

Travel Stipend for Dependent Care

University of Utah Health strongly supports faculty who are working to balance family wellness with scholarly and professional obligations. With initial funding from the Castleton Family and donations from U of U Health leaders, funds are available to individual faculty members to *offset the costs associated with dependent care (e.g., child, ill/disabled partner, or elder care) expenses* while traveling to attend professional meetings, conferences, workshops, study sections, and other professional development offerings away from home.

This pilot funding mechanism is aimed at improving the career success of diverse faculty. This stipend will support up to \$1,500 per faculty member, per fiscal year, for approved expenses.

Eligibility

- Applications are limited to health sciences faculty (Colleges of Health, Nursing, and Pharmacy; Eccles Health Sciences Library; and the Schools of Dentistry and Medicine). Faculty on the tenure, research, clinical, or lecturer tracks may apply.

Expenses covered by the travel stipend may include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- Reasonable daily wages, transportation, lodging, and estimated meal costs and incidentals for the caregiver, either at home or during travel to, or onsite at the conference meeting location.
- The cost of transporting the dependent to a conference/meeting location, and reasonable costs associated with travel for the dependent. Entertainment expenses are not reimbursable.

Recipients must verify that funds requested for dependent care are due to travel for university business and are above and beyond normal dependent care expenses (e.g., normal day care or caregiver expenses).

Given the personal nature of this support, payments will be made as taxable additional compensation to the faculty member. Contacting your tax professional to discuss the impact of this compensation on your taxes is advised.

Application Cycles:

Application Deadline	Application Review	Notification of funding
September 20, 2021	October 4, 2021	October 15, 2021
January 5, 2022	January 19, 2022	February 4, 2022
May 2, 2022	May 16, 2022	June 3, 2022

Requesting faculty members should complete and submit the [online application](#) by the deadlines listed above. A review committee comprised of representative members from University of Utah Health Sciences will meet in September, January, and May to review and

respond to submitted applications. Following review, applicants will be notified of a decision within one month.

Reimbursement of expenses for travel that has occurred more than 4 months prior to the application deadline will not be considered. Faculty members should plan to apply for funding in advance of their chosen activities.

Prioritization of applications will be based on:

- Quality and significance of the scholarly activity to be supported by the award
- Potential impact of the proposed activities for career development

Questions about eligibility for the program, or other queries, can be directed to Kim Clark, kim.clark@hsc.utah.edu, 801-213-3757.

Submission Guidelines

Completed applications must be submitted no later than **Monday, September 20, 2021**.

Applicant Checklist

- Completed [Online Application](#)
- Budget and budget justification
- Current CV