



**Travel/Expense Reimbursement**

**In General**

Reimbursement for local monthly travel expenses may be submitted by the employee for each month or for up to a quarter year depending upon the trip frequency, expenses incurred, and the departments own rules on submitting travel reimbursement requests. Travel expenses include transportation, registration fees, and parking. Per diem and lodging will be paid for travel requiring an overnight stay. **No reimbursement will be made for alcoholic beverages, gratuities, laundry, telephone calls, hair care, shoe care, and other personal expenses unless specifically approved (as evidenced by his/her initials next to that specific dollar amount).** Budget Administrator's own travel expense must be approved by his/her supervisor.

Reimbursement is limited to the mode of travel which provides the least cost to the College. Forms may be obtained from College Finance. Per Diem rates and lodging limits will be the federal rates which can be accessed from a link on the COPPS Travel/Expense Reimbursement web page.

**Specific Trip & Meeting Reimbursement**

One form is used for each specific out of town trip or meeting. When requesting payment of out of pocket travel expenses, the employee must complete Part 2 of the form within 5 working days after returning from the trip or meeting. All expenses must be itemized, including those expenses for which an advance payment was received and the **original detailed receipts** must be attached according to the requirements listed below. The completed form is **submitted for approval (see below) then** sent to College Finance for processing.

**Travel Advances**

An advance payment may be requested if estimated out of pocket expenses are over \$100 for any trip. A check for advance will be mailed by College Finance prior to the trip. An advance registration payment will be made if a completed registration form is submitted with the advance request and the registration box is completed. If commercial travel is to be prepaid or paid directly by the employee, a detailed billing, including dates, destinations, and amounts, must be included with the advance request. Employees may have only one outstanding cash advance at the time, unless there are multiple trips scheduled less than five days apart.

**Purchase card purchases must be listed on reimbursement request.**

**EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

Type of Expense	Amount/Description	Receipt Required
<b>Business Meals</b>		
For Others	Actual	YES
Explanation required including names of participants and purpose of the meal		
<b>Lodging</b>	Actual (up to lodging limit)	YES
<b>Transportation</b>		
Commercial	Actual (\$75 & under)	NO
Commercial	Actual (over \$75)	YES
Private vehicle	Current rate per mile	NO
Parking	Actual (\$75 & under)	NO
Parking	Actual (over \$75)	YES
<b>Personal Expenses</b>	Actual	
Reimbursement only in unusual circumstances; explanation is required and specific item approved by V-P must be evident.		
<b>Registration Fees</b>		
Receipt and copy of completed registration form specifying the cost and nature of the activity.		

**Note: Original receipts are required and should be detailed vendor receipts rather than general charge card transaction slips.**