RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Post Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 144 Hart Building. **This form is a public disclosure. The form and all attachments will be made publicly available.**

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Certification: *In compliance with the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel, Senate Rule 35, and the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, I certify that I accepted the following gift of privately sponsored travel:*

Private Sponsor(s):

Stanford Hoover Institution

Travel Dates:

02/18/2026-02/21/2026

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Total Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:

- **The final Employee Pre-Travel Authorization** (Form RE-1)
- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

Finally, I certify that all trip information reflected in the attachments above accurately reflects the travel that I accepted. If there were any changes to the trip after I received approval from the Committee, the changes are described in ATTACHMENT 1.

3/13/26
Date

Abigail Lancaster
Printed Name of Traveler

Abigail R Lancaster
Signature of Traveler

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

03/13/2026
Date

Ted Budd
Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

ATTACHMENT 1 – CHANGES FROM APPROVED PRE-TRAVEL

Note: Material changes to a trip that occur after the Committee has issued an approval letter may invalidate the Committee's approval. Please contact the Committee with any questions regarding changes to an approved trip.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved travel expenses? (Transportation, Meals, Lodging, Other)?

○ Yes ◉ No

Expense Change	Revised Amount	Explanation

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

○ Yes ◉ No

Explanation:

Were there any additional changes to the pre-approved trip?

○ Yes ◉ No

Explanation:

RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

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Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220.** Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved.

Name of Traveler:
Abigail Lancaster

Employing Office/Committee:
BUDD, TED

Private Sponsor(s):
Hoover Institution, Stanford University

Destination(s):
Stanford, California

Travel Dates:
02/19/2026 to 02/22/2026
NOTE: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties.

As Senator Budd's advisor on health, attending this biotech-focused trip would deepen my understanding of emerging biotech innovations, public health and related applications, and current regulatory challenges.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip?
No

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
N/A

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

1/12/26
Date

Abigail R. Lancaster
Signature of Employee

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER
(President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain)

I TED BUDD
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize ABIGAIL LANCASTER
(Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate.

☐ (signify "yes" by checking box)

1/12/26
Date

Ted Budd
Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Selection Decision: Hoover Institution Bio-Strategies & Leadership Congressional Leadership Accelerator for Biotechnology

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Sarah Moront <smoront@stanford.edu>
To Lancaster, Abigail (Budd)

Mon 12/15/2025 9:00 AM

Follow up. Start by Monday, December 15, 2025. Due by Monday, December 15, 2025.
If there are problems with how this message is displayed, click here to view it in a web browser.

Dear Abigail,

I am pleased to inform you that you have been accepted to participate in the Congressional Leadership Accelerator for Biotechnology (CLAB) hosted by the Hoover Institution's Bio-Strategies & Leadership program. CLAB will take place on Stanford's campus in California on February 19 and 20, 2026, with travel the evening of February 18 and the morning of February 21.

As a participant you will receive round-trip airfare, ground transportation in California, lodging near Stanford's campus, and meals that are part of the program.

To proceed, please confirm your acceptance no later than Thursday, December 18, 2025, by completing this registration form. Due to ethics regulations, to maintain your spot, it is imperative that you complete this form on time. Failure to do so could result in forfeiture of your spot.

On the registration form you will also find additional information regarding airfare, attire, and ground transportation. A full briefing packet will be sent closer to the program dates.

Upon completion of the form, we'll provide instructions for booking your flights and share pre-travel ethics information for the trip. For your planning purposes, I have listed the recommended flights below. Should you have special travel needs, please reach out to me at your earliest convenience.

Recommended Flights
Wednesday, February 18 | DCA to SFO United Airlines Flight 368
5:50pm - 9:19pm

Saturday, February 21 | SFO to DCA United Airlines Flight 1678
8:30am - 4:43pm

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. We look forward to seeing you at Hoover in the new year.

Best,
Sarah

Sarah Moront
Senior Research Program Manager
Bio-Strategies & Leadership
Hoover Institution | Stanford University

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AGENDA WITH TRAVEL INFORMATION - FEBRUARY 2026 CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP ACCELERATOR FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY

HOOVER INSTITUTION, STANFORD UNIVERSITY

All times listed in local time unless otherwise indicated.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

5:50PM ET	**Depart DCA via United Airlines flight 368**
9:19PM	**Arrive at SFO**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:45AM	**Group shuttle departs Graduate Hotel en route to Stanford University**
8:00AM - 8:30AM	**Networking Breakfast** Participants will have the opportunity to learn about BSL research initiatives and share their priorities in this area with fellow attendees and speakers.
8:30AM - 8:45AM	**Introductions and Logistics** Hoover Bio-Strategies & Leadership staff will welcome attendees and provide essential logistics information for the conference.
8:45AM - 9:15AM	**Biotechnology 101** Alex Engel, lecturer in bioengineering at Stanford University, will introduce core principles of biology and biotechnology, offering participants a clear and accessible foundation for the discussions and sessions that follow. This overview will equip attendees with shared concepts and terminology essential for engaging with the next two days of programming.
9:15AM - 10:00AM	**Biology as a Strategic Domain** Drew Endy, Hoover Institution Science and Senior Fellow and Martin Family University Fellow in Undergraduate Education (Bioengineering), will provide an introduction to emerging biotechnologies in the 21st century and their associated potential strategic impacts and ramifications, including the critical role of biotechnology in democracy, competitiveness, flourishing, and security for the U.S. and its allies.
10:30AM - 11:15AM	**Biotechnology & National Security**

Condoleezza Rice, Tad and Dianne Taube Director and Thomas and Barbara Stephenson Senior Fellow on Public Policy, will examine biotechnology through the lens of national security.

