

**The University of Michigan**  
**Architecture, Engineering and Construction**  
**Reimbursement Expense Guidelines**  
**For Professional Services**  
As of January 1, 2026

**Allowable Reimbursement of Personal Expenses**  
**While Traveling on Authorized University Business**

**Airfare and Rail**

- Coach fare only. First class and business class travel is allowed only under rare circumstances and requires prior approval from a senior university official.
- Ticket receipt with itinerary
- E-ticket/Internet-Original receipt/statement required indicating method of payment
- The University prefers a U.S. carrier be used when possible
- Flights should be booked at least 14 days in advance unless an acceptable business purpose arises

**Lodging/Ground Transportation**

- On Campus Lodging per diem – (car rental/gas not allowed):
  - \$205.00/person/night  
\*\*On Campus U-M suppliers\*\*
- Ground Transportation:
  - Actual and reasonable expenses
- Off Campus Lodging per diem:
  - \$162.00/person/night  
\*\*Use preferred U-M suppliers\*\*
- Car Rental per diem (includes gas):
  - \$105.00/day
- OR**
- Other Ground Transportation:
  - Actual and reasonable expenses
- If visit does not include an overnight stay, car rental/gas **OR** ground transportation will be reimbursed with original receipt
  - University consultants on University business are eligible to use the University's Contract's when making National Car Rental and Enterprise reservations by using <https://partners.rentalcar.com/whitepine/#/business-use/car-rental>. Utilize either program, unless less costly rental is available.

**Meals (including incidentals)**

- Per diem:
  - \$80.00/person/full day
  - \$40.00/person/half day (less than 5 hours)

**Alcoholic Beverages**

- The University shall fund no alcohol

**Other Expenses**

- Personal automobile mileage <https://www.gsa.gov> under POV Mileage Reimbursement Rates. This rate includes the cost of gas.
- Parking

**General Information**

- Any item over \$25.00 requires an original receipt except per diem items when billing the per diem rate.
- Request the University of Michigan rate when making reservations for lodging, for potential lower rate.
- GSA per diem rates apply if travel is outside of the Ann Arbor area <https://www.gsa.gov>.
- Expense reports must be submitted within 60 calendar days from the end of the trip, or within 60 calendar days from the transaction date for the purpose of other allowable expenses. Expenses submitted in excess of 60 calendar days will not be reimbursed.
- Cost of transportation, nor living expenses, shall not be reimbursed for travel between Owner's AEC office in Ann Arbor and/or project site and Design Professional/Consultant's home office address that is within a 75 mile radius.
- Please use the link below for a sample template when submitting invoices for reimbursable expenses:  
<https://umaec.umich.edu/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2026-Reimbursement-Expense-Template.xlsx>