

Incentives v. Reimbursements

	Incentives	Travel/Expense Reimbursements
Definition	Payment given to an individual as compensation for participating in a research study. The same amount is given to participants regardless of how far they travel. The spirit of the incentive can be to offset travel costs.	Payment given to an individual for actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred, typically as a result of travel. Ex: Gas, Hotel, Meal. (i.e., Payment is given based on expenses incurred.)
Payment Options	Cash Check Payment Coupon MasterCard Gift Card	Check
Administrative / System Oversight	Human Subject Incentives Program (HSIP)	Travel and Expense Office (Accounts Payable)
Is the payment taxable?	Yes. Note that neither the HSIP office nor Accounts Payable can provide tax advice. Please consult your tax advisor for details related to your particular tax situation.	No. Note that neither the HSIP office nor Accounts Payable can provide tax advice. Please consult your tax advisor for details related to your particular tax situation.

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