Budget Justification

Senior Personnel
Salary is requested for one month of summer summer salary each year for PI Johnson.

[Here – if it makes sense – you could insert what you will specifically be doing during the summer as differentiated by normal work you will be doing on the project during the academic year: for example, you may concentrate on coordinating or meeting with the PI team; or you might be particularly focused on the students; or you might go to a conference, or whatever… So that content would be something like, “Summer efforts will be concentrated on coordinating with the PI team, ensuring that the graduate and undergraduate students are making good progress, and conference attendance. These concentrated summer efforts are in addition to normal work on the project during the academic year.”]

The University of California, Santa Cruz charges academic fringe benefits at the rate of 13.5% on faculty summer salary and a salary escalation factor of 3% per year.

Other Personnel
Funds are requested for one full-time graduate student and one part-time undergraduate student in years 2-4 of the project. [Explain why there won’t be students on the project in year 1]. The graduate student will …. [state what the graduate student will work on … as specifically as possible, so that the reviewers know you have a plan for the GSR and get a sense for what the GSR will learn]. The undergraduate student …. [same as for the GSR.]

The student academic year benefits rate is 2.5% and the summer rate is 3%. The escalation factor for graduate student researchers is 3% per year.

Travel
Funds are requested for domestic travel to attend one meeting or conference per year for the PI (years 1-4) and the graduate student (years 2-4). [If you know the meeting or conference you will attend, or if there are a couple/few possible conferences, it’s helpful to list them and the associated costs.] The PI and collaborators are planning annual in-person meetings, two of which will be held at UC Santa Cruz and two of which will be held at collaborating institutions.

Materials and Supplies
[I think you know what to do here!]

Other
[This is where the high school student goes … what will that student do and what is the purpose of that person on the project?]

Indirect Costs
The University of California, Santa Cruz currently uses a negotiated rate of 54% on direct costs excluding student fees and tuition.