

Modifications to Faculty Conference Travel Policy for Spring 2021

Due to health and safety concerns related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the College will not be funding faculty travel for the Spring 2021 semester.

Faculty who travel on their own should remain aware of the Massachusetts Travel Order requirements for quarantine or testing upon return to Massachusetts:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order>.

The College will support faculty participation at virtual academic conferences. If you are giving a paper or otherwise are on the program (as described in Faculty Conference Travel Policy section B.1), we will continue to support virtual attendance at the same number of conferences as defined by the terms of the policy.

In recognition of the benefits of engaging professionally and intellectually during this period of travel restrictions, all faculty may apply for College support for registration fees at **one** appropriate virtual academic conference even without giving a paper, being on a panel, or otherwise appearing in the conference program (as described in Faculty Conference Travel Policy section B.1). The support will be a maximum of \$500 in conference fees.

To request College support for registration fees for virtual academic conferences, please complete the conference travel pre-approval form in Chrome River. The general expectation is that virtual conference attendance will not disrupt your teaching schedule, but if it is the case that you are scheduled to present at a virtual conference at a time that conflicts with your course schedule, please indicate in the comments section what arrangements you will make for your class(es).