How is non-employee business travel handled?

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There are situations in which a non-employee (including students) will be asked to travel on university business. Below are a few items to keep in mind when processing non-employee travel.

1. A **Travel Authorization** ("TA") is required to be completed prior to any travel taking place and before incurring any expenses.
2. Once the TA is executed, departments can use a purchasing card ("P-card") to prepay the nonemployee's travel expenses.

   **Note**
   The P-card is the preferred method of payment for expenses to be paid before travel and should be used for all expenses that will not be paid via reimbursement where possible (e.g., airfare, lodging reservations, and registration).

3. Travel advances are not allowed for non-employee travelers.
4. If the non-employee traveler will be reimbursed for any out-of-pocket expenses, complete a vendor setup form to obtain a Banner identification number for them, as follows:
   a. US citizens complete the **Vendor Information Form** or Form W-9.
   b. Non-US citizens complete the **Foreign National Information Form - Non-student Version** and **Form W-8BEN**.

**References**
- Travel Manual
- Purchasing Card Program

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- What is the best method to pay for travel expenses?
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