

Conference Center **GUIDELINES** 2022



**KAUFFMAN FOUNDATION
CONFERENCE CENTER**

4801 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64110

welcome to the Kauffman Foundation Conference Center

The Kauffman Foundation Conference Center is a nationally recognized convening site. The Conference Center attracts local, regional, national, and international thought leaders and decision makers to an atmosphere of candor and purpose, where innovative thinking and dialogue lead to action.

The Conference Center, our key city asset, provides a stimulating climate for creative thinking and the growth of the entrepreneurial spirit. Blending advanced conference facilities and state-of-the-art technology with comfortable amenities and a friendly atmosphere, the Conference Center is conducive to:

- Educating and informing
- Building consensus
- Influencing public policy
- Documenting and disseminating measurable results

about the Kauffman Foundation

The Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, in Kansas City, Mo., is committed to fostering a society in which economically independent individuals are actively engaged in their communities and contribute to the improvement of those communities in measurable ways. To realize this vision, the Kauffman Foundation works to effect change in two key areas: educational achievement and entrepreneurial success.

Established by the late entrepreneur and philanthropist Ewing Kauffman, the Kauffman Foundation supports programs that reflect his interest in these two areas and helps build relationships among individuals and organizations that share a dedication to achieving related social goals. Our commitment to collaboration extends to our role as a convener as well. By bringing people together in the Kauffman Foundation Conference Center, we encourage collegial relationships to promote new thinking, discussion, debate and an exchange of ideas, especially in the areas of education and entrepreneurship.

use of the Conference Center

Primary users of the Conference Center include Kauffman Foundation associates and affiliated organizations, grantees currently receiving funds from the Kauffman Foundation or Muriel McBrien Kauffman Family Foundation, and other organizations invited by the Kauffman Foundation.

The Conference Center also is available through an approval process for other organizations as follows:

Eligible Organizations: The following organizations are welcome to use the facility if there is space available and they follow the required application process:

- 501(c)(3) organizations that are not using the facility for religious activities or political/electoral purposes
- State or local government agencies

Organizations That May Become Eligible: To become qualified, an organization must:

- Complete and submit required application documents and follow the required application process;
- Identify, in writing, the purpose for the meeting and how it aligns with their charitable purpose; and
- Identify a Kauffman Foundation Senior Leadership Team member who will serve as the sponsor of the event.

Regretfully, the Kauffman Foundation is not able to allow organizations that are not eligible as set forth above to use the Conference Center facilities.

Use of the Conference Center is free except for costs associated with catering.

vaccination policy

Effective March 14, 2022, all guests to the Conference Center must be “fully vaccinated” as that term is defined by the Centers for Disease Control. In addition, all guests must upload information and documentation about their vaccination status as a condition of entering the facility. Information and documentation should be uploaded by each guest in advance to the following platform: Clear to Go. Additional safeguards (e.g., masking, social distancing, etc.) may also be imposed as conditions warrant.

guiding principles

Any group using the Conference Center must ensure its event is consistent with its charitable purpose and may not charge attendees a fee to attend the meeting except to cover meeting expenses, i.e., catering, speakers, materials, etc. Fees must be collected prior to the event. No money, cash, check or credit card may be exchanged onsite.

Products and services may not be sold on Foundation property.

For-profit sponsoring organizations may be acknowledged with a one-line logo or acknowledgement of their sponsorship on a brochure or PowerPoint slide.

Those 501(c)(3) groups hosting a tradeshow are restricted to vendors that are also 501(c)(3) organizations. No for-profit sponsors of an event may participate on the tradeshow floor nor provide giveaways to attendees without obtaining the prior written approval of the Conference Center staff.

The Conference Center may not be used for:

- Activity that advances a particular religious faith or doctrine
- Political activity, or by an individual who has announced or has filed for elective office
- Social events such as weddings, graduations, awards programs, retirements and fundraisers
- Fundraising

The Kauffman Foundation is a smoke-free environment.

Absent written permission from the Kauffman Foundation Public Affairs Department, the use of Conference Center space does not infer the right to use the Foundation name or logo except to identify the event location. To display or hang signage, you must first gain written approval from the Conference Center staff.

