Travel Card User Guide

OVERVIEW

PURPOSE
The University of Miami Travel Card is a U.S. Bank Master Card used for business related travel. University of Miami Travel Card expenses are paid directly by the University to U.S. Bank. All charges to a Travel Card must be properly itemized, supported by a business purpose, approved, and submitted in Workday.

The Travel Card User’s Guide provides the cardholder with information on the appropriate use of the card. It is expected that employees who travel and incur University business expenses will apply for and use the Travel Card as the payment method for those expenses where MasterCard is accepted as a payment method. Under the new corporate-liability agreement, cardholders now need to reimburse UM for unapproved charges instead of paying this directly to US Bank.

CONTACT INFORMATION
The following resources are available to help you with use of your new U.S. Bank Travel Card, answer questions you may have, or help solve any problems that may arise:

- To report a lost or stolen card, or to activate a new card please call U.S. Bank (24/7) at (800) 344-5696 or outside the U.S. at (701) 461-2042.
- To dispute charges, call (877) 877-9260.
- Also report the loss to your department Manager and to the Corporate Card Services Office. To request specific assistance with the use of your Travel Card, or for questions regarding the Travel Card Policies and Procedures, please contact:

  Visit the [Travel Card](#) website.
  Email us with your questions or concerns at travelcard.ap@miami.edu
  For general Travel Card information, contact our staff.

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ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION

ELIGIBILITY
The Travel Card is intended for University of Miami staff and faculty and may not be extended to non-employees. Travel Card eligibility is based on a department’s business need, and is contingent upon:

- Completed online application.
- Approvals from both the prospective cardholder’s manager or department chair or dean.
- Assignment of person responsible for verifying transactions and originating expense reports.
- Completion of required training.

APPLICATION PROCESS:
1. Complete the attached Travel Card Use Agreement Form.
2. Email completed form to travelcard.ap@miami.edu.
3. Complete University Travel Card Program (US Bank) Training CBL in ULearn.
4. Once the Travel Card Use Agreement is received by our office, within 24 hours, an email will be sent from US Bank with instructions on submitting an application.
5. A Travel Card will only be issued after all requirements have been met.
6. Card Delivery - Once the application is approved and required online training is completed, the card will be delivered directly to your designated address. The back of the Travel Card should be signed upon receipt. Note: Normal card processing time is 7-10 business days after approvals have been obtained and training has been completed.
7. Card Activation - Upon receipt of the Travel Card, Cardholders must contact US Bank by calling the telephone number provided on the sticker on the face of the card to activate the Travel Card.
8. Card Validity Period - Travel Cards are valid for four (4) years from the date of issue. Expiration dates are printed on the card.
   If a Travel Card is received with an error, email the Corporate Card Office or call the U.S. Bank customer service number on the back of the card.

USAGE RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITS
The Travel Card is set up for use with merchants selling travel related goods and services such as transportation, lodging providers and restaurants.

SPENDING LIMITS AND BILLING CYCLE
The spending limit on the Travel Card is $5,000.00 with a virtual limit of $10,000.00 that covers airline transportation and accommodation only. Changes to an individual’s spending limit may be requested by the employee’s manager and emailing travelcard.ap@miami.edu with a valid business purpose. The billing cycle ends on the 6th of each month, unless it falls on a weekend (Saturday or Sunday), then the cycle end date will be the following business day.
PROPER USE
Cardholders may only use the Travel Card for University travel-related business transactions. Cardholders (travelers and administrators) are responsible for ensuring that all charges comply with policy and are properly itemized, supported by a business purpose, approved, and submitted via Workday.

The Travel Card must not be used for personal expenses. Given the Travel Card is a Corporate liability Corporate Card, the University has responsibility for paying Travel Card charges directly to the bank. The cardholder is personally responsible for repaying the University of Miami for all non-reimbursable Travel Card charges. This is highlighted in the new Travel Card Use Agreement Form.

In addition to adhering to the Travel Card policies and procedures, all Travel Card transactions must be made in compliance with University policies and procedures governing expenditures and purchasing. All Travel Cardholders who are allocating expenses to a sponsored project account, must be in compliance with the policy that governs that respective program.

Cardholders who do not comply with University policies and procedures may have their University of Miami cardholder privileges revoked. Misuse of the Travel Card may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

Typical Travel Card charges incurred for UM Business include:
- Abstract Fees
- Airfare and Airline Expenses
- Automobile Rentals
- Entertainment Expenses (i.e. meals)
- Gift Cards for Research Participants (*Prior approval needed by Disbursements, then Corporate Cards Office)
- Hotel / Lodging Expenses
- Incidental Travel Expenses (i.e. business-related telephone calls, baggage, gratuities, and handling)
- Journal Publications Fees
- Licenses (i.e. professional)
- Meals (If the traveler is claiming the per diem meal allowance, a personal credit card must be used to pay for meals.)
- Meeting Subsistence
- Memberships
- Registration (i.e. conferences and seminars)
- Subscriptions (i.e. books and magazines)
- Transportation Expenses

* INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS) REQUIREMENTS - The University must report annually to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) incentive payments made to each study participant when the total of all payments received by the participant from all University sources total $600.00 or more in any calendar year. To facilitate this reporting, an IRS form W-9 must be requested from each study participant.
receiving payment. If the study participant is a non-resident of the U.S., a W-8BEN is required and taxes must be withheld at the statutory rate if the non-resident is not from a treaty country and does not have a taxpayer identification number. Please contact the Controller’s Office Tax Services Department for the prevailing tax rate and specific instructions for processing. Failure to withhold taxes from any payment will result in the department being charged any taxes due.

