

2011 TAMU ECE NSF REU FAQ

1. How do we get paid and how often?

The total stipend of \$4,100 plus \$1000 for meal allowance for the 10 weeks of the program is paid out in three fairly equal installments. The project pay dates are typically the Friday of the first week of the program, the beginning of July and the last week of the program. This year these dates are projected to be June 3, 2011, July 1, 2011 and August 1, 2011.

The funds are paid through financial aid as scholarships.

2. How does the meal allowance work? Do we receive it immediately?

The meal allowance is \$100 per week, which is a total of \$1000. See the response to Q1 above on the payment procedure.

3. I'm driving or flying to TAMU. How do I get reimbursed for travel?

On the first day of the program, a travel reimbursement form is given out.

- Students who fly will be reimbursed for their airline ticket and tax from airport to the Traditions. To receive reimbursement, students must provide an airline ticket receipt, which shows a payment. To receive taxi reimbursement, students must show a taxi receipt.
- Students who drive will be reimbursed for mileage from home to College Station. If the trip takes more than one day, then reimbursement will be paid for hotel and reasonable meals charges. Receipts are required for hotels and meals. The mileage will be computed by our fiscal person based on your point of origination.
- Note: You will be reimbursed for your travel to College Station once you arrive here. You will be reimbursed for your travel home after you depart.

4. How do we arrange for parking and is the cost reimbursed?

You will have parking provided at The Traditions. The university shuttle passes in front of The Traditions. Also The Traditions is within walking distance of the university. If you want to park on campus, you will need to purchase your own parking pass. This can be done by going to the University Parking and Transportation office in the Koldus building. More information can be found at their website at: <http://transport.tamu.edu/>.

5. Is there a student medical center on campus and is there a cost? If so, whom do we call to get our insurance approved?

The campus medical center is called the Beutel Health Center and services are generally offered for a fee. The general website for the health center is: <http://shs.tamu.edu>. Information about insurance is found at <http://shs.tamu.edu/insurance/> where phone numbers are given so you can check if your insurance is accepted.

There are a variety of other fee-based medical centers around College Station and Bryan where most insurance plans are accepted.