

Travel Advance Process:

Employees and departments are encouraged to utilize the department travel card to pay expenses covered by a travel advance. Departments requesting travel advances for employees more often than every 6 months must apply for the department travel card. However, in cases where this is not feasible, travel advances are available to TAMU employees who are traveling on university business. Below is the process for obtaining a travel advance:

1. Complete the form and fax to Fiscal-Accounts Payable at (979) 458-4193 or deliver to the GSC Building (750 Agronomy Rd, Suite 3101, College Station) **at least two working days prior to date of departure (2:00 p.m. deadline for next day check)**.
2. The form will be processed by Accounts Payable.
3. The check will be either mailed or the department will be notified that the check is ready to be picked up as indicated on request form.
4. Travel occurs.
5. Travel voucher must be prepared and submitted to Accounts Payable within 30 days of return from travel.
Travel voucher must clearly show the amount of the travel advance and the reference number from the processed travel advance.
 - A) If travel advance exceeds expenses incurred, the difference must be submitted with the voucher.
 - B) If expenses incurred exceed the travel advance, the difference will be paid to the traveler.
 - C) If travel advance is equal to expenses incurred, a travel voucher must still be completed and submitted.
6. Travel Advance issued, but trip/travel cancelled.
 - A) Immediate reimbursement of travel advance due to trip cancellation is required.
 - B) Please send check or money order to FMS-Sales and Receivables department, 6000 TAMU; noting "travel advance reimbursement".
7. Past due travel advances are subject to being taxable at 120 days past due and a hold being placed on the employee at 60 days past due.

Travel Advances can be given for...

1. *Employees who have the JP Morgan Chase Corporate Card:*
 - a. ...\$20 a day for incidental expenses. The total amount of the advance must be at least \$100.
 - b. ...the amount of airfare charged on the traveler's JP Morgan Chase card (or any credit card if using non-E & G funds) after receiving the bill if this is before the departure date of the trip.
 - c. ...estimated expenses for lodging and meals if the employee is going to a foreign country where the JP Morgan Chase card may not be accepted.
 - d. ...foreign currency payment of a registration fee (all other registration fees should be paid by regular purchase voucher).
 - e. ...required deposits (such as for hotels).
2. *Employees who do **not** have the JP Morgan Chase Travel Corporate Card*
 - a. Departments requesting travel advances for employees more often than every 6 months must apply for the department travel card.
 - b. It is recommended that employees requesting a travel advance who travel more than once every year apply for the JP Morgan Chase Corporate Card
 - c. ...estimated expenses for lodging and meals for the traveling area and \$20 a day for incidental expenses. The total amount of the advance must be at least \$20.
 - d. ...foreign currency payment of a registration fee (all other registration fees should be paid by regular purchase voucher).
 - e. ...the amount of airfare charged on the traveler's credit card if using non-E & G funds after receiving the bill if this is before the departure date of the trip. The departmental CBA must pay for the airfare when using E&G funds.

JP Morgan Chase Corporate Card:

1. All employees are eligible to apply for a state-issued JP Morgan Chase Individual Corporate Card. It is recommended that **employees requesting a travel advance who travel more than once every year apply for the JP Morgan Chase Individual Corporate Card**. Use <http://travel.tamu.edu/forms/> for latest application form. The state issued JP Morgan Chase Individual Corporate Card is to be used for **business related charges only**. Related business and

incidental expenses are allowed even if reimbursement is not going to be requested by the traveler. For example, if you are traveling with your spouse and your hotel bill includes a double occupancy rate that is higher than the single occupancy rate, the JP Morgan Chase Individual Corporate Card may be used to pay for the complete hotel bill, even though these extra costs are not reimbursable.

3. On individual card accounts, the individual whose name appears on the card is solely responsible for payment of the account.

For Fiscal Department Use

Travel Advance Request Form

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ FAMIS VID (11 Digits): 2 -

Email: _____ Sales & Receivables ID: TR 68 - _____

Departure Date: _____ Destinations: _____

Return Date: _____

Purpose of Travel: _____

Account Number to be charged: _____ Advance Amount: \$ _____

Does advance amount include airfare or lodging deposit? Yes No
Advances for airfare allowed only after receiving the credit card statement.

Travel Voucher must be submitted to F.M.S by the Accounting Due Date.
Accounting Due Date (30 days after return date): _____
Past due travel advances are subject to being taxable at 120 days past due and a hold being placed on the employee at 60 days past due.

Requested By: _____ (Signature-Traveler) Mail Check

Approved By: _____ (Signature-Department Head or Designee) Pick Up Check

ACH Direct Deposit

Phone: _____

(Printed Name) (Date) Advance Picked Up by:

(Title) (Signature) (Date)

Contact: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

MS: _____

To Look Up Sales and Receivable # on FAMIS: Use customer last name on screen 632. (TR68 + XXXXXX + 000)	For Fiscal Department Use: A/P: Type 3 Dept. Ref. = TRADV 011143-1615	For Fiscal Department Use: A/R: Dept. = GL Type TA 011143-1615
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See back for travel advance processes and procedures.

Fax completed form to Fiscal-Accounts Payable at (979)458-4193 or deliver to receptionist at the GSC Building, Suite 3101 **at least two working days prior to date of departure (2:00 p.m. deadline for next day check).**

Privacy Notice:

State law required that you be informed of the following:

- (1) you are entitled to request to be informed about the information about yourself collected by use of this form (with a few exceptions provided by law);
- (2) you are entitled to receive and review that information; and
- (3) you are entitled to have the information corrected at no charge to you.