The Kauffman Foundation reserves the right to modify these guidelines or to make exceptions at its sole discretion, including on a case-by-case basis.

scheduling timelines

The Kauffman Foundation, its associates, active grantees and affiliated organizations may reserve space without any time restrictions.

Other organizations who have received approval for use of space may reserve Town Square Room six (6) months in advance of the event date. All other Conference Center space may be reserved ninety (90) days prior to the event date.

Meeting space is secured only after the Conference Center has approved the initial request and has received a signed Condition of Use form found at www.kauffman.org/conferencecenter.

Once a Condition of Use form has been received, the Conference Center will provide the event host with an email confirmation of preliminary space reservations, including all known meeting details and current charges. Changes made after the stated deadlines will result in late fees.

For those 501(c)(3) organizations that are exempt from state sales tax, please provide a Missouri or Kansas state tax exempt form to the Conference Center staff prior to your event. The form may be faxed to 816-932-1484 or emailed to conferencecenter@kauffman.org.

You are encouraged to include the Conference Center staff in the early stages of planning for large events.

hours of event operation

Monday–Thursday:	7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Friday:	7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday:	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday:	Closed

Event hosts, presenters or facilitators may set up in the Conference Center beginning at 7:00 a.m. Monday–Friday.

catering

No outside food or beverage is allowed in the Conference Center without written permission from the Conference Center staff.

The Catering Menu is located at www.kauffman.org/conferencecenter.

Approved Friday night and Saturday events will incur a food and beverage minimum.

serving alcoholic beverages

Events at which alcoholic beverages are served must be in compliance with the following.

The paying organization for the event must adhere to the following guidelines:

If an Organization elects to serve beer, wine or liquor ("Alcohol") at an event, then, as a prerequisite to serving Alcohol, the Organization must:

- Maintain a general liability insurance policy which includes host liquor liability coverage and has liability limits of no less than \$1 million that is and will remain effective through the date of the event at which Alcohol will be served; name Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation and Cushman Wakefield, Inc., as additional insureds on such insurance policy;
- Provide the Foundation with a certificate of insurance evidencing that the above requirements have been met;
- Procure all alcohol to be served from the licensed alcohol vendor designated by the Foundation; and
- Comply with the requirements related to Alcohol service imposed upon the event by the Foundation.

payment and cancellation policy

Make payments for catering charges to **Bon Appetit Management Company**.

Checks must be sent to 4801 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, MO 64110.

VISA, American Express, MasterCard and checks are welcome. Payment is due prior to the conclusion of the event.

Cancellation Payment Schedule:

Date of Decision to Cancel	Amount of Payment Due
5 business days before event date	100% All Charges
Inclement Weather Cancellation	Amount of Payment Due
48 hours before event date	40% of All Charges
Within 48 hours of event date	100% of All Charges

complimentary guest services

- Open wireless network
- Onsite parking
- Meeting room computers
- Business center
- Catering by our exclusive vendor (fees apply)
- Easels/flip charts
- Coat/luggage room
- Shipping options (fees apply)

technology overview

The Conference Center offers a wide range of complimentary audio/visual equipment.

Equipment is reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. If an event requires technology that is not available in-house, the event host will be responsible for making arrangements and covering costs for equipment, set up and labor. Notify the Conference Center in advance of any outside audio/visual rentals to make arrangements. To view the Conference Center facility layout, please visit the Conference Center Space link at www.kauffman.org/conferencecenter.

Pre-conference technology meetings are recommended. Please call 816-932-1073 for an appointment.

ADA statement

The Conference Center is fully wheelchair-accessible.

parking

Parking spaces adjacent to the building and across Rockhill Road at the Kauffman Memorial Garden are available for use by Conference Center guests on a first-come, first-served basis.

emergency procedures

In the event of a fire, follow the exit signs. Conference Center staff will direct guests to the designated gathering location. If there is a tornado warning or other emergency, Conference Center staff will direct you to basement shelter in the building.

media for your event

If a media outlet plans to cover an event scheduled in the Conference Center, please inform the Conference Center staff in advance at 816-932-1050.