

# **OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER**

## **General Accounting - Treasury Team Program Expense Card Training**

**July 2025**





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# Program Expense Card Overview



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# Program Expense Card Program

Used for educational programs (eg. Study Abroad, Summer Programs, etc.) and participant incentive payments.



- Credit cards are issued through Bank of America.
- Cards can only be issued to full time USC employees.
- Program Expense cards cannot be used for individual travel or any purchase subject to procurement.





## University Controller's Office Card Program Matrix

Card Need	Description	Examples	Recommended Card Program	Resources	
<b>Prizes/Awards</b>	To pay a one time, nominal amount for a prize/award program		Program Expense Card		
<b>Educational Programs</b>	To pay for approved meals/expenses for educational programs (meals only allowed for program participants)	Summer programs, outreach programs, etc.	Program Expense Card		
<b>Study Abroad</b>	To pay for approved meals/expenses for study abroad trips		Program Expense Card		<a href="#">Program Exp Card request form</a>
<b>Electronic Participant Payments</b>	To provide research participants with an electronic gift card incentive	Amazon, Walmart, Target, etc.	Program Expense Card		<a href="#">Program Exp Card Procedures</a>
<b>Cash Equivalent Participant Payments</b>	Payments to participants through mobile payment services	Venmo, PayPal, etc.	Program Expense Card		<a href="#">Program Exp Card Agreement</a>
<b>Non-monetary participant payments</b>	Nominal non-monetary payments to participants	Small toys, sercies, greeting cards & other tangible incentives	Program Expense Card		<a href="#">Program Exp Card Update Form</a>
<b>Crowdsourcing Research</b>	Services through a crowdsourcing website to obtain participants	M Turk, Prolific, Lucid, Cloud Research	Program Expense Card		
<b>Physical Card Participant Payments</b>	To provide research participants with a physical gift card incentive from a specific merchant of your choice	Amazon, Target, Walmart, Starbucks, etc.	Program Expense Card		



# Requesting Program Expense Cards



Complete  
Program  
Expense Card  
Request Form



Email form to:  
[cards@mailbox.  
sc.edu](mailto:cards@mailbox.sc.edu)



Attend training.



Allow 7-10 days  
for processing.



You will receive  
an email when  
requested card  
is ready to be  
picked up.



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Controller's Office  
Program Expense Card Request Form

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

- ▶ All expenses must be approved University program expenses
- ▶ Applicant must be a full-time USC employee
- ▶ Training Required prior to card use

Please email completed form to: [Cards@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:Cards@mailbox.sc.edu)

SECTION I. CARDHOLDER INFORMATION	
LEGAL FIRST AND LAST NAME REQUIRED	
LAST NAME	CAMPUS
FIRST NAME	DEPARTMENT NAME
CELL PHONE	DEPARTMENT ADDRESS
OFFICE PHONE	
EMAIL	CARDHOLDER LIAISON(S) - NAME, EMAIL, USER ID & USC ID
USC ID	
PEOPLESFT USER ID	

DESCRIPTION OF INTENDED USE:

SECTION II. CHARTFIELDS			
OPERATING UNIT	DEPARTMENT	FUND	CLASS

SECTION III. INTENDED USE OF CARD	
UNIVERSITY PROGRAM	RESEARCH INCENTIVES

As cardholder, I will treat the USC Program Expense Card with at least the same level of care as personal credit cards. The card will be maintained in a secure location and the card account number will be carefully guarded. I will be the only person entitled to use the card. I fully understand the intent of this program and will comply with all guidelines on the Program Expense Card as well as USC policies and procedures related to the expenditure of University funds. I will maintain all receipts and records for proper reconciliation of all transactions. I understand if proper documentation is not provided or if funds are used for unauthorized expenses, the Payroll Department can deduct the outstanding balance from future payroll check(s) and the card may be suspended.

