

To: College of Engineering Faculty
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Based on input from faculty colleagues, the College of Engineering is pleased to announce a pilot program to support faculty members for childcare costs above and beyond normal care expenses when traveling to attend professional academic events (e.g., conferences, invited talks, meetings with research sponsors). Program details are provided on the [CERT website](#).

The purpose of this pilot program, funded by the College of Engineering, is to provide support for College of Engineering Faculty who incur dependent childcare related expenses above and beyond their regular dependent childcare expenses while attending professional academic events away from home, e.g. conferences, invited talks, meetings with research sponsors, etc. The program will be piloted initially for eligible faculty traveling away from home during fiscal year 2019 (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019). At the end of the program an assessment will be done, and next steps will be determined. During the pilot program, specific questions should be directed to Marsha Freeland (mjfreeland@purdue.edu), Director of Faculty Success Programs, College of Engineering.

We firmly believe that a family friendly environment for faculty is critical for their success and encourage the participation of eligible faculty in this program.