# BLANKET TRAVEL POLICY AND PROCEDURES
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BLANKET TRAVEL REQUEST

Prepare Blanket Travel Request

Blanket Travel Request is for travel within California, travel dates within a fiscal year and only to be used for the following expenses:
1) Mileage
2) Parking (reasonable charges for parking)
3) Approved business meals (excluding alcohol beverages and tobacco) charged to a Procurement Card - itemized receipt showing proof of payment and an approved Directive 11 (list of attendees) are required, must be attached to the Travel Expense Claim

A Travel Request for a specific trip is required if there will be any other types of travel expenses (e.g., registration fee, lodging, transportation, etc.) regardless of the form of payment.

The Blanket Travel Request is on the Travel Operations website under Travel Forms
The link is http://finance.fullerton.edu/Controller/Travel/RequirementsToDriveOnUniversityBusiness.php

Fill in the following information:
- Fiscal Year (the fiscal year is from July 1st to June 30th)
- Division
- Department Name
- Department ID (only one Department ID permitted)
- Purpose
  - For a CSUF Student or a CSUF Student Employee traveling on University business, an explanation in the Purpose section or documentation explaining the University business purpose is required
- Select One: Original or Revision (if a Revision – fill in the travel document number)
- Preparer’s Name
- Preparer’s Phone No.
- Preparer’s Email
- First and Last Name - CSUF Employee / Student Employee / Student
- CWID Number
- Chartfield (account-fund-department-program-class-project)
  - Required fields for state funds – account (6), fund (5), and department (5)
  - Optional fields for state funds - program (4), class (5), and project (8)
- Estimate Amount
- Maximum Amount Allowed (optional)
  - Only required if a Department does not wish to exceed a maximum amount
  - Leave blank if no maximum amount
- Date
- Signature – Employee / Student Employee / Student (original signature(s) are required)
- Check if Private Vehicle or University Vehicle will be used
  - University Vehicle - University Police, Physical Plant, etc.
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☐ Check if CSUF Employee (Faculty / Staff)
☐ Check if CSUF Student Employee (job related)
☐ Check if CSUF Student or a Student Employee (non-job related)
   A student traveling on University business - an explanation is required in the Purpose section.

Travel is considered to have a University business purpose if the travel:
   o Directly supports a faculty member’s project or research program;
   o Is an integral part of the graduate student’s degree work;
   o Is required for attendance at student-oriented meetings, student government events, and the like; or
   o Enables the student to attend a conference to present research findings for the University or to act in some other capacity on behalf of the University.

☐ Approval(s) - Original signature(s) required
   Final approver - per the Delegation of Authority (DOA) for Travel Requests
   If the traveler and responsible person is the same, an approval from the next higher level is required.

Student Travel Forms

For a CSUF Student or a CSUF Student Employee traveling on University business, the following forms must be attached to the Blanket Travel Request:

   Release of Liability, Promise Not to Sue, Assumption of Risk and Agreement to Pay Claims
   http://rmehs.fullerton.edu/_documents/forms/releaseofliabilitywriteable.pdf

   Student conduct Agreement Travel Related Event or Activity
   http://rmehs.fullerton.edu/_documents/forms/Student%20Conduct%20Agreement.pdf

An explanation in the Purpose section on the Blanket Travel Request or documentation explaining the University business purpose.

Submit Blanket Travel Request

Submit approved Blanket Travel Request for travel dates between July 1st and June 30th (Student Travel forms if applicable) to Travel Operations, CP-300.
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Private Vehicle  

Be 18 years of age or older, must have a valid California or other State driver’s license, and have not been issued more than three moving violations or have been responsible for more than three accidents (or any combination or more than three thereof) during the past twelve-month period. The driver and all passengers in any vehicle driven on University business must wear a seat belt and all accidents must be reported to University Police or the Office of University Risk Management within 48 hours.

Submit an original completed AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN DRIVING RECORDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES (INF 254 – Request for Driver’s License Information) to University Police, UPD.  
http://rmehs.fullerton.edu/_documents/forms/INF254.pdf

AUTHORIZATION TO USE PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES ON STATE BUSINESS (STD 261) is only required if driving a private vehicle on University business. The original STD 261 form is retained with the department supervisor and must be renewed every fiscal year (July 1st to June 30th). If driver’s license expiration date on STD 261 form has expired, must write the current expiration date on form.  

The University on-line Defensive Driver Training must be completed once every four years. Contact the Employee Center employeetrainingcenter@fullerton.edu or ext. 2064 if any questions on how to log on.

