DEPENDENT CARE TRAVEL GRANT PROGRAM

Paying out of pocket for additional dependent care costs associated with university-related travel is a challenge for many faculty. The primary objective of the dependent care travel grant program is to reduce the barriers to caregivers for attending work related conferences, workshops, professional meetings and research activities that contribute to their professional visibility, provide valuable networking opportunities, and aid in the progression of instructional faculty in their careers at Virginia Tech.

This program was developed by the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost and launched as a pilot program by three colleges in 2022. Beginning in the 2025-26 academic year, the program will be managed centrally by the Office of Faculty Affairs, with support from each of the colleges (from private sources of funding).

Eligible faculty may receive as much as $1,000 per fiscal year (June 30-July 1) towards dependent care-related expenses above and beyond their regular dependent care expenses while attending professional academic events away from home, e.g., conferences, invited talks, on-site research, meetings with research sponsors, etc. Grant funding is limited to $1,000 per household per fiscal year and subject to other conditions described on the application form. Requests will be reviewed by the Office of Faculty Affairs in consultation with the faculty member's college leadership, and are subject to eligibility and availability of funding.

Eligibility requirements:
1. Full-time, regular instructional faculty members including tenured, tenure-track, continued-appointment, continued appointment-track, collegiate, of practice, clinical faculty, and instructors (*Graduate students in the College of Science are also eligible to apply for this grant*).
2. Faculty who have not met the household maximum of $1,000 in Dependent Care Travel Grant funding in the current fiscal year (July 1 – June 30).

Visit the Dependent Care Travel Grant Program webpage to learn more and apply for the grant.

Contact Rachel Gabriele, Associate Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, with questions.