

Travel Information

Innovator Diversity Pilots Conference November 18, 2022 Santa Clara University

Transportation

Santa Clara University is served by three major airports: San Jose, San Francisco and Oakland.

San Jose Airport (SJC). SJC is typically the most convenient option. It has many non-stop flights (see <https://www.flysanjose.com/timetables>) and is 10 minutes from campus and the conference hotels.

San Francisco Airport (SFO). SFO has more flights and sometimes lower airfare prices than SJC, but it's not always a better choice. First, it has more weather delays than SJC due to outdated runways and its prime fogbelt location. Second, SFO is busier and larger than SJC, so getting in and out of the airport usually takes longer. Finally, its distance from campus – about 40 miles/45 minutes (depending on traffic) – means extra post-flight travel time and expense. Ground transportation options include:

- Uber/Lyft (approx. \$80 plus tip)
- Taxi (approx. \$125 each way plus tip)
- Pre-arranged car service (approx. \$110 each way plus tip)
- Shared ride service, such as SuperShuttle (approx. \$45 each way plus tip)
- Car rental (include an extra 10 minutes to get from the airport terminals to the car rental center)
- Mass transit to get to campus, take [BART](#) to Millbrae (\$4.55), then switch to [Caltrain](#) and take it to the Santa Clara station (\$8.25), which is across the street from campus. You should allow 90+ minutes for this option. Sonesta Suites is located next door to the Santa Clara Caltrain station. If staying at the San Jose Marriott, you would still need to take a taxi or ride share service. (approx. 10 minutes away)

Oakland Airport (OAK). OAK and SJC are similar in size, but OAK has some non-stop options that SJC doesn't have. OAK is about 40 miles/45 minutes from campus, and ground transportation options/costs are about the same as SFO's (but mass transit is even less attractive).

Hotels

We arranged discounted room blocks at two nearby hotels. A limited number of rooms are available on a first-come, first served basis, and rates are subject to change.

[San Jose Marriott](#)

301 South Market St
San Jose, CA 95113

The San Jose Marriott is a nice business-class hotel in downtown San Jose. It is located about 5 miles from the SCU campus and 4 miles from the San Jose Airport. Room rates start at \$229/night, plus taxes. To reserve your room at the negotiated rate, please call 408-280-1300 or [book online here](#).

If calling, please specify you want the “*Santa Clara University Diversity Pilots Conference Room*” room block. Rooms are available on a first-come, first served basis, and rates are subject to change. For more information about the San Jose Marriott, visit their website [here](#).

Reservations must be made **prior to 10/27/22**, to take advantage of the negotiated room rate.

[Sonesta Simply Suites](#)

481 El Camino Real
Santa Clara, CA 95050
(408) 241-9305

Sonesta Simply Suites is a no-frills extended stay hotel. Its main advantage is its location across the street from the SCU campus (easy walking distance) and is approximately 3 miles from the San Jose Airport. The Santa Clara CalTrain station is next door to the hotel though. There is a free shuttle bus from San Jose Airport to the CalTrain station. The shuttle makes several stops along the way so allow extra time. Room rates start at \$150/night, plus taxes.

To reserve your room at the negotiated rate, please call Sonesta Suites at (408) 241-9305. Please specify you want the “*Diversity Pilot Program at SCU School of Law*”. For more information about Sonesta Simply Suites, visit their website [here](#).

Parking on Campus

Guests are invited to park in the [Leavy Center Lot](#), 498 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, located off of Accolti Way. Use the self-serve parking kiosk to obtain a parking pass. Parking fees are \$3.00/4 hours, \$5.00/8 hours. Once parked, please follow the directional signs to the Benson Center. The California Mission Room is located on the lower level of the Benson Center.

**Meeting Venue**

The conference will be held in the California Mission Room, Benson Center on the Santa Clara University campus (500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95050). You can view a campus map [here](#). View local driving directions [here](#).

Refund Policy

If you are unable to attend the conference you may submit a request for refund in writing to htli@scu.edu by 11:50 pm on Tuesday November 15, 2022 and we will provide a full refund. No refunds will be issued after this date.