

Annual Spring Meeting of Participants Travel Reimbursement Policy for Funded Participants

**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY.
Improperly completed forms will be returned and travel that does not follow the guidelines
outlined below will not be reimbursed.**

Please submit your expense claim *within 15 days of the meeting* and by **30 JUNE 2019 at the latest.**

General Information

This policy is intended to provide for reimbursement of reasonable and necessary expenses of persons travelling for CCTG purposes. It is intended that persons be afforded travel and accommodation arrangements which are comfortable and of good quality. It is not intended to render the individual expense free during the period of travel for those expenses incurred because of personal preference.

The individual is responsible for making the most economical travel arrangements available under the circumstances. Reimbursement will be made based on this policy and your allotted travel amount (see [Travel Allotment Table](#)). Your travel allotment has been determined based on your centre's location and travel cost information gathered from Air Canada, Porter Airlines and West Jet (economy) and Via Rail (supersaver or discounted fare).

If you receive two funded invitations with a travel allotment in both, you can **ONLY** use one of allotted amounts. They cannot be combined or transferred to another person (e.g. travel allotment for Spring Meeting invitation is \$800 and travel allotment for a Thursday Workshop is \$800 therefore, your travel allotment will be \$800).

The most economical mode of transportation may be less than the maximum allotted amount therefore, reimbursement will be given based on the most economical mode of transportation (eg. train and taxi to and from meeting is less than driving and parking). Expenses incurred in excess of the travel allotment cannot be reimbursed unless special arrangements have been made with CCTG (see [Travel Allotment Table](#)).

Only by submitting a properly completed Travel Reimbursement Claim Form will travel expenses be reimbursed. This form, accompanied by original documents (as described below), should be submitted to CCTG Group Administrator's Office. If you require assistance completing the claim form, please contact meetings@ctg.queensu.ca. Claimants should keep a copy of their claim form and supporting documents.

ALLOWABLE EXPENSES

TRANSPORTATION

1. Air Travel

Because significant savings can be realized by making reservations in advance, travelers should plan their travel at least 30 days prior to departure, if possible. Claimants are expected to book economy airfare when making travel reservations.

i. Class of Service

The standard class of service for air travel is economy fare.

Claimants may use personal frequent-flyer program miles to upgrade tickets provided there is no cost to CCTG.

ii. Receipt Requirement

Itemized Receipts which would indicate the method of payment, the amount paid by the claimant, and the amount of taxes levied must be submitted with expense claims. Submissions must include the **Passenger Boarding Pass** plus one of the following items:

- For a paper ticket: customer portion of ticket identified as “Customer / Passenger Coupon” and/or “Not good for passage”.
- For an electronic ticket: Copy of the ticket confirmation.

If proof of payment is not indicated on the above items, additional proof of payment is required.

Travel from Pearson Airport to Union Station (UP): Union Pearson Express speeds you from the airport to downtown Toronto in just 25 minutes, with trains departing every 15 minutes, 19 ½ hours a day. It offers amenities that make the journey easier, like airline check-in kiosks, power outlets, luggage racks, onboard Wi-Fi, and up-to-the-minute flight information.

The UP Express pulls directly into Toronto Pearson International Airport. Located in Terminal 1, directly adjacent to the Link Train service linking Terminals 1 and 3. The Pearson Station service counter is in the International Arrivals hall of Terminal 1. Purchase tickets in advance online, at all GO stations and using PRESTO. <https://www.upexpress.com/>

2. Rail Travel

Rail travel is expected to be at the best value for money consideration. **Business class (Via 1) travel is not permitted.**

3. Vehicle Rental

Rental cars should be used when they provide the most economical form of transportation. In many cases one-day vehicle rental is more economical than public transportation or use of private automobile. The standard for vehicle rental is a mid-size car. **Rental vehicles need to be pre-approved by CCTG to be eligible for reimbursement.**

i. Insurance

The University carries collision damage and comprehensive perils insurance, so the purchase of additional insurance on rental cars should be unnecessary if renting a vehicle in North America.

4. Use of Owned Vehicle

It is recommended that a personally owned vehicle be used only for short journeys **where this constitutes the most economical and effective means of transportation considering all factors such as costs, time constraints, itinerary and must be pre-approved by CCTG.** The current rate of reimbursement is fixed at \$0.55 per km.

i. **Limitations**

If a private automobile is used out of personal preference, reimbursement will be limited to the cost of the most economical alternative mode of travel. Traffic fines (such as parking or speeding tickets) are not allowable expenses.

ii. **Insurance**

If a private automobile is used for approved University purposes, the owner must ensure that the personal car insurance on the vehicle is adequate. A minimum of \$1,000,000 third party liability insurance is recommended.

