

# 3 Fairly Complicated ~~10~~ EASY STEPS TO...

## Create a Travel Authorization

*These instructions are for requesting travel authorization prior to your trip.*

***Please note: These are TEMPORARY INSTRUCTIONS  
to be used until the PDAC Budget has been resolved.***

### 1. PART 1: OPENING A NEW TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

- a. Log into CUNYfirst
- b. Select "Financials Supply Chain"
- c. Select "Employee Self-Service"
- d. Select "Travel and Expense Center"
- e. Select "Travel Authorization"
- f. Select "Create"

### 2. PART 2. GENERAL INFORMATION

- a. Description (required): This should be a brief description of the travel
  - Robotics Conference in Las Vegas
  - Literary Fiction Conference in Boston
  - Sustainability Workshop in Houston
- b. Business Purpose (required): select from the drop down menu
- c. Default Location
  - i. Select the magnifying glass
  - ii. Select "Advanced Look Up"
  - iii. Under "Description" change the drop down menu to "contains"
  - iv. Enter the city name
  - v. Select "Look Up"
  - vi. Select appropriate location from the resulting list
- d. Date From (required): first day of travel
- e. Date To (required): last day of travel
- f. Comment (required)
  - i. ***ENTER THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF YOUR TRIP***
  - ii. Add any details pertinent to your trip
- g. Attachments
  - i. Select the "Attachment" link
  - ii. Select "Add Attachment"
  - iii. Select "Browse"
  - iv. Find the document(s) in the pop up window
  - v. Select "Okay"
  - vi. Select "Upload"
  - vii. If you need to attach additional documents return to Step 2.g.i., above
    - Attachments should be in PDF format.

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- Attachments must include:
  - ✓ A signed PDAC Application
  - ✓ A brochure or other detailed information about the conference or workshop including dates and locations
  - ✓ A signed class coverage form

*Please consider saving your work at this point by selecting "Save for Later;" we found that you may be "timed out" due to the length of this process and you don't want to have to start over every time.*

## 3. PART 3: DETAILS *Each blank line represents an individual travel expense*

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- Enter TWO Line items, both exactly the same:
  - Under "Expense Type" (required) select "**Misc Travel Expenses**"
  - Enter the anticipated date of the expense (required)  
Use the first date of travel
  - Enter the estimated amount (required)  
Enter **\$25.00** (twenty-five dollars)
  - Select the "Payment Type" (required) from the drop down menu  
Unless otherwise instructed, the payment type is always "Empl (Employee) Paid"
  - Select the "Billing Type" (required) from the drop down menu  
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  - Select the "Detail" (required) link
    - In the "Description" (required) field enter the word "**proxy**"
    - Verify that all other required fields are complete
- Update the Accounting Details for each line item:
  - Select the "Detail" link
  - Select "Accounting Detail"
    - This is where you can change the Budget Line so that the appropriate account is used to pay for the travel
    - Unless otherwise instructed, do not change any fields except "Dept"
    - CHANGE ONE "MISC TRAVEL EXPENSE" TO THE PDAC CODE, CHANGE THE OTHER "MISC TRAVEL EXPENSE" TO YOUR DEAN'S OFFICE CODE**  
Enter the appropriate Budget Line in the "Dept" field
      - Dean's Offices: SoAS: 80109  
SoPS: 10240  
SoTD: 10274
      - PDAC: Found on award letter. Enter Dept. and Sp. Init. codes
    - Select "OK"
    - Select "Return to Expense Report"
- Select "Check for Errors"; errors will be noted with a pink flag

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- i. If you have any errors please correct them and return to Step 3.g., above
  - ii. If you have no errors, please continue to Step 3.h., below
- d. Select "Submit"

*NOTE: Once a Travel Authorization has been submitted you cannot modify it. If you absolutely must make changes to a submitted Travel Authorization, you must request that your Supervisor reject ("Send Back") the Authorization.*

## What Happens Next?

Now that you have submitted your Travel Authorization, you may wonder what to do next.

In no particular order:

1. Relax
2. Wait for your PDAC Award Letter
3. Travel

Once you have BOTH *completed your travel* AND *received your PDAC award letter*, you must enter your expenses within 10 (ten) business days. Failure to do so could result in a loss of funds.

For help entering your expenses and receipts, please see "10 Easy Steps to... Enter Your Expenses."