MISUSE
- Personal Purchases
- Any item for which the University has a standard procurement process in place
- International Purchases (Restrictions can be lifted on a one-time basis. Contact Corporate Cards at 305-284-2417.)

Cardholders must use their Travel Cards according to University policies and procedures. Cardholders who do not comply with these policies and procedures, will have their cardholder privileges revoked. This revocation could be extended to include the Procurement Card, if the employee also has the Procurement Card. Misuse of the Travel Card may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

MISUSE AUDIT AND INVESTIGATION
Misappropriations or suspected misappropriations regardless of magnitude must be reported to supervisor/manager. This conduct should be reported to the Disbursement Office.

MISUSE PENALTY
All misuse of the Travel Card will be handled promptly and uniformly for all cardholders. The following actions may apply:
A formal written inquiry will be sent to the individual cardholder requiring the cardholder and their supervisor to complete and sign the Corporate Card Misuse Acknowledgment form. If no response or compliance, the cardholder’s immediate supervisor and/or department head will be copied on a second email. If there is still no compliance, the Corporate Cards Services office will suspend the card.
All cases of misuse will be directed to Internal Audit, the Senior VP of Business and Finance or the Executive Vice President and Provost and to the appropriate Human Resources of faculty Affairs Office. Based upon the severity of misuse, disciplinary action may include immediate termination, restitution and/or pursuit of criminal charges.

CARDHOLDER RESPONSIBILITIES

SECURING TRAVEL CARDS
Cardholders are expected to keep their Travel Cards in a secure location at all times. Only the authorized person is allowed to use the Travel Card that was issued to. Lending or sharing of the Travel Cards is not allowed.
DISPUTING TRAVEL CARD CHARGES
An unidentifiable and or fraudulent charge is a charge that results from an unauthorized transaction made due to a compromise of the Travel Card. If your bank statement contains an unidentifiable or fraudulent charge or you suspect that your Travel Card was compromised, please contact US Bank first, then the Corporate Card Office. US Bank customer service number can be found on the back of the Travel Card.

Reporting Lost or Stolen Travel Cards and Fraudulent Charges
In the event that a Travel Card is lost or stolen, cardholders should immediately call USBank at (800) 344-5696 and if outside of the U.S., call (701) 461-2010 (collect) and request cancellation and reissue of Travel Card. Also notify the Corporate Card office immediately, thereafter.

RETAINING RECEIPTS
It is the responsibility of the cardholder to maintain copies of their receipts for support documentation and for audit purposes.

PROCESSING EXPENSE REPORTS
Cardholders are responsible for reconciling and processing their expense reports in Workday in a timely manner. As outlined in the new Travel Card Use Agreement Form, cardholders have sixty (60) days from the statement date to reconcile their expenses and submit an expense. The expense report will be submitted via Workday and supported by appropriate documentation as required. If a cardholder fails to timely submit an accurate and complete expense report, reconciliation, or supporting documentation, the University of Miami will consider the unsupported charges to be a personal loan and may collect those amounts from the cardholder. If the cardholder fails to reconcile their expenses within sixty (60) days after the statement date, as required above, the Travel Card will be suspended/deactivated until such charges have been reconciled and fully approved, in addition to any other rights the University of Miami may have. Reinstatement of the Travel Card will require approval by a manager. In order to request reinstatement, the cardholder’s manager must send an email approving for reinstatement.

If the cardholder fails to reconcile the Travel Card within ninety (90) days after the statement date, it is understood that the University of Miami will consider all unsupported charges to be a personal loan and will begin payroll deductions for those amounts, as described herein and in accordance with applicable law.
Information regarding processing expenses can be found on the Workday website.
TAX EXEMPTION
The University of Miami is tax-exempt, and many purchases made by departments can be done without having to pay sales tax. In addition to Florida, the University of Miami has obtained tax exempt status in CT, DC, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, ME, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, PA, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA and WI. Instructions to obtain sales tax exemptions are on the Controller’s Website.
If sales tax is billed incorrectly to the cardholder’s account, it is the responsibility of the cardholder to dispute the charge with the vendor. If a vendor requires a tax exemption certificate, it is the responsibility of the cardholder to obtain it from the Controller’s Website and to mail or fax it to the vendor.

PAYING PERSONAL AMOUNTS
If a transaction is deemed personal or determined as a personal charge through a valid audit, the cardholder will have two repayment options to reimburse the University of Miami.
• Remit payment to the Cashier’s Office (Coral Gables employees) within ninety (90) days after the statement date and provide proof of the payment with the expense report. Click on specific instructions link depending on employees campus location (i.e. Coral Gables, Medical, or Rosenstiel); or
• Deduct a determined amount from employee’s payroll.

RELATED OR AFFECTED POLICIES
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The Travel & Business Expense reimbursement policy can be found in PolicyStat.