



ACT

American College
of Toxicology

GUIDELINES FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF SPEAKERS AND CHAIRS IN EDUCATIONAL COURSES (CE); SYMPOSIA/MINI SYMPOSIA; AND WORKSHOPS

The American College of Toxicology requests that speakers and chairs provide their own funding for meeting registration and travel and encourage seeking additional support from your workplace to support the session in which you are participating. However, if support is not possible, ACT reimburses both member and nonmember speaker and chairs expenses in those cases where an employer or other agency does not provide travel support. During the Session Proposal Submission process, the funding needs for each invited chair and speaker should be indicated by selecting the appropriate membership type. Once the proposal system closes, requests for travel support should be made by the session chair or by emailing ACT Headquarters (email: jehler@actox.org). **March 31 is the absolute last date to request travel support.** These requests will be reviewed, and the requester will be notified of the approval status. Any request made after March 31 will be considered after the final Annual Meeting expenses are received and audited. Please note that the date of the presentation/session is considered to be one "speaker day."

Speakers must make their own airline and hotel reservations. Reservations must be made far enough in advance* to take advantage of the lowest fares and the reserved hotel room block. Note that, should complicated travel plans (e.g., due to venue/speaker location) warrant support exceeding that allowed as outlined below, the request for such support requires **PRE-APPROVAL**. As soon as the possibility of an extended stay or extra expense is anticipated, travelers should notify ACT Headquarters (email: jehler@actox.org) to initiate a request for pre-approval of such additional support **before** confirming reservations (e.g., hotel). Please check the ACT website (www.actox.org) for hotel information.

Expenses, which may be approved:

- **Airfare:** Lowest economy fare, to be prebooked*, roundtrip to the meeting site. *Date of purchase must be at least 60 days in advance of the meeting date. **The ACT office must preapprove airfares in excess of \$500 no later than March 31.** All requests must be emailed to ACT Headquarters (jehler@actox.org). Partial expense reimbursement may be considered when the proposed fare is considered greater than the lowest economy fare.
- **Ground Transportation:** Taxi/shuttle/rideshare to and from the airport and economy parking, not to exceed \$65.00 per day.
- **Personal Automobile:** Reimbursed according to IRS Standard Mileage Rates (www.irs.gov).
- **Rental Cars:** Reimbursed ONLY if authorized in advance by the ACT office.
- **Hotel:** One night for domestic travel (US, Canada, and Mexico) and two nights for international travel. Reservations **must** be made in the ACT room block at the posted room rate, upgrades and add-ons are not reimbursable. If you are unable to secure a room within the ACT room block, please contact ACT Headquarters. ACT will only reimburse up to the amount of the block rate unless an advance request is made and approved. Allowances can be made for speakers presenting on multiple days. In all cases, advance request and approval by the ACT office is required.
- **Meals:** Up to \$65.00 per speaker day (the day of your presentation). Note: it is reasonable to consider reimbursement for meals for travel the day prior to the speaker day, not to exceed \$50. For morning presentations, return travel in the afternoon/evening is reasonable. For afternoon presentations, return travel on the speaker day may not be possible, so travel the following day may be reimbursed for

meals, not to exceed \$50. Reimbursement beyond these days/limits requires pre-approval via ACT Headquarters.

Note: The American College of Toxicology does NOT pay honoraria or provide in-kind goods or services. Detailed receipts are required for ALL expenses and must be submitted with the ACT Reimbursement Form.

Registration Fees for Speakers and Chairs:

A speaker or chair of a Continuing Education course will have the course registration fee waived. Symposium, Workshop, or Mini Symposium will have meeting registration fees waived for the day(s) of their presentation(s). An ACT staff member will register all speakers and chairs. If an extension of registration is desired, please contact ACT Headquarters for assistance.

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Limited funding to obtain copyright permissions for slide images will be made available per session upon request from the session chair. Session chair(s) need to provide a summary of requested fees to the Program Committee or Education Committee for preapproval of copyright permission expenses.

The completed and signed ACT Expense Reimbursement Form* with the supporting detailed receipts MUST be submitted to ACT Headquarters (email: jehler@actox.org or mail: 11190 Sunrise Valley Drive, Suite 300, Reston, Virginia 20191) **within THIRTY (30) DAYS after the end of the event to be considered for reimbursement.**

Reimbursements will be issued within thirty (30) days of receiving all required information. Please do not duplicate submission of forms (i.e., emailed forms do not have to be mailed).

***Annual Meeting speakers and chairs must have pre-authorization of expense reimbursement.**

If there are any questions about this policy, please contact Jordan Ehler at the ACT office at 703.547.0875 or email: jehler@actox.org.

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