ACCOMMODATION

We have booked a block of rooms at the Chelsea Hotel Toronto. Your room and tax will be paid directly to the Chelsea Hotel (Chelsea Room ONLY) for nights to attend the Annual Spring Meeting- Thursday May 2nd, Friday May 3rd and Saturday May 4th. If additional nights are required (eg. Wednesday May 1st or Sunday May 5th) and you did not receive a separate funded invitation for meetings being held on Thursday, May 2nd or extended meetings on Sunday, May 5th than please contact meetings@ctg.queensu.ca for approval. A credit card is required for booking your room and at time of check in (for any incidentals). If you book your reservation *after* April 9, and there is an increase in the room rate, we will reimburse funded participants for the \$158.00 ONLY unless special arrangements have been made. If you are unable to keep your reservation, please be sure to cancel the room 48 hours prior to 4pm EST arrival day. *Participants will be responsible for reservations not cancelled.*

i. **limitations**

Should you choose to stay at another hotel, CCTG may not be able to reimburse you for your accommodations. Reimbursement will depend on whether the room block at the Chelsea Hotel has been fully utilized as **we cannot pay** for empty rooms and pay for accommodations at other hotels. Participants must inform CCTG in advance of the Annual Spring Meeting if they plan to stay at another hotel to be eligible for funding.

ii. When distance of travel to the meeting site is less than 50km one way a delegate **may not claim accommodation** unless pre-authorized

iii. **Accommodation with Friends and Relatives (Gratuitous Accommodation)** Persons staying with relatives or friends may claim \$30 per night in lieu of accommodation cost. No receipt is required.

MEALS

Travelers may obtain reimbursement for meals using either per diems, **OR** actual costs by submitting original receipts.

When meals are included in the transportation fare, or in the cost of the conference fees, no claim for meals should be made.

IMPORTANT: Only one method may be used per claim.

Method#-1 : Per diems

Per diem amounts are limited to daily maximums as detailed in the table below. **No receipts are required.**

Meal Period	Meal Allowance
Breakfast	\$16.00
Lunch	\$16.00
Dinner	\$43.00
TOTAL	\$75.00

If travelling for one meal period, the claimant will only be reimbursed for the per diem allowance for that particular meal. For example, since breakfast is included at the meeting, **only lunch and dinner allowance may be claimed**

Method #2- Reimbursements based on receipts

For reimbursements **based on receipts**, meal reimbursement is limited to Treasury Board of Canada Meal Allowances indicated below. If travelling for more than one meal period, the maximum daily reimbursement will be calculated based on the total for all applicable meals, rather than by individual meal. If travelling for one meal period, the claimant will only be reimbursed up to the amount stipulated under the Treasury Board of Canada Meal Allowance for that particular meal.

Treasury Board of Canada Meal Allowance:

Meal Period	Meal Allowance
Breakfast	\$20.25
Lunch	\$19.85
Dinner	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$90.10

Tips and Gratuities

Tips and gratuities cannot exceed 20%. For all tips or gratuities in excess of \$10 for a single receipted meal in addition to the itemized meal receipt proof of payment of the gratuity must accompany the request for reimbursement. This situation is expected to occur only in unusual circumstances

MISCELLANEOUS:

The Group will not reimburse delegates for telephone calls, internet, alcoholic beverages, entertainment, laundry, expenses incurred by family or friends and any unexplained miscellaneous expenses.

OTHER MATTERS

Claimants are advised to keep copies of claim forms and supporting documents for their own record keeping purposes.

i. Foreign Exchange

Amounts expended in foreign currencies must be translated to Canadian dollars using the [Bank of Canada exchange rate](#) unless a credit card statement rate or foreign exchange cash receipt rate is attached. Documentation supporting the rate applied must be submitted with the expense claim. Amounts can be converted using actual daily exchange rates, or the average rate for the month in which the travel occurred.

ii. Supporting Documentation

Receipts are important for income tax purposes. The Canada Revenue Agency considers all amounts paid to individuals without receipts to be income to the individual and, therefore, taxable.

Minor expenses (generally under \$10) without original receipts that are difficult to receipt may be approved at the discretion of the individual approving the claim. Public transit fares incurred for university business, and gratuities would be examples of such items.

Claims for reimbursement of travel costs for courses or conferences must be accompanied by the course/conference itinerary or syllabus.

iii. Combining Personal with Business Travel

If a funded participant combines business travel with personal travel, expenses related to direct travel to the Spring Meeting are reimbursable.

Return of Original Receipts:

Where a claimant requires the return of original invoices (e.g. where several organizations are contributing to the cost of a trip), the claimant must write across the original copy in pen "\$X reimbursed by "CCTG", make a photocopy of the original and submit both the original and the copy along with the claim to CCTG Group Administrator's Office. The spoiled original will be returned to the claimant