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**direct costs for items such as stipends or subsistence allowances, travel allowances, and registration fees paid to or on behalf of participants or trainees (but not employees) in connection with NSF-sponsored conferences or training projects.**

**Any additional categories of participant support costs other than those described in 2 CFR §200.1 (such as incentives, gifts, souvenirs, t-shirts, and memorabilia), must be justified in the budget justification, and such costs will be closely scrutinized by NSF. (See also PAPPG Chapter II.F.7.) Speakers and trainers generally are not considered participant [...]. However, if the primary purpose of the individual's attendance at the conference is learning and receiving training as a participant, then the costs may be included under participant support. If the primary purpose is to speak or assist with management of the conference, then such costs should be budgeted in appropriate categories other than participant support."**

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**For the purposes of Kirschstein NRSA programs and Education Grants (e.g., R25), this term does not apply. NIH will continue to use the terms trainees, trainee-related expenses, and travel for those programs.**