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## FAQ: About STEM Family Travel Initiative

1. Can I get an extension for the application deadline?

No

2. Can I use the travel grant to help pay for food costs?

No

3. Can STEM faculty members with working spouses, who are not STEM faculty, apply for travel grants?

Yes, all are eligible, and funding will depend on the details of how the need is articulated. Both male and female applicants are encouraged to apply.

4. Can I use SFTI funds for childcare during an event at my home institution?

No, because it is not travel.

5. If I stay at a more expensive hotel because it is closer to the conference, and therefore to my child (or to the conference's child care facilities), can I count that as an extra cost?

No, because all hotel expenses can be charged to grants.

6. My childcare provider needs to drive to the location of my conference, and watch my child there. Can I give him money for the mileage and gas?

Yes, with proper documentation

7. If I don't request the entire \$1200 in my application, can I apply for a grant for a second conference?

Yes, you can apply for an additional conference if you did not use the entire \$1200. You may apply for support for 2 conferences in the same deadline, if two separate applications are submitted. Or you may submit different applications at different times.

8. Can an undergraduate or graduate student apply for a SFTI grant?

No, the grants are restricted to tenure-track and/or tenured faculty and post-docs.

9. How do I document a sitter fee, if it is a private sitter that I am paying on an hourly basis?

You can submit a copy of the check you used to pay the sitter.

10. If the dates of my travel change slightly, will it affect my grant?

No, we can be somewhat flexible about your travel dates, as long as, they don't fundamentally change the structure of your childcare.

11. Instead of flying my mother-in-law in to take care of my son, my wife and son would like to travel to her house. Would this be covered by my grant?

No, **SFTI policy does not allow us to pay for spouse's travel**. If you choose to fly your wife and son to her parent's house, SFTI can pay for your son's airline ticket but not your wife's.

12. Am I eligible to apply for a SFTI travel grant if my child is 16 years old?

Yes, the child is a minor and cannot be left home alone for several days.