

# TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Our center has limited funding to help Hope juniors and seniors to visit seminaries, divinity schools and other Christian or ministry-focused graduate programs.

We can help pay your travel expenses, whether by air, train or in your own car.

Please review everything on this page, including links, before contacting our office manager or meeting with the director. Reimbursement is usually limited to one trip per student.

## **PRE-APPROVAL PROCEDURE**

1. Contact our office manager via [cms@hope.edu](mailto:cms@hope.edu) to express your intentions before proceeding to step 2
2. Schedule an appointment with [Dr. Andy McCoy](#) to discuss your discernment: [Email mccoysa@hope.edu](mailto:mccoysa@hope.edu).
3. Be prepared to tell something about yourself, and indicate where you'd like to visit and why
4. Provide some proposed dates and estimated expenses when you come to your appointment
5. Bring with you a written estimate of your travel expenses (website printouts are fine)
6. After your trip has been approved, print the specific reimbursement details (blue box at bottom) before you make any purchases

## **BEFORE AND DURING YOUR VISIT**

After you have been approved by Dr. McCoy to cover some or all of your travel expenses, please *take note of the following before proceeding with your plans.*

## **BEFORE YOU LEAVE**

Ten days prior to departure: You must complete the following paperwork and turn it in to our office in Van Zoeren 249:

- [Assumption of Risk & Release Form: Domestic Off-Campus Programs](#). For name of program use: Seminary Visitation Program (insert name of seminary)
- [Student Off-Campus Program Responsibilities](#)
- A detailed itinerary that includes timeline and location from the time you leave campus until your return. [Download a Google Excel itinerary template](#) (please do not use it on-line).

If you have questions, contact [cms@hope.edu](mailto:cms@hope.edu) before you finalize your plans.

### **WHILE TRAVELING**

All expenses approved for reimbursement must have a corresponding *itemized receipt*.

Keep copies of all transportation expense receipts (meals are not covered) such as:

- Toll road fees (use lanes with an attendant and ask for a receipt)
- Gasoline expenses
- Parking expenses
- Shuttle transportation such as bus, taxi, subway, train, etc.

### **AFTER YOUR VISIT**

Bring receipts to our office as soon as possible after your visit so that the necessary paperwork can be submitted to Business Services. If airfare is involved, you may bring/email that receipt to us prior to your trip so that you can receive the reimbursement before your credit card bill arrives.

You will receive by email a link to complete a Google form evaluation for each institution you visit.

Please include the following when you turn in your receipts:

- If you have more than one receipt, submit an organized list of your expenses listing a short description of each purchase, with corresponding amount, and a grand total

(Excel spreadsheet list calculating the total is fine). [Download a Google Excel expense template](#) (please do not use it on-line).

- Person's name(s) to which the check should be issued.
- Complete mailing address where the check should be sent. If someone other than yourself is being reimbursed, the check will be made out to that person as well as yourself using "or" as an indicator between your names. Example: "John Doe, Jr. or John Doe, Sr."
- Airfare receipt must include the dates of your travel and the amount of money you paid. Note that your 'travel confirmation' may not contain all this information; please check before submitting.
  - If you purchase an "e-ticket," simply forward your payment receipt by email to [cms@hope.edu](mailto:cms@hope.edu). Alternatively, you can print your email receipt or web page and bring it to the CMS office.

Once receipts are turned in, expect to receive your check in 7-10 business days.

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