Instructions for use of undergraduate research grant funds KURF **Grants and Neag Awards**

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Procedures for Using Undergraduate Research Funds

Depending on circumstance, you may either access the funds in your grant by:

- direct purchase of research materials with the help of a Kutztown University employee (usually your professor), or
- on a reimbursement basis after the purchase has been completed by reporting your itemized receipts along with a completed Accounts Payable Direct Pay Requisition form (typical for travel grants).

Personal purchase with reimbursement

Kutztown University requires all receipts for reimbursement be **itemized** (i.e., the receipt must explicitly list all items purchased). Non-itemized credit card receipts and receipts cannot be reimbursed¹.

- 1. Keep original itemized receipts for all of your reimbursable expenses.
- 2. Organize your original itemized receipts by taping them flat to letter-size sheets. You may present multiple receipts on each page, but please make sure they are easily legible by the accountants who will triple check your work.
- 3. Complete the **Budget Spreadsheet** you received with your decision notification letter by typing the receipt dates, sources, and amounts in the appropriate spreadsheet cells. The spreadsheet will automatically calculate your total receipt amount.
- 4. Complete a Accounts Payable Direct Pay Requisition form and sign the form digitally.
- 5. **Email** your Budget Spreadsheet, scanned pages of itemized receipts, and completed

Accounts Payable Direct Pay Requisition form to friehauf@kutztown.edu.

Toast A Check #4 10/04/2016 10:55 AM Crab Cakes BBQ Pulled Pork Sliders \$10.99 Itemized Subtota1 Total Amount Tip Payment CASH Totals Total \$21.77 \$21.77 Check closed Check Closed 10:55 AM Example of itemized receipt Note receipt lists specific items purchased,

total amount paid, and date/time. (image source)

Your paperwork will be authorized by the Undergraduate Research Committee, the Office of Grants, and then Accounts Payable. Reimbursement generally takes a week or two, depending on system traffic.

Direct purchase through the university system

Purchases made directly through the University system will require assignment of a cost center. Please have your purchasing agent contact friehauf@kutztown.edu for this number.

¹ because the university cannot demonstrate the funds did not purchase something forbidden/inappropriate