Participant/Trainee Support Costs

This category is used by some federal sponsors, such as the **NSF**, for payments made on behalf of project participants (i.e. trainees; the beneficiaries of the project).

- Participants receive services or training from a workshop, conference, seminar, symposium, or other short-term instructional or information-sharing activity funded by a sponsored award.

Participants **do not perform work on the project or provide services** other than for their own benefit.

Under **Other** you might add event **registration fees**.

The following **cannot be participants**:
- UC Davis employees
- Students or project staff who receive compensation for work performed directly or indirectly from the grant
- Research subjects receiving incentive payments
- Federal employees
- Paid speakers, advisory board members, mentors or other invitees providing a service.

Not Participant/Trainee Support Costs:
- Supplies
- Facility rental
- Other costs that support the training program

Anything entered in the Participant/Trainee Support Costs section of the OR Budget Templates is **excluded from the MTDC base** (for indirect costs).
- NIH & HRSA sometimes have non-traditional instructions for **Participant Costs that include F&A**.
    - In these circumstances, either re-purpose another section that is included in the MTDC base (like **Consultants** – e.g., rename section header to **NIH Participant Costs with F&A**) or enter the items (with descriptions) under **Other Expenses**.