

# SPEND AUTHORIZATION IN WORKDAY



*Faculty must complete a spend authorization in Workday to receive approval to use up to \$1500 in travel funds (\$2100 for international travel) for professional development. Follow the steps below to complete a spend authorization and associated expense report in Workday.*

**Important Note:** Expenses must be reimbursed within 60 days of being incurred. **An expense report not submitted in Workday and substantiated within 60 days of incurring the expense is considered gross income and subject to tax withholding** and will be processed through Payroll and reported on the employee's W-2 form. [Go here](#) for more information on Brown's expense policy.

## Part A: Create Spend Authorization

**Note:** By beginning this process in Workday, you attest to having received authorization from your chair or director

1. Type all or part of **Create Spend Authorization** in the search bar; company and dates default in:

2. Complete the following required fields:
  - Description – brief summary of the business purpose (i.e. attend Geological Society of America (GSA) conference in Atlanta)
  - Business Purpose – high level purpose of request (i.e., annual professional conference); select from picklist
  - Spend Authorization Total
  - Justification – specific details re: your request including dates of travel and justification for fund request (i.e., GSA Conference, 8/1 to 8/7/21, meet with collaborators who support my research)

3. Scroll down to **Spend Authorization Lines**, select **Add**



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4. Complete required fields (\*) to reflect the type of payment for the Spend Authorization:
  - Expense Item – type of expense
  - Quantity
  - Per Unit Amount
  - Total Amount – auto calculates
  - Memo – leave blank
  - Billable – leave unchecked
  - Worktags – Enter **CC31412 Faculty Travel Fund** for each line
5. Select **Submit** to route authorization to the Dean of the Faculty (DOF) to review and approve use of travel funds for the designated amount

## Additional Notes

- Consult the DOF's [Faculty Research Travel Fund](#) web page for additional information
- Travel fund review may require more details and may be sent back by the approver
- Spend authorizations may be edited to add or remove expenses as needed
- Partial authorizations may be approved

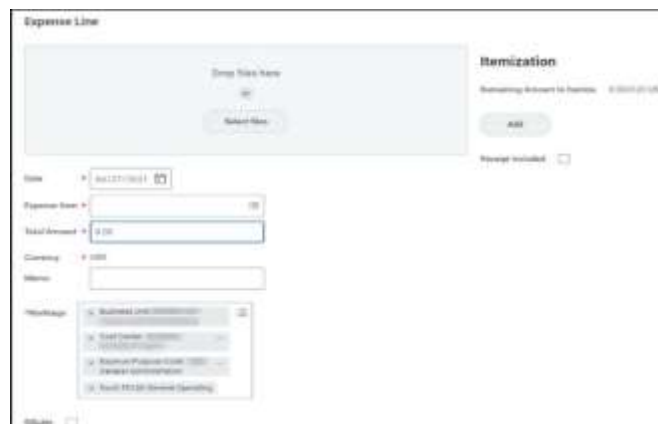
## Part B: Expense Report

*Once travel is complete, the spend authorization must be closed out with a corresponding expense report in Workday. Departmental staff should have experience creating expense reports.*

1. Type all or part of **Create Expense Report** in the search bar
2. Complete the following fields on the Expense Report information screen:
  - Expense Report for - initiator will default in
  - Creation Options – Select **Create New Expense Report from Spend Authorization** and choose spend authorization from menu
  - Final Expense Report for Spend Authorization – check if all expenses are completed and spend authorization is being closed out
  - Company – Brown University will default in
  - Expense Report Date – today's date will default in
  - Worktags – update to include **CC31412 Faculty Travel Fund**
3. Complete the following fields under **Expense Lines**:
  - **Date** - Select today's date

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- **Expense Item** - Select from drop down or type
- **Total Amount** – Auto calculates
- **Memo** -Additional information about transaction
- **Worktags** – Ensure **CC31412 Faculty Travel Fund** is included for expenses that had been approved via the submitted spend authorization
- **Attachments** - Include for each item **OR** attach one document of all receipts
- **Receipt Included** - Check if a receipt is included



4. Itemization - Use if splitting the costing from two or more accounts (e.g. the Travel Fund and a research account)

- Select **Add** to open the **Non-Recurring Charges** screen
- Enter **Per Unit Amount** (dollar amount being paid) for each costing line

**Note:** Initial worktags are the initiator's default worktags

- Select **Add** to add another costing line
- Enter new Worktags for each costing line (*Note: X out default Worktags on new line and start with a new driver Worktag: Cost Center, Grant, Project, or Endowment*)

5. Select **Submit** to complete the process

## Additional Notes

- All expenses can be combined on one report
- Expense reports with spend authorizations will be approved by the Provost and additional Cost Center Manager(s) and fund managers, if necessary