Faculty Travel

The Ins and Outs of Traveling with UNT & department held Money

*Please note any and all travel using any funds, including non-DAC awarded funds, requires an approved Travel Request prior to travelling*
In the Beginning…

How to Request Funds from the History Department
Award Periods

• History Department Travel Grants are broken down into 3 Award periods:
  • Fall (September 1\textsuperscript{st}- December 31\textsuperscript{st})
    • Deadline for submission: September 1st
  • Spring (January 1\textsuperscript{st}- May 31\textsuperscript{st})
    • Deadline for submission: January 1st
  • Summer (June 1\textsuperscript{st}- August 31\textsuperscript{st})
    • Deadline for submission: May 1st
Required Documentation

• The following MUST be included with your application to be considered for funding:
  • History Department Request for Travel Form
  • Faculty Application for Approval of Leave
  • A copy of the conference program, invitation, etc… documenting the need for travel
Types of Travel Grants

Large vs. Small Travel Grants
Large Travel Grant

• Who: Tenure-track, tenured, or full-time lecturers with multi-year appointments
• Only 1 Large Travel Grant per faculty per fiscal year
• Funds Awarded based on table

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Large Travel Grants - Eligible Scholarly Activities

• Presentations and activities include general session papers, panel paper presentations, concurrent session papers, and keynote/plenary addresses to a sizeable portion of those attending an academic meeting or gathering of a learned society.

• Papers to be presented should be refereed, invited, or the result of some type of program selection review process, appropriate to the presenter’s discipline.

• Open sessions for presentations or posters, for which there is no formal review in advance of the session, are not eligible for a Large Travel Grant.
Funds may be awarded for persons involved in the following activities:

- Making presentations at international or national meetings
- Making invited or refereed presentations
- Making plenary or keynote sessions (defined as presentations to all conference attendees)
- Serving as president/chief operating officer of a national or international organization
- Serving as conference program/planning chair of a national or international organization
- Serving as a member of the conference program/planning committee for a national or international organization

- Priority given to organizations and meetings that are national and international in scope and significance
Small Travel Grants

*limit 2 per faculty per fiscal year*

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<td>Presenting research papers at professional meetings of historical associations not primarily for scholars of university status</td>
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<td>Other professional or quasi-professional travel</td>
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Examples: travel to accept an award or honor; guest lecturer to a non-professional audience
Important Notes:

- Please remember these are general guidelines. For more details regarding eligibility, priorities, and limitations, please refer to the official Travel Policy on the History Department website (https://history.unt.edu/department/travel) & UNT Travel Guide (https://finance.untsystem.edu/sites/default/files/documents/unt_system_travel_guide_05-02-24.pdf).

- If you are planning on ANY travel, submit RTF form to Miranda Leddy as soon as you know about the trip.
  - ALL travel requests MUST be submitted no less than 2 weeks before trip start date.
  - Do NOT purchase anything for the trip before the RTF has been submitted, and Miranda informs you that it has been approved.
    - Anything purchased prior to the trip being approved in the UNT System is subject to not be reimbursed.
  - If your travel is international you must send the international travel registration confirmation you receive from Emergency Management to Miranda Leddy, so she can attach it to your travel request. Please note all international travel must be registered at least 3 weeks before you leave on your trip.
Traveler Must-Haves

What you need to know before traveling
Things to know/have before you travel

Texas Travel
• If you are traveling within Texas, you will need to provide the hotel with UNT’s Tax Exemption Form.

International Travel
• Before traveling internationally, your trip must be reported to AND approved by Risk Management. You can find the form at: https://emergency.unt.edu/international-travel-registration-revised
• Please note all international travel must be registered at least 3 weeks before you leave on your trip.
• You will need to provide the approval email with your travel grant applications.
Acceptable Receipts

- Hotel Receipt Requirements:
  - The name and address of the commercial lodging establishment,
  - The name of the employee,
  - The single room rate,
  - A daily itemization of the lodging charges; and
  - Proof of payment.

*(Air BnBs are not preferred, but can be approved with all requirements met)*

- Airfare
- Taxi/Lyft/Uber/Train
- Registration
- Mileage (if applicable)

*All receipts must be itemized and show proof of payment

*All receipts must be turned into Miranda Leddy no later than 2 weeks after conclusion of trip
Meals

• Submit all meal receipts upon your return from travel.
• Meals will only be paid for the single traveler with an approved travel request, unless there is a legitimate business reason for having a business meal with another person, involving them doing business with UNT.
  • Meals provided to a spouse, family member or other personal acquaintance of a UNTS employee will be permitted only when there is a substantial and bona fide business reason for that person’s attendance.
• Any business meal receipt must have a Meal Reimbursement Request filled out and submitted.
• You can find this form on the History site under Forms>Miscellaneous Forms and Documents
• Reminders:
  • If you are using Per Diem for meals, you must indicate this on your Request for Travel form, otherwise you will be expected to keep track of all of your meal receipts and submit them upon your return from travel.
  • Tips/Gratuities for meals are allowed up to 20%
Lost Receipts Process

• If you have lost a receipt, or were not issued an itemized receipt, you can fill out a lost receipt affidavit to submit with your other receipts upon return from your trip.

• Each lost receipt requires its own lost receipt affidavit.

• The lost receipt affidavit can be found under Miscellaneous Forms and Documents.
Non-Reimbursable Travel Expenses

- 1. Personal expenses — i.e. toiletries, toothpaste, shampoo
- 2. Laundry and dry cleaning
- 3. Use of Hotel fitness equipment
- 4. Pillow for air travel/flight
- 5. Kennel expenses for pets
- 6. Excess baggage charges (personal belongings)
- 7. Airline Club dues
- 8. Hotel video rentals (personal entertainment)
- 9. Travel insurance-coverage for individual’s “health” while traveling
- 10. Child Care

Please Note:

- All non-reimbursable travel expenses submitted will be considered a personal expense and will not be reimbursed.

**Business Purpose**—A state agency may reimburse a travel expense only if the purpose of the travel clearly involves official state business and is consistent with the agency’s legal authority.
Fun with Concur!

Submitting Travel Authorization Requests and Reimbursements via Concur
Approving Concur Reports

When a trip is requested (RTF form), Miranda Leddy will enter the trip into the Concur System.

Once the trip is ready to be approved, an email will be sent to the traveler to approve the request in Concur.

This report can be reached at myhr.unt.edu-> Employee Resources-> Concur.

This will begin the process for approval through the UNT System. You will be contacted once you are approved to purchase airfare, etc… for your trip.

Upon returning from your trip, submit your receipts to Miranda Leddy, who will enter them into the Expense Report for reimbursement.

Once the Reimbursement is ready to be approved, an email will be sent to the traveler to approve the request via Concur.

Do NOT create any reports in Concur. This could invalidate your reimbursement.
Travel Cycle

Decide to Travel → Submit Request for Travel Form to Miranda → Submit Travel Grant Applications as applicable → Travel → Submit receipts to Miranda

Approve Travel Authorization Request → Submit Expense Report → Reimbursement
Travel Links

- History Travel Forms
- Contact: Miranda Leddy  
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  940-369-8932