with the final months of the project devoted to data analysis and report preparation.

Drs. Jaccard and Guilamo-Ramos will participate in all phases of the research, including the training of interviewers, oversight of data collection, data analysis and report preparation. Both have an extensive publication record in the field of adolescence in general as well as a strong background in psychometrics and statistical methods. Dr. Jaccard will devote 15% or 1.35 Academic Person Months of his time to this project in Year 1 and 10% or .9 Academic Person Months in Year 2. Dr. Guilamo-Ramos will dedicate 5% or .45 Academic Person Months to the project in Year 1 and 2.5% or .225 Academic Person Months in Year 2. Per feedback of one of the reviewers, these represent increased paid efforts and are adequate to cover the basic tasks of data collection in the research. The entire staff associated with this project is seasoned and experienced and can conduct the research as budgeted.

The project support staff include a project coordinator, at 5 Calendar Person Months in Year 1 and 8 Calendar Person Months in Year 2, as well as two research assistants (RAs) hired for 20 hours per week for purposes of data collection.

Fringe Benefits: The following fringe benefit rates will be applied to all NYU personnel salaries:

9/01/2014 – 8/31/2015 (and thereafter): 29%

Indirect Costs

Per New York University's DHHS negotiated rate agreement dated August 20, 2013, the following rates will be applied over the proposed project period:

9/01/2014 - 8/31/2016 (and thereafter): 58.5%