I have read and agree to the [Card Programs Policy \(FINA 2.70\)](#) and [Card Programs Procedures \(FINA 2.70\)](#)

CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION IV.	Please select one spend profile below
	1. \$1K Limit/Month - \$1K Single Transaction Limit
	2. \$2K Limit/Month - \$1K Single Transaction Limit
	3. \$5K Limit/Month - \$3K Single Transaction Limit
	4. \$10K Limit/Month - \$5K Single Transaction Limit **
	5. \$15K Limit/Month - \$5K Single Transaction Limit **

\*\* Requires justification for higher limit and approval by Controller's Office

# Program Expense Card Request



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# Tracking Gift Card Distribution

- You will be responsible for providing a list of all gift card/incentive recipients and amounts received
- Participants' name, email or participant ID (for protected groups) must be provided for all gift cards or incentives purchased
- Only purchase cards that can be distributed to participants within the month. Proof of distribution is required for expense report to be approved.



# Compliance & Violations



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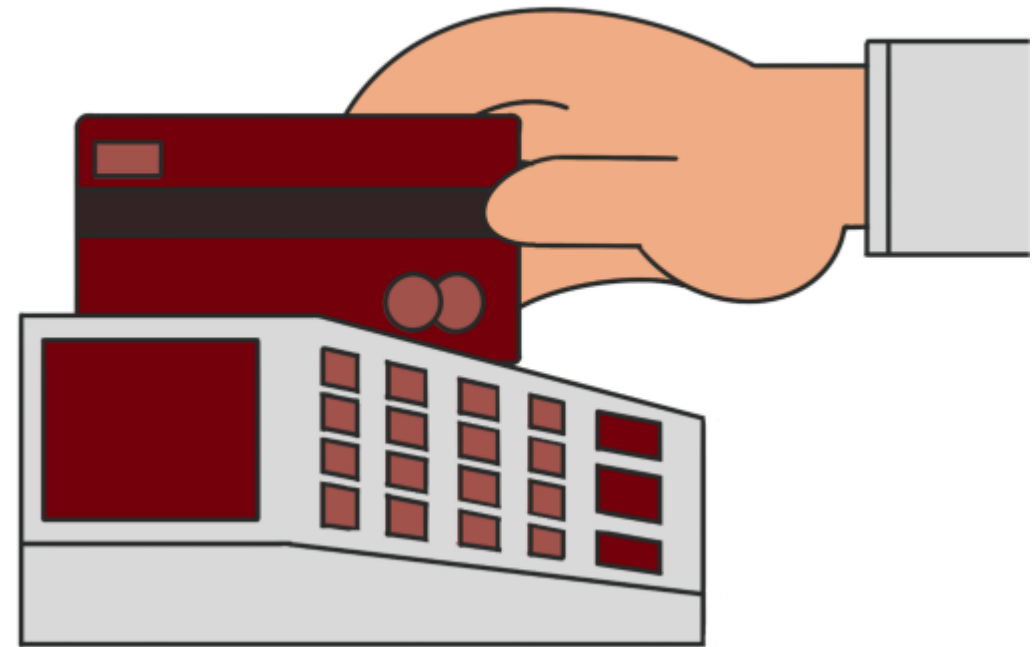
# Compliance

- Cards will be suspended if transactions are not processed timely
- Cards will be suspended if used for unauthorized expenses
- Be sure to complete a monthly audit/review before certifying
- Expense reports are subject to external and internal audit



# Compliance

- Violations may result in revocation of use privileges and/or disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment. Employees who are found to have inappropriately used the Program Expense Card will be required to reimburse the University of South Carolina for all costs associated with such improper use.
- If proper documentation is not provided or if funds are used for unauthorized expenses, the Payroll Department can deduct the outstanding balance from future payroll check(s).



# Program Expense Card Program

## This card CAN be used for

- Research Participant Incentives
- Student Programs (e.g. Study Abroad, summer and outreach programs where program participants are direct recipients of goods and services)



## This card CANNOT be used for

- Individual Travel or any purchase that is subject to procurement.
- Purchase food for USC employees (unless acting as a chaperone for a program)



# Program Expense Card Violations

**Violations of policies/procedures include (but are not limited to):**

- X Personal or unauthorized purposes
- X The purchase of alcoholic beverages or any substance, material, or service which violates policy, law or regulation pertaining to the University of South Carolina
- X The Cardholder allows the card to be used by another individual
- X The Cardholder fails to provide required receipts
- X The Cardholder fails to provide, when requested, information about any specific purchase
- X The Cardholder does not adhere to all the Program Expense Card policies and procedures



