

Arrival at Honolulu International Airport

There are several ways to get to the University of Hawaii and Waikiki from the airport. The most cost effective way is using the public bus system (called The Bus), and the most expensive way is to take a taxi. However, each has its own pros and cons. Below is some information that we have compiled that you may find useful. If you have any further questions, feel free to contact us.

When you exit the baggage claim area of the airport, you will notice that the street is divided by a center median. To access any of the modes of transport described below you should cross the street into the center median.

1. The Bus (<http://www.thebus.org/>)

When you cross into the center median, look for signs that indicate that The Bus stops here. Ask people with yellow jackets for directions if you need to - they are very helpful. You can take either bus #19 or #20 Eastbound, both of which go from the airport through Ala Moana and to Waikiki. If you are staying at any of the on-campus housing options (Lincoln Hall/Hale Manoa), **make sure to ask for a transfer, as you need to change buses at Ala Moana Center.** You should ask the driver of the bus to tell you when you arrive at the Ala Moana Center. From Ala Moana Center, you can take either bus #4 or bus #6 to UH.

The Bus costs \$2 one-way (children under 6 are free; students up to high school age pay \$1), and runs approximately every 30 minutes, but please note that **there are severe baggage restrictions on the bus as only carry-on luggage is permitted.**

2. Airport Waikiki Express

At each terminal in the airport there is a stop for the Airport Waikiki Express which goes to hotels in the Waikiki area and environ. When you get onto the center median (see above), you will see people standing at the curb side with bright yellow jackets saying Waikiki Express. You should pay the attendant and tell him/her which hotel you are going to. The shuttle runs 24 hours a day, approximately every 25-30 minutes from 6am-10am, and approximately every 20-25 minutes after 10am. The fare is \$8 per person one way, \$14 roundtrip (children under 3 ride free). Each person is allowed 2 pieces of baggage free of charge.

3. Taxi

To catch a taxi you should proceed to the center median and find an attendant that has a yellow jacket on with the words AMCO TAXI on it (this is the taxi company that has a contract with the airport). If you arrive at a busy time, there may be a line waiting for a taxi, in which case you may have to wait 10-15 minutes or so. Ordinarily, however, the wait is only a few minutes. The expected fare from the airport to Waikiki is between \$25 and \$28, depending on time of day. We've been told that the expected taxi fare to UH is \$25.

4. Car Rentals

You may consider renting a car, especially if you are planning on staying after the conference and want to see some of the island. You should contact us as soon as possible if you will need parking on-campus (cost \$4 per day), as we will need to arrange for parking that is near the conference facility.

Keep in mind that if you arrive any time between 3pm and 6pm you will have to deal with rush hour traffic. It may take anywhere from 15 minutes to half an hour to get to the University, and perhaps 20-40 minutes to get to Waikiki.

There are several rent-a-car companies that operate out of Honolulu International Airport, but only 5 companies actually have their car lots on the airport grounds. The remaining companies have their lots close by, but you have to board a shuttle to get there. The on-airport companies are:

- Avis
- Budget
- Dollar
- National
- Hertz

These are somewhat convenient as you can walk to their offices from the terminal in a matter of minutes. The remaining companies require that you board a shuttle (which you can catch from the center median), and that is an extra step, which after a long flight, may be inconvenient. A partial listing of these off-airport companies is given below:

- Alamo
- Enterprise
- Thrifty

If you do rent a car, you will need directions to the campus and/or Waikiki. Go to our webpage at <http://www.ling.hawaii.edu/galana/travel.html> to download our special driving directions (1.1MB, including photographs) on how to get from the airport to the East-West Center (including Lincoln Hall and Hale Manoa). Directions to Waikiki can be obtained from the rental car agency.

Another useful site to visit is the Department of Transportation information webpage at: http://www.hawaii.gov/dot/airports/oahu/hnl/hnl_ground_trans.htm where they have some additional information about other pre-arranged transportation options.