THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

Business Process Guidelines

Foreign Travel

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Purpose

To establish guidelines and procedures for all University faculty, staff and students while traveling abroad.

Policy

University foreign travel policy will reimburse expenses based on the <u>U.S. Department of State</u> per diem tables. Compliance with the <u>Fly America Act</u> is also required when traveling on federal grant funds. Participation in the International Emergency Assistance Program (<u>On Call International</u>) is mandatory.

Procedures

All University faculty, staff, and students must comply with the following:

- 1. Review the <u>Restricted Regions List</u> to determine whether the destination requires approval by the International Oversight Committee (IOC)
 - President Memo
 - International Travel Exception Authorization Request Form
- 2. Travel Authorization
 - Create 45 days prior to travel
- 3. Reservations for rental cars
 - Must be arranged by Contracted Travel Agency
- 4. Reservations for hotel rooms
 - Must be arranged by Contracted Travel Agency
- 5. Airline reservations
 - Must be arranged by Contracted Travel Agency
- 6. Exchange of funds when traveling on State accounts (ie: 14 Cost Centers)
 - Includes Alaska, Hawaii, Mexico, Canada, and U.S. Possessions
- 7. Lodging reimbursement is based on the U.S. Department of State per diem tables
 - Detailed commercial lodging receipt is required
 - If actual lodging expense exceeds per diem, the overage may be reimbursed on a local account at the discretion of the department
- Meals and incidental expenses are reimbursed based on the U.S. Department of State per diem tables

- Receipts are not required
- Per diem overages for meals and incidental expenses will not be reimbursed
- Hotel taxes and laundry/dry cleaning are considered per diem incidentals and will not be reimbursed.
- 9. Travel expenses must be converted to U.S. dollars using internet currency conversion calculator XE.com
- 10. Compliance with federal "Fly America Act" when traveling on federal grant funds
 - U.S. flag carriers must be used when booking airfare to a foreign country
 - Please contact the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects if you have any questions
- 11. Enrollment in the On Call International program is mandatory for all international travelers.

Applicability

Applies to all University faculty, staff and students traveling to a foreign country on official University business.

Responsible Party

Comptroller