# Program Expense Card Violations

**An example of purchases NOT allowed on the Program Expense Card include (but are not limited to):**

- X Departmental supplies such as pens, paint, paper, file folders (must remain in the office for office use)
- X Coffee makers, microwaves, speakers, chairs
- X Software/subscription services
- X Food consumed by USC employees
- X Employee travel
- X Student travel to conferences
- X Payments for services rendered
- X Payments made to PeopleSoft suppliers (submit invoice through Payment Request)



# My Wallet



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# What is My Wallet

Card transactions (charges) are interfaced from Bank of America into PeopleSoft My Wallet daily.



Cardholders and Liaisons can use My Wallet for reviewing and updating each of these card charges before they are consolidated into the Expense Report statement.

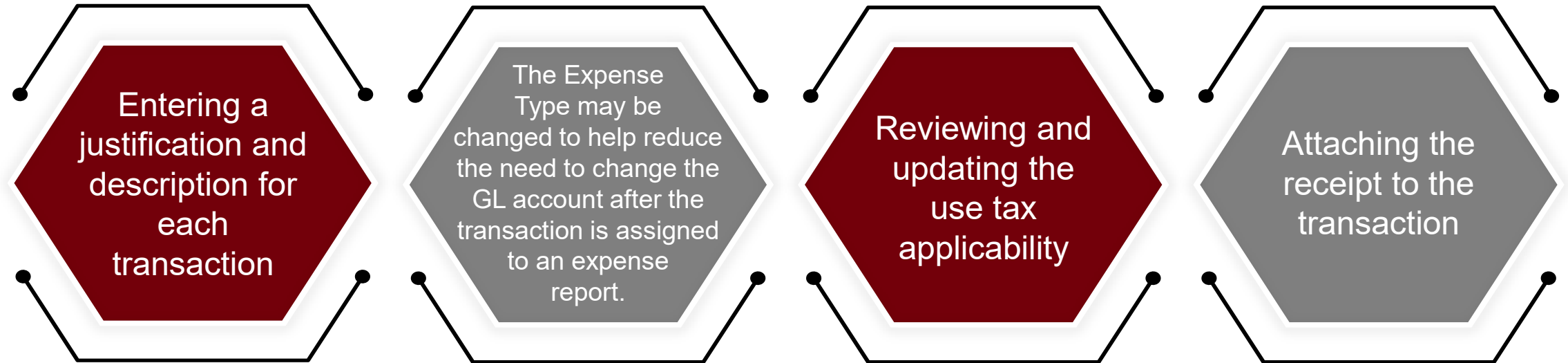
Please allow 1-2 additional days to interface into PeopleSoft.



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# How to use My Wallet

The following can be updated using My Wallet:



All updates made in My Wallet carry over to the Expense Report.

Some of these requirements may be completed on the expense report page however, updating use tax applicability must be completed on the My Wallet details page.



# Use Tax



Most purchases of tangible property are subject to sales or use tax.

If sales tax is charged on the invoice, **do not** check the “use tax” box in my wallet as this adds use tax to the purchase.

If it is necessary to apply use tax to a purchase made with your p-card, you can do so in my wallet by checking the “use tax” box.



# Expense Report Overview



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# Expense Reports for Program Expense Card

Expense Reports must be submitted and fully approved within 30 days of the end of the billing cycle.

Include:

- ✓ Billing statement
- ✓ All receipts and documentation (e.g. merchant receipts, list of participants in program, list of gift card recipients & amount received, etc.)
- ✓ Include IRB approval letter for all human subject research incentives
- ✓ A personal consumption memo must be submitted for all food purchases along with participants (no food purchases allowed for USC employees, unless the employee is part of a group meal)



# Expense Report

- The PeopleSoft page is where all card transactions that represent the month end statement will be copied
- As a Liaison, your USC ID will default. Be sure to change if creating on behalf of the cardholder
- It is important to select the correct **business purpose**. After selecting, the business purpose can't be changed
- Use the Default Accounting for Report action to populate the accounting detail for each expense line. Just be sure to change it if different for a line(s)
- Begin your expense report early in the month and add My Wallet transactions periodically
- If your department scans all receipts as one document, this attachment may be added at the end of the month before the expense report is submitted



# Timeline

Expense Reports must be fully approved in PeopleSoft within 30 days of the end of the billing cycle. For example:



Gift cards are purchased. These would be in the March billing cycle (transactions from February 26th – March 25<sup>th</sup>).



