



# Summer Working Connections July 7-11, 2014

## TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES (General Attendee)

Community college faculty may be eligible for **up to \$650** in travel reimbursement. Please review the following information prior to making travel arrangements. You are personally responsible for following the guidelines below.

Questions and concerns should be directed to Mark Dempsey at 972.377.1582 or mdempsey@collin.edu.

### Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for this level of reimbursement, you must meet the following criteria:

- ★ Work as an IT/convergence faculty member or IT/convergence academic dean or director
- ★ Live one or more hours away from Collin College's Preston Ridge Campus in Frisco, TX
- ★ Attend all five days of the conference - Monday morning, July 7, 2014 - Friday afternoon, July 11, 2014
- ★ Complete end-of-course online surveys

### Covered Expenses

The \$650 in travel reimbursement can cover the following three categories. All are listed on the "Request for Travel Reimbursement" form.

<i>Travel Category</i>	<i>What You Submit</i>
Car	Google Maps/MapQuest printout showing mileage
Airfare	Receipt with passenger name, total amount paid, form of payment, and itinerary
Lodging	Itemized paid invoice showing payee, method of payment, and zero balance

### Expenses Not Covered

The following expenses are NOT reimbursable. Please see detailed travel categories below for specific exclusions.

- ★ Car rentals





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- ★ Shuttle/taxi services between hotel and campus will not be covered as they are provided free by suggested hotels
- ★ Parking
- ★ Meals
- ★ Baggage check
- ★ Toll fees and gasoline purchases
- ★ Travel agent fees/commissions or travel insurance (includes fees charged by on-line travel sites)
- ★ Airline upgrades and extra fees
- ★ Hotel room upgrades, valet parking, and personal expenses
- ★ Tips and gratuities

Please note also that Collin College **will not reimburse for airline and hotel bundles** purchased through online travel sites (e.g. Travelocity Orbitz, Priceline, Hotwire, etc.) if an itemized airfare or hotel receipt cannot be obtained by the traveler. Many of these sites charge one rate for both airfare and hotel and often the hotel cannot provide the sort of itemized paid invoice that Collin requires for reimbursement. In general, Collin College urges you to **avoid these on-line travel websites** even if you're not buying a bundled package. If the travel website or the vendor (hotel, airline) cannot provide you an itemized receipt of payment, your expenses will not be reimbursed.

## Driving Instead of Flying

Pre-approval is required from the National Convergence Technology Center (CTC) if you plan to drive instead of fly. If you do not get this approved in advance by **Friday, June 13, 2014**, these expenses *will not* be reimbursed. See more information about driving vs. flying at the bottom of this document.

## Important Info

- ★ The National CTC will reimburse on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted. Your travel reimbursement eligibility will be confirmed via e-mail within 48 hours of your registration for the event.
- ★ Reimbursement requests will not be processed until after the event ends and after you have provided all required paperwork and original receipts as described above.
- ★ That paperwork is due no later than **Friday, August 8, 2014**. If you are not able to provide all required documentation by this date you waive your right to reimbursement





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- ★ The National CTC follows Collin College's policy on travel reimbursements. All decisions of the Collin College Business Office regarding travel reimbursements will be final.
- ★ All reimbursement submissions are subject to review and approval and may not be guaranteed.
- ★ **An important rule of thumb:** always select the mode of travel that provides the lowest total cost to Collin College. To do otherwise risks the denial of your reimbursement request.

## Checklist

- ★ Complete and sign the "Request for Travel Reimbursement" form – a paper copy with an ink signature is required. (Please note that at the top, "Travel START Date & Time" refers to the day and time that you left your house and "Travel END Date & Time" refers to the day and time that you returned home.)
- ★ Provide original receipts and invoices – no copies, no faxes. Please tape all receipts to 8 ½ x 11 paper. DO NOT use staples. These will be attached to the "Request for Travel Reimbursement" form.
- ★ If you are requesting mileage, provide a Google Maps or MapQuest print-out documenting miles traveled.

