

## T-Card Roles and Responsibilities

### The TEM Software

The University of Illinois System uses the web-based Travel and Expense Management (TEM) software to manage all T-Card transactions. All units using the T-Card to make purchases must designate specific employee(s) to function in the following roles:

- Department Card Manager (DCM)
- Cardholder
- Travel Arranger

### Department Head

- Provides budgetary and compliance oversight for the department's T-Card program and follows sound business practices
- Identifies department employees who will be issued T-Cards
- Assigns T-Card roles within the department
- Reviews and reconciles monthly financial reports and statements

### Department Card Manager (DCM)

#### Role:

- Supervises, administers, and monitors the T-Card program for assigned business unit(s), under the direction of the Department Head
- Sets dollar limits for Cardholders, based upon review of actual purchasing needs and responsibilities as follows:
  - Dollar limit per transaction (maximum \$4,999)
  - Dollar limit in a monthly cycle (maximum \$25,000)
- Also serves as the department's P-Card DCM

#### Responsibilities:

- Requests new cards as needed
- Requests changes to existing Cardholder profiles through UPAY Card Services Ensures that:
  - Every Travel Card Authorization/Agreement and Application form is completed and signed by the applicant and the Department Head
  - Applicants successfully complete the T-Card training and certification quiz
- Retains original applications within the department and sends copies electronically to UPAY Card Services
- Collects T-Cards and follows related procedures for termination of T-Card privileges for employees who:
  - Leave their department or the system
  - No longer need a T-Card
  - Have engaged in noncompliant use of the T-Card
- Ensures that all pending transactions for terminated employees are processed
- Notifies UPAY Card Services of employee departures or organizational changes
- Ensures that Cardholders and Travel Arrangers perform their duties accurately and on time
- Verifies signatures and approval authority level(s) on the T-Card Authorization/Agreement and Application form, *before* they are submitted to UPAY Card Services for processing

## Cardholder

### Role:

- Purchases qualified system travel-related expenses and business meals
- Performs all required functions in TEM system

### Responsibilities:

- Makes qualified system related travel and business meal purchases in compliance with all rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and guidelines that govern the system
- Makes travel related purchases at the lowest available rate
- Makes all car rental arrangements with system contracted providers listed on the OBFS website ([Car Rental](#)) where available
- Obtains an original detailed receipt for each purchase, which includes the vendor's name, date, dollar amount, and an itemized description of the purchase
- Documents all T-Card purchases in TEM within 20 business days
- Scans the receipts for all T-Card transactions into TEM
- Scans all documents related to a T-Card purchase, (e.g., exception approvals obtained for restricted or prohibited purchases) into TEM
- Ensures credit transactions are applied to the same T-Card account used for the original purchase
- Ensures all original receipts and related documents are retained in alignment with departmental policies or for one-plus-current year, whichever is greater
- Maintains a valid US Postal Service (USPS) mailing address, system phone number and email address
- Refrains from loaning or sharing the T-Card, even with employees in the same department
- Notifies the bank, the DCM, and the [UPAY Card Services](#) if the T-Card is lost or stolen, to eliminate liability for any charges incurred as a result of the loss or theft
- Ensures purchases comply with any funding restrictions applicable to the accounting C-FOAPAL, including restrictions outlined for grants and contracts funds and gift and endowment income funds ([Section 8 – Payments and Reimbursements](#); [Section 15 - Travel](#))
- Understands and complies with the lists of [prohibited](#) and [restricted](#) purchases
- Abstain from "stringing," or making successive purchases to circumvent the T-Card single transaction limit, or to avoid the competitive bid requirement. **T-Card will be revoked and account canceled after first incidence of "stringing" is determined.**

## Travel Arranger

### Role:

- The Department Head designates a T-Card Cardholder as a Travel Arranger to reserve or purchase travel for system guests and department travelers
- Performs all required functions in the TEM system

### Responsibilities:

- Performs all of the responsibilities of the Cardholder role while making travel arrangements or purchases for guests or employees who have or do not have a T-Card