11:15AM - 12:00PM

Biosecurity Really

Rear Admiral Ken Bernard will moderate a discussion on biosecurity with Milana Trounce, Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine at Stanford University; Erik Malmstrom, CEO of SafeTraces; and Royal Hansen, Vice President of Security at Google. The conversation will examine current and emerging biosecurity threats, underscore why biosecurity must be treated as a core national security priority, and explore key findings and insights from the *Biosecurity Really* report.

12:00PM - 1:30PM

Lunch

1:30PM - 2:15PM

Biotechnology & Artificial Intelligence

Hoover Distinguished Visiting Fellow Mike Kuiken will moderate a discussion with Samuel King and Brian Hie of the Arc Institute, and James Zou, Assistant Professor at Stanford University, on the emerging opportunities and challenges at the intersection of artificial intelligence and biology. Drawing on their respective research, the speakers will share insights into how AI is advancing biological discovery while also highlighting the scientific and practical challenges that accompany this rapidly evolving field.

2:45PM - 3:00PM

Walk to Hill-Maini Lab

3:00PM - 4:00PM

Tour of Hill-Maini Lab

Vayu Hill-Maini, Assistant Professor of Bioengineering at Stanford University, will lead participants on a tour of his laboratory, offering an inside look at his current research on fungal systems and their potential to address pressing global challenges.

4:00PM - 4:15PM

Walk to Shultz Building

4:15PM - 5:00PM

How to Think About China

Chris Li, Technology and Geopolitics Fellow at Harvard University's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, will moderate a discussion on how to assess China in the context of biotechnology with Dan Wang, Hoover Research Fellow, and Josh Hodges, Hoover Visiting Fellow. Drawing on the speakers' research and professional experience, the panel will provide an overview of the current state of U.S.–China competition in biotechnology and examine areas of both competition and potential cooperation.

5:00PM - 8:00PM	**Reception and Dinner: Voices from Industry & Beyond** A panel of entrepreneurs, founders, industry leaders, and other practitioners (speakers to be confirmed) will discuss the challenges and opportunities shaping the biotechnology marketplace. Drawing on their professional experience, participants will offer perspectives on innovation, commercialization, and the evolving dynamics of the biotech industry.
8:00PM	**Group shuttle departs Stanford University en route to the Graduate Hotel**
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20	
7:45AM	**Group shuttle departs the Graduate Hotel en route to Stanford University**
8:00AM - 8:30AM	**Networking Breakfast** Participants will have the opportunity to learn about BSL research initiatives and share their priorities in this area with fellow attendees and speakers.
8:30AM - 9:15AM	**The Biotic Future** Drew Endy and Mike Jewett, Professor of Bioengineering at Stanford University, will preview emerging research on what biology may be able to deliver by 2050, and explore the potential economic and political implications of these developments.
9:15AM - 10:00AM	**Education & the Workforce** Chris Emig, Director of iGEM at Stanford University, and Janet Standeven, Director of the Frugal Science Academy at the Georgia Institute of Technology, will discuss the current state of biotechnology education and the U.S. workforce. The conversation will examine challenges and opportunities across the education-to-workforce pipeline and explore approaches to advancing bioliteracy for the next generation.
10:00AM - 10:30AM	**Group shuttle to Antheia** *Address: 1430 O'Brien Drive, Suite A; Menlo Park, CA 94025*
10:30AM - 11:30AM	**Tour Antheia** Staff at Antheia—a Silicon Valley company leveraging biology and advanced manufacturing to produce biosynthetic key starting materials and active pharmaceutical ingredients for essential medicines—will lead

	participants on a tour of their laboratory and share insights from their ongoing research.
11:30AM - 12:00PM	**Group shuttle from Antheia to Shultz Building**
12:00PM - 1:00PM	**Lunch**
1:00PM - 1:45PM	**Why Building DNA is Important** Drew Endy will moderate a conversation with Kaihang Wang, Assistant Professor of Biology and Biological Engineering at Caltech, and James Diggans, Vice President of Policy and Biosecurity at Twist Bioscience, on the importance of building DNA and its implications for human flourishing and security.
1:45PM - 2:15PM	**Why Building Cells is Important** Kate Adamala, Associate Professor of Genetics, Cell Biology, and Development at the University of Minnesota, and Akshay Maheshwari, co-founder and CEO of b.next, will share their research on constructing cells from scratch and examine the implications of this work for the U.S. and the world.
2:45PM - 3:30PM	**Strategic Frameworks for Biotechnology** Mike Kuiken will lead participants in a session exploring policy approaches to pressing biotechnology challenges, with a focus on metrology, infrastructure, and investment priorities.
3:30PM - 4:15PM	**Strategic Frameworks for Biosecurity** Hoover Visiting Fellow Emily Clise Tully will guide participants through a discussion of policy approaches to contemporary biosecurity challenges. The session will examine ways to strengthen intelligence capabilities, enhance security systems, and reduce the risk of future threats.
4:15PM - 5:00PM	**Closing Reflections** Drew Endy and Hoover staff will lead a conversation with participants to reflect on key lessons from the previous two days of programming. The session will conclude with closing remarks from Drew Endy.
5:00PM - 8:00PM	**Farewell Reception & Dinner**
8:00PM	**Group shuttle departs Stanford University en route to the Graduate Hotel**

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:30AM	Depart SFO via United Airlines flight 1678
4:42PM ET	Arrive at DCA