All cards must be distributed with names provided in the expense report before.



The expense report is due.



# Expense Report Status

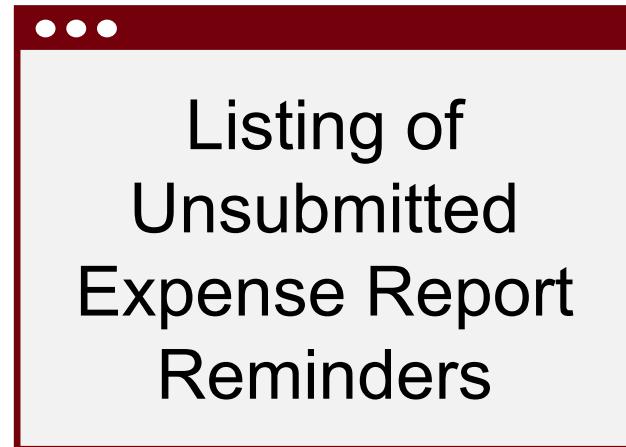
Status	Status Description
<b>Pending Status</b>	not submitted for approval. The expense report can be modified and deleted.
<b>Submitted for Approval</b>	the expense report is submitted, waiting for approval.
<b>In Process</b>	the expense report is in approval workflow.
<b>Approved</b>	approval for the expense report is complete and waiting on processing.
<b>Paid</b>	the expense report is processed and complete.

**\*\*Note:** Once in a “Paid” status, the transaction is posted to the General Ledger overnight. Expenses are posted to your budget when the expense report is paid.\*\*



# Important Notifications

The following automated alerts are sent to the Liaisons every Wednesday:



Note: Cards are suspended throughout the year if expense reports are not processed timely.

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# Resources & Contacts



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**PeopleSoft Finance Training Schedule**
**2025 Session Dates and Times**

For information about a class you're interested in attending, please email the PeopleSoft Training Team at [pstrain@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:pstrain@mailbox.sc.edu).

**Note:** If you encounter difficulties while registering for training sessions conducted through Team's, we recommend attempting to clear your cache or utilizing Google Chrome as an alternative.

What	When	How Long	Where
<a href="#">Travel and Expense Proxy Training</a>	Wednesday, January 22 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	3 hour	Online (Teams Meeting)
<a href="#">Program Expense Card Training</a>	Wednesday, January 22 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.	1 hour	Online (Teams Meeting)
<a href="#">Travel and Expense Proxy Training</a>	Wednesday, February 12 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	3 hour	Online (Teams Meeting)
<a href="#">Depositor Training</a>	Friday, February 14 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.	1 hour	Online (Teams Meeting)
<a href="#">Travel and Expense Proxy Training</a>	Wednesday, March 12 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	3 hour	Online (Teams Meeting)
<a href="#">Depositor Training</a>	Friday, March 14 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.	1 hour	Online (Teams Meeting)
<a href="#">Program Expense Card Training</a>	Friday, March 14 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.	1 hour	Online (Teams Meeting)
<a href="#">Travel and Expense Proxy Training</a>	Wednesday, April 9 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	3 hour	Online (Teams Meeting)
<a href="#">Depositor Training</a>	Friday, April 11 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.	1 hour	Online (Teams Meeting)
<a href="#">Travel and Expense Proxy Training</a>	Wednesday, May 7 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	3 hour	Online (Teams Meeting)
<a href="#">Program Expense Card Training</a>	Tuesday, May 13 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.	1 hour	Online (Teams Meeting)

# Upcoming Training Dates

To register, click the link for the date/time that works best for you. On the registration page, provide your first/last name and email. Once registration is complete you will receive a confirmation email and the session will be added to your calendar.

