The FY 2022 Request level for staff and IPA travel is $12.66 million. NSF employee travel accounts for about 67 percent of this total and is provided from the AOAM account. Travel for IPA appointments, which is supported by the R&RA and EHR accounts, is the remaining 33 percent.

As part of the extensive review of the agency’s operational and administrative needs used to develop the FY 2022 budget request, NSF analyzed historical travel data and projected estimated travel costs related to the amount of program activities anticipated at the FY 2022 Request level for NSF. In addition, travel restrictions in place for FY 2020 and FY 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic were considered to be no longer in place in FY 2022 in the formulation of NSF’s FY 2022 travel budget request.

**NSF Employee Travel**

FY 2022 funding for NSF employee FTE travel is estimated at $8.51 million. NSF employee FTE travel is based on the travel activity associated with utilization of 1,430 regular FTE. It includes travel-related funding for training, site reviews, outreach activities, and post-award monitoring and oversight.

**IPA Travel**

The FY 2022 funding for IPA travel is $4.15 million representing an IPA usage level of 255 full-time equivalent (FTE) IPAs. Travel is essential to the successful completion of an IPA’s duties while at NSF, which include responsibilities for oversight and stewardship of NSF’s programs and awards, outreach to and engagement with scientific communities and other external stakeholders as NSF ambassadors, and maintaining their own professional prevalence (including, but not limited to, independent research and development activities).