Private Vehicle – Liability Insurance Coverage

An employee who regularly uses a private vehicle on University business is required to have and provide upon request satisfactory evidence of liability insurance coverage. Regular use is defined as more than four trips per calendar month.

When private vehicles are used on University business, the appropriate campus officials are responsible for requiring that employees have adequate liability insurance coverage.

The minimum prescribed liability insurance coverage is as follows:

- $15,000 for personal injury to, or death of, one person;
- $30,000 for injury to, or death of, two or more persons in one accident; and
- $5,000 for property damage.

When a privately owned vehicle operated by an employee is damaged by collision or receives other accidental damage, reasonable reimbursement for repairs incurred by the employee shall be allowed under the following conditions:

- The damage occurred while the vehicle was being used on official state business with the authorization of the employing University.
- The vehicle was damaged through no fault of the employee.
- The amount claimed is an actual loss to the employee, which is not recoverable either directly from or through the insurance coverage of any of the parties involved in the accident.
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- The amount of the loss claimed does not result from a decision of an employee not to maintain collision coverage.
- The claim is processed in accordance with prescribed procedures.

University Vehicle

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Questions

Questions about the driving requirements, contact the Office of University Risk Management on ext. 4937.

Exceptions

A justification memo signed by the Division Vice President and the President must be attached to the Blanket Travel Request.

Emergencies

Contact the Office of University Risk Management on ext. 4937.
RESPONSIBILITY – Traveler, Approving Authority, and Travel Operations

Traveler Responsibility

Individuals traveling on official University business must familiarize themselves with and adhere to the CSU Travel Policy and these procedures. Travelers must ensure they have documented authorization to travel prior to embarking on the trip and/or prior to making non-cancellable travel arrangements.

Travelers should make certain that the business related expenses they incur are ordinary, reasonable, not extravagant, and necessary for the purpose of the trip.

The person due the reimbursement for travel costs incurred is responsible for:

a. Submitting travel claims within 60 days from the return of the trip (travel on or after November 1, 2016) and within 30 days from the return of the trip (travel prior to November 1, 2016)

b. Providing the business purpose and inclusive dates of each trip

c. Certifying he/she:
   o Received authorization to travel
   o Traveled on official business
   o Actually spent the amount for listed expenses
   o Has verified that the amount due is accurate
   o Has not and will not seek reimbursement for (1) a duplicate claim or (2) from any other source

In the event that an employee received reimbursement for travel related expenses and subsequently receives a full or partial refund related to those expenses, the refunded amount must be returned to the University within 30 days of receipt.

Approving Authority Responsibility

The approving authority designated to approve travel claims ensures all expenses are reasonable in terms of price, purpose, and necessity.

The approving authority is responsible for:

a) Ensuring expenses charged to his/her accounts are supported by sufficient funds and ensuring appropriateness of use of funds

b) Ensuring expenses requested are ordinary, reasonable, not extravagant, necessary, and supported by a business purpose or justification, as appropriate

c) Validating, to the extent possible, that the expenses listed were actually incurred by the employee and that appropriate supporting documentation is attached

d) Reviewing and approving the business purpose and ensuring the request is in compliance with any applicable sponsored project/grant requirements

e) Approving/denying payment of the travel claim in a timely manner

f) Denying expenses not directly related to official University business
Travel Operations

Travel Operations will perform the following functions:
   a. Review/audit for compliance with policy
   b. Verify appropriate approver
   c. Ensure appropriate documentation is submitted
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TRAVEL EXPENSES  

Business Meals Charged to a Procurement Card  
  
**Itemized receipt** showing proof of payment and an approved Directive 11 (list of attendees) are required.  

Mileage (private vehicle)  
  
**The mileage reimbursement rate is**  
  53.5 cents per mile for business travel on January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017  
  54.0 cents per mile for business travel on January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016  

Motorcycles or motor-driven cycles, except those of University police department employees on motorcycle assignment, shall not be authorized for use on official University business, nor shall any reimbursement be made for the use of such vehicles.  

Normal Work Location is defined as the place where the major portion of an employee’s working time is spent or the place to which their department determines what constitutes an individual employee’s work location for the purpose of these procedures.  

Direct trips between the employee’s residence and their designated work location are considered commuting miles and are **not reimbursable**.  

