

Budget and Budget Justification

Funding from the Dean's Competitive Fund for Promising Scholarship is requested for the first five months of research during my sabbatical in Fall 2018 and Spring 2019. This will be the initial stage of this multiyear study, which will hopefully attract external grants.

Travel

Airfare ¹ Boston-Tucson (\$600x2)	1200
Airfare Boston-El Paso (\$600x2)	1200
Airfare Boston-Mexico City (\$700x3)	2100
Vehicle rental ² in Arizona (30 days @ 986/month)	986
Vehicle rental in Texas (30 days @ 1474/month)	1474
Local transportation in Mexico (3 months)	3000

Lodging

Accommodation ³ in Tucson (30 days @ \$150/day)	4500
Accommodation in El Paso (30 days @ \$150/day)	4500
Accommodation in Mexico City (3 months @ \$2000/month)	6000
Short-term accommodation in other sites (30 days @ \$150/day)	4500

Meals and Incidentals

M&I ⁴ in Tucson (30 days @ \$59/day)	1770
M&I in El Paso (30 days @ \$59/day)	1770
M&I ⁵ in Mexico City (90 days @ \$118)	5310

Other Costs

Research Assistance	4000
Fieldwork computer	1500

Total Requested **43810**

¹ Airfare costs estimated based on search results on Kayak.com. Due to the nature of multi-sited research design and a potential need to travel between field sites (and between them and Boston), I am planning to make two trips to both Tucson and El Paso, and three trips to Mexico City.

² Prices for Harvard University business use with Enterprise.

³ Average rates calculated based on information from Hotels.com and Airbnb.com.

⁴ All M&IE rates provided by the U.S. Department of State: <https://www.gsa.gov/>.

⁵ According to U.S. Department of State, in September 2017 M&IE rate for Mexico City is \$118/day, which would bring the amount requested for 90 days to \$10,620. However, according to Mexico City-based colleagues, it should be possible to reduce these costs by half.