Completed travel reimbursement forms along with backup documentation should be mailed by **Friday, August 8, 2014** to:

National Convergence Technology Center  
Collin College  
attn Mark Dempsey  
9700 Wade Blvd. #J130  
Frisco, TX 75035

## Questions?

All questions regarding CCN Participant travel should be directed to:  
Mark Dempsey  
972.377.1582

## Reimbursable Expenditure Details

**Car:** You must submit a print-out of your route documenting miles traveled, using either Google Maps or MapQuest.

The allowable mileage between two points is the **shortest route** between those two points. Mileage is currently reimbursed at 56c/mile and paid to the driver only.





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Driving instead of flying must be pre-approved by **Friday, June 13**. In the event you choose to drive rather than fly to North Texas and are approved to do so, you will only be reimbursed the cost of the less expensive mode of travel. For instance, if it costs \$150 to fly round trip to North Texas (including airport parking, bag fees, and mileage to and from the airport), and \$250 for mileage, you would only be reimbursed the \$150. More information about driving vs. flying can be found at the bottom of this document.

Toll fees will not be reimbursed. Gasoline purchases will not be reimbursed.

Local mileage, including mileage between the event venue and your Frisco hotel, will not be reimbursed. It is expected that you will pick a hotel that is either within walking distance to the event venue or offers complimentary transportation to the event venue. All hotels suggested on the Summer Working Connections website (<http://summerworkingconnections.mobilectc.wikispaces.net/>) have made assurances that free shuttle service is available.

**Airfare:** You must submit a receipt with passenger name, total amount paid, form of payment, and itinerary. A "confirmation" or "reservation" email is not enough.

The National CTC will pay for a basic coach seat and one checked bag each direction. A 21-day advance purchase is required for all airline tickets. Specifically, if you buy a ticket after **Monday, June 16**, you will only be reimbursed for the amount the ticket would have been had it been purchased 21 days in advance. For instance, if you buy a ticket on June 17 for \$500 and Collin College determines that the ticket would have cost \$300 on June 16, you will only be reimbursed the \$300.

Flight insurance, seat upgrades, early check-in or early boarding, preferred seating (unless there is proof no other seating category is available), or extra-leg room (unless a medical necessity as described by a doctor), and similar fees will not be reimbursed.

If you're forced to buy a more expensive seat because there was no other seats available on your flight, to be reimbursed for that extra cost, please submit a screen shot or printout proving that no other seats were available to you at the time of purchase.

Again, if you want to drive rather than fly to a destination, you must be pre-approved by the National CTC by **Friday, June 13**. You will only be reimbursed for the less expensive mode of travel. More information about driving vs. flying can be found below.

List any applicable bag-check fees under "Other" on the "Request for Travel Reimbursement" form. Tips and gratuity will not be reimbursed.

**Lodging:** You must submit an itemized paid invoice showing payee, check-in/check-out times, method of payment, and zero balance. A "confirmation" or "reservation" email is not enough.





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It is up to the individual to book a hotel room.

Collin College will not reimburse a room costing more than \$140/night including taxes.

Valet parking, room upgrades, movies, alcohol, or any other similar personal expenses will not be reimbursed.

Texas educators are encouraged to complete and submit the Texas Hotel Occupancy Tax Exemption Certificate to their hotel to be exempt from state taxes. Collin College will not reimburse state occupancy taxes for Texas educators.

## Driving vs. Flying

Driving instead of flying **must be pre-approved by Friday, June 13, 2014**. Should you choose to drive rather than fly, you will only be eligible for the following reimbursement expenses. Also, only the cost of the less expensive mode of travel will be reimbursed.

In general, if you drive alone, your mileage reimbursement will be capped at the cost of a round-trip airline ticket (plus estimated mileage to and from the airport). For instance, if it costs \$150 to fly round trip to North Texas (including mileage to and from the airport), and \$250 for mileage, you would only be reimbursed the \$150.

If you're carpooling with another Working Connections attendee, however, then the National CTC may consider reimbursing you the full amount for your round-trip mileage.

<i>Reimbursements if you fly</i>	<i>Reimbursements if you drive</i>
Mileage round-trip home to airport	Mileage round-trip home to hotel
Airfare	
Hotel	Hotel

