### Coach and economy

- **Class airfare to be used.** Business, first-class or other higher-cost services are typically ineligible for reimbursement except under specific circumstances listed in Blink (Blink is UC San Diego’s business policy and procedure portal.) Do not purchase package deals or trip insurance fees as these are generally ineligible for reimbursement. Seat selection and priority boarding are allowable only when booked in Connexxus or with the Travel Card and class of travel does not change.

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- **Class train fare to be used.** Business, first-class or other higher cost services are typically ineligible for reimbursement but may be authorized if there is a documented bona fide business need.

### Rent a car

- When it’s more cost effective to the University than other means, such as a taxi. Limit is intermediate size. Use UC rates for special pricing with coverage included at Enterprise (UC agreement ID: XZ32F01), Hertz (72129), and National (5007823). Car bookings made through Connexxus (UC’s travel booking tool) include discount UC pricing and insurance coverage.

### Private Vehicle

- Use your personal vehicle if less expensive than renting a car, taking a taxi, or using alternative transportation, or if it saves time.

### Mileage reimbursement rate published in Blink covers the overall cost for fuel/gas, lubrication, towing, repair, replacements, tires, depreciation, insurance, etc.

### Surface Transport in Lieu of Air

- If advance approval was obtained, you may use surface transportation for personal reasons even though the lowest available airfare is most economical. Total reimbursement cannot exceed the equivalent of lowest airfare plus local transport to and from terminals.

### Hotel

- Reserve using Connexxus or your Travel Card (employees). You may request payment to your Travel Card before the end of your trip to avoid late fees. Non-employees may request lodging to be prepaid by the University. Upgrades are typically ineligible for reimbursement. When an employee attends a local conference, they are not on travel status (no lodging or meal expense is eligible for reimbursement).

### May I stay with a friend/family member?

- Yes, but you may not pay them. A non-cash gift such as flowers, groceries or a restaurant meal is allowed but may not exceed $75 (a receipt is required for any gift $25+). Limit is 1 gift per stay (not 1 gift per night).

### May I be reimbursed for renting a room from an individual instead of a hotel?

- Yes, but the individual must first be set up as a vendor (W-9 required) with the University, even if the reimbursement will be made to you. Any lease must be between you and the lessor.

### Meal and Incidental Expenses (M&IE)

- Refers to meals + service tips during trips of 24 hours - 29 days in the continental U.S. Claim the actual amount spent up to a maximum (currently $74 per day). Meals are not reimbursed for local events or when lodging is not included.

### Per diem

- Applies to travel to Alaska, Hawaii, U.S. Possessions, and foreign locations and any trips 30 days+ within the continental U.S. Per diem is based on a published rate for a specific location for meals, lodging and service tips. Travelers should be reimbursed for their actual expenses up to the per diem rate.

### Miscellaneous:

- Completed and approved expense reports must be submitted via MyTravel to UCSD Travel within 45 days of the end of travel. If late, they may be treated as taxable income and reported on the employee’s W-2.
- You may share a room, shuttles, and cab rides with another traveler. Don’t pay for another person’s travel, including airfare, lodging, registration, meals, etc.
- Employees should be enrolled in UC Travel Insurance for each trip. With the exception of Southwest Air, enrollment is automatic if airfare was booked in Connexxus.
- Documentation supporting the business purpose may be required (conference brochure, invite, agenda, etc.)
- Working with your department travel preparer will help insure any additional departmental requirements are met, including fund restrictions (e.g., alcohol), required receipts, and a speedy reimbursement.

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