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Management

## Payroll Department

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and TransparencyResource and Training  
Toolbox

## Treasury Management

Treasury Management is responsible for the University's banking relationships. We manage the cash balances and investments for operating and endowment funds and ensure reconciliations of all financial records with bank accounts.

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## Card Programs

The Card Matrix provides a guideline of purchases allowed on each USC Card Program.

[Card Matrix \[pdf\]](#)

## Program Expense Card

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- [Program Expense Card Request Form \[pdf\]](#)
- [Program Expense Card Update Form \[pdf\]](#)
- [Program Expense Card Missing Receipt \[pdf\]](#)
- [Program Expense Card FAQ \[pdf\]](#)

Contact Treasury  
Management

For questions about any Treasury Management services, please contact us directly:

1600 Hampton Street, 6th floor  
Columbia, SC 29208

Email: [treasury@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:treasury@mailbox.sc.edu)

# Where to Find the Resources

For Program Expense Card resources, visit the Card Program section on our [Treasury Management](#) page.



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## Business Manager

The role of each Business Manager at the University of South Carolina varies across each college and department. Each Business Manager handles several responsibilities that directly influence the success of their departments and the University overall. They provide business expertise on a variety of topics including, but not limited to budget, expenses, supplier onboarding, transaction corrections, and University policies and procedures.

Below is a list of tasks a Business Manager may be responsible for within their college/department. Sections include links to training resources that support each task.

**Note:** Each year the Controller's Office provides refresher trainings starting the month of February thru the end of April. Registration links for all scheduled trainings are sent to our BIZMANAGER listserv end of January, provided in our monthly newsletter, and in a prior week reminder email. On demand training can be found in the sections below.

#### Account Funding Change

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#### AP Uploads



#### Business Expense Prepaid Cards



#### Cash Advances



#### Cost Transfer



#### Departmental Deposits



#### Employee Reimbursement (Non-travel)



#### Endowments



#### Finance Intranet

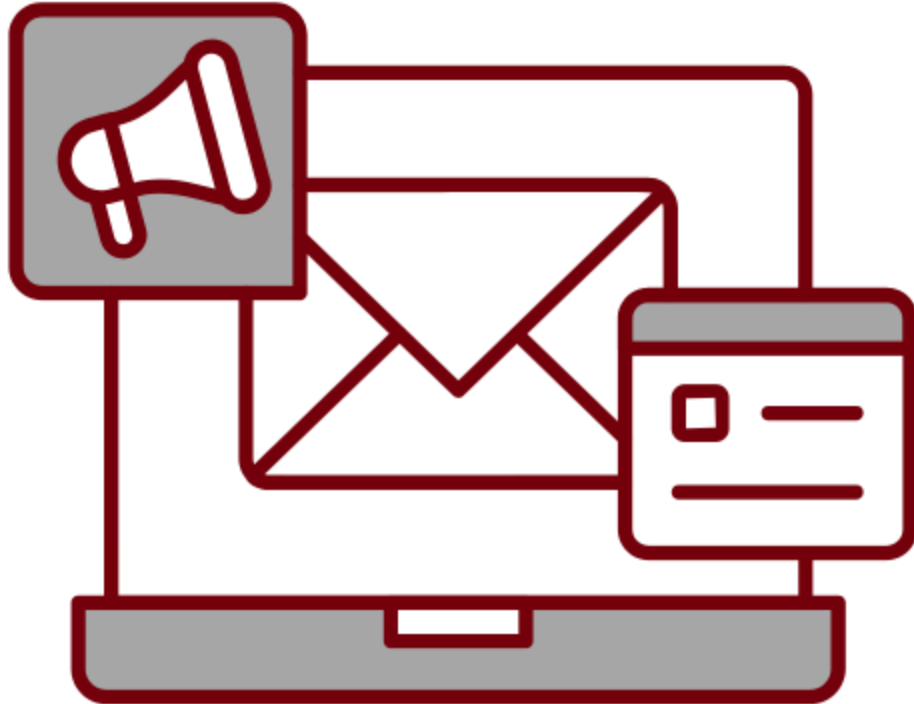


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For specific questions, please visit our [website](#) to find the appropriate contact.



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# Questions



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# THANK YOU!

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Alone, we can do so little; together,  
we can do so much.



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