

Travel Scholarship Frequently Ask Questions

Q: What should I do about my registration if I signed up and paid prior to receiving the FIT Travel Scholarship?

A: The registration company will give you credit back to your credit card once they have processed the list from me. The credit should be posted to your credit card within 15 days.

Q: What hotel will I be staying in? When will I know my hotel assignment?

A: Participants in the FIT Travel Scholarship will either stay at the Sheraton Boston or the Marriott Copley Place. You will receive confirmation of your hotel and stay in late October.

Q: Can I decide the hotel between the hotels?

A: Hotel assignments will be based on length of stay and availability; therefore we can not guarantee which hotel you will be staying in. Due to the volume of request we are not taking request for hotel assignments or locations.

Q: What do I do if I made hotel reservations on my own?

If you made hotel reservations on your own prior to notification of the scholarship you will need to cancel those hotel reservations on your own.

Q: Will I be guaranteed my smoking preference and bed type?

A: Hotel accommodations such bed type and smoking preference are request and can not be guaranteed until check-in and are left up to the discursion of the hotel.

Q: If I stay at another hotel other than the one assigned to me under the scholarship will I be reimbursed?

A: No, under the scholarship you will be assigned to stay at one of the four designated hotels; stays at other hotels will not be reimbursed.

Q: Will I have to share a room with another fellow?

A: No, everyone will have their own room.

Q: How do I handle changes to my reservations?

A: If you have to make changes to your reservations please contact Fittravel at fittravel@rheumatology.org directly. **DO NOT** contact the hotel.

Q: How do I handle my airline reservations if I am bringing my family?

A: Prior to making your reservations please email fittravel@rheumatology.org for instructions.

Q: How will I be reimbursed if I purchase my airline ticket individually?

A: You will need to complete an airline reimbursement form which will be sent to you prior to the meeting. All forms will be processed after November 15, 2007. All forms should be returned to within 30 days after the meeting to be considered for reimbursement. If the form is not returned within that time, we reserve the right to deny reimbursement.

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Q: What would be the amount reimbursed for airline or train tickets purchased individually?

A: Under the scholarship roundtrip economy/coach airfare we pay the BEST AVAILABLE fare (best available fare up to \$400, the up to \$400 does not mean you have \$400 to spend) to Boston, MA from your home city is covered.

Q: Will I be reimbursed for rental cars, gas, taxi fares & other expenses?

A: We will not reimburse anyone for gas, rental car or other related expenses. All fellows will receive a \$100 Ground Transportation check at the meeting we don't require receipts this check is meant to cover parking and taxi fares during the meeting.

Q: If I decide to drive, would mileage reimbursement be available and at what rate of reimbursement?

A: Mileage will be reimbursed at a rate of \$.485 per mile; this mileage reimbursement will not exceed the amount of airfare from your home city. Reimbursement forms will be sent to you prior to the meeting and must be returned within 30 days after the meeting to be considered for reimbursement. If the form is not returned within that time we reserve the right to deny the reimbursement.