University business travel (excluding commuting miles) occurs on a **regularly scheduled work day**, mileage is calculated:  

**If departing from**  
  a) The traveler’s normal work location, mileage may be claimed from work location to destination  
  b) The traveler’s residence, mileage may be claimed from the lesser of the two locations (from traveler’s work location to destination or from traveler’s residence to destination)  

**If returning to**  
  a) The traveler’s normal work location, mileage may be claimed from destination to work location  
  b) The traveler’s residence, mileage may be claimed from the lesser of the two locations (from destination to traveler’s work location or from destination to traveler’s residence)  

University business travel (excluding commuting miles) occurs during a **regularly scheduled day off**, mileage is calculated:  

  From the traveler’s residence to destination
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Mileage from CSUF to some frequently visited locations (one way)
- Azusa Pacific University – 24 miles
- John Wayne (Orange County) Airport – 17 miles
- Los Angeles International Airport – 36 miles
- Ontario International Airport – 27 miles
- Rio Hondo Community College, Whittier - 23 miles
- UC Irvine - 20 miles

Mileage from CSUF to the Chancellor Office and from CSUF to another CSU campus (one way)
https://csyou.calstate.edu/Policies/icsuam/Documents/3000/All_Campus_Mileage_Chart_201210.pdf
- Chancellor Office – 28 miles
- CSUB - 142 miles
- CSUCI – 85 miles
- CSU Chico – 500 miles
- CSUDH - 26 miles
- CSUEB – 389 miles
- CSU Fresno - 255 miles
- HSU – 682 miles
- Irvine Campus (located at 3 Banting) - 21 miles
- CSULB - 22 miles
- CSULA - 28 miles
- Maritime – 413 miles
- CSUMB – 356 miles
- CSUN – 54 miles
- Cal Poly Pomona – 16 miles
- CSU Sac – 417 miles
- CSUSB – 52 miles
- SDSU – 99 miles
- SFSU – 418 miles
- SJSU – 369 miles
- SLO – 231 miles
- San Marcos – 77 miles
- Sonoma – 452 miles
- Stanislaus – 332 miles

Parking

Expenses for reasonable parking - receipts for $75 or more are required

Non-Reimbursable Expenses

Fast Track, Express Lane (or equivalent)
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Travel Expense Claim and Monthly Mileage Details

Effective July 1, 2007 a Travel Expense Claim for blanket travel must be submitted to Travel Operations on a monthly basis and only for the travel dates for that month.

Travel dates for different months must be listed on separate Travel Expense Claims and not combined on one Travel Expense Claim to avoid duplicate payments.

Prepare Monthly Mileage Details

Complete the Monthly Mileage Details form. The Completed Monthly Mileage Details form must be attached to Travel Expense Claim.

The Monthly Mileage Detail [Excel] is located on the Travel Operations website under Travel Forms. The link is: http://finance.fullerton.edu/Controller/AccountsPayable/Forms/Default.php#Travel

Prepare Travel Expense Claim

Complete the Travel Expense Claim.

The mileage reimbursement rate must be selected from the drop down box in the Mileage Claimed (15) section on the Travel Expense Claim in order for the form to calculate the Private Vehicle Amount (8D)

- Select the appropriate mileage rate from the drop down box located just below “Select appropriate mileage rate
- Fill in the number of miles under Private Vehicle Use (8D)

Type “Monthly Mileage Details attached” in column 4 on the first row and enter the total number of miles in column (8D)

Enter expenses for reasonable parking in appropriate column and day

- Travel on or after November 1, 2016 - receipt required for $75 or more

Enter expenses for approved business meals charged to a Procurement Card in appropriate column and day

- Itemized receipt showing proof of payment and an approved Directive 11 (list of attendees) are required

The claimant’s original signature (employee, student employee or student) is required - if more than one page, each page of the Travel Expense Claim must be signed by the claimant

The approver’s signature is required (all signatures must be original) - If more than one page, each page of the Travel Expense Claim must be signed by the approver

- Authorized approver - per the Delegation of Authority (DOA) for Travel Expense Claims
Exception memo signed by the Division Vice President and the President must be attached to the Travel Expense Claim.

**Attach Required Receipts and/or Documentation**

Expenses for reasonable parking - receipts for $75 or more are required

Business meals charged to a Procurement Card - *itemized receipt* showing proof of payment and an approved Directive 11 (list of attendees) are required

**Submit Travel Expense Claim and Monthly Mileage Details**

Submit Travel Expense Claim and Monthly Mileage Details to Travel Operations CP-300

Travel on or after November 1, 2015 – a monthly claim must be submitted **within 60 days** from the last day of the month for the expenses

**Example**

Blanket mileage for the month of July 2017 must be submitted by September 30, 2017