



2025 Research Scholar Award

Budget and Budget Justification Guidelines

Budget Details:

- Use the [ASCENT Research Scholar Award budget template](#). The full application should include an excel sheet in the budget template format and a final PDF of the budget (round numbers only).
 - If you need a template formatted in academic and summer Months, please reach out to ascentadmin@cuanschutz.edu for assistance.
- Include two years of support for salary and/or research activities in the amount of \$150,000 per year (direct costs)
- Indirect costs (Facilities & Administrative costs) are reimbursed at 8% of modified total direct costs (exclusive of tuition, fees, and expenditures for equipment)
- Earliest award start date is May 1, 2026
- Allowable costs include:
 - Salary support and fringe benefits
 - Applicants must be able to commit a minimum of 50% of full-time professional effort (6.0 calendar months)
 - Other personnel salary and fringe is allowable (exception is mentor see unallowable costs below)
 - When applicable, use current NIH salary cap of \$225,700
 - Research project costs such as supplies, equipment, data management, and research personnel
 - Subcontract costs (must collect indirect on first \$25,000 of subcontract)
 - Tuition expenses
 - Travel to conferences related to the proposed research or career development
 - Travel to ASCENT Scientific Annual Meeting (required) (plan for 2-day meeting in DC-area)
 - Publication expenses
 - Consultants
- Unallowable costs without special justification include:
 - Mentor salary and fringe support (include as in-kind in justification)
 - Dues or membership fees
 - Basic office supplies (e.g. laptops/computers)
 - Meals (unless highly justified and research related)
 - Entertainment costs
 - Foreign subcontracts
 - Foreign travel
 - [Other NIH unallowable costs](#)

Budget Justification Details:

- Use the [ASCENT Research Scholar Award budget justification template](#)
- Provide a detailed explanation of how each cost category listed on the budget supports the project. (2-page maximum)
- If your proposal will leverage non-ASCENT resources, please describe the relationship with another funding source and what parts of your research leverage those resources.
- Upload as a PDF with your full application