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UMBC TRAVEL SYSTEM

Travel Landing Page

A. Refer to the UMBC Travel Policy

A comprehensive explanation of all policies and procedures for UMBC related travel.. You will be required to acknowledge your acceptance and compliance of these policies during the Pre-Approval process.

B. The Role of the UMBC Travel System

The Travel System is an online system used to facilitate the travel process at UMBC. It supports the policies and procedures with a method to obtain the necessary authorization prior to travel and also submit travel related expenses for Reimbursement when travel is complete.

The boxes shaded in blue are part of UMBC Travel System processing. Note that State of Maryland processing for expense reimbursement is external to UMBC.



C. Additional Resources

Submit a Travel Inquiry

To submit a travel-related help ticket, use the link above, or quick-link it from within the travel system using the "Useful Links" dropdown in the upper right corner of the screen.



I. Travel System User Profile

Remove Traveler

Each user has a profile that may be accessed by clicking the "Actions" dropdown box in the upper right corner of the screen and choosing "Go to Admin."

If you are new to the system, the action will say "Go to Profile."

A. Authorize Others to Submit Travel Requests on Your Behalf

In the Admin section of the dashboard, there are a number of buttons: Profile, Departments, People, Per Diems, Role Names and Status Codes, depending on your role. If you have no role assigned in the system, you will only have the Profile button.

Use the "profile" options to identify those individuals that are authorized to submit travel requests on your behalf. Enter the campus ID or Empl ID for the individual you choose to authorize on your behalf and click "add". You can use the directory lookup to find the campus ID. A quick link to the directory is located in the upper right hand corner of the Travel System Screen.

Profile	
Add Enter campus or empl ID	Person(s) for whom you would allow to submit travel requests for you.

B. List of Users That Have Authorized **You** to Submit Travel on Their Behalf

The bottom half of the profile screen provides a list of all UMBC Travel System users that have authorized you to submit travel requests on their behalf.

Person(s) for whom you can prepare and submit travel requests.

Email

C. Removal

To remove access from users that were previously authorized to submit travel on your behalf, simply click on the "x" to the left of their name under the "remove" column.

You may remove yourself from the list of users that have been authorized to submit on behalf of another traveler, using the same process.

You can return to the Main part of the Travel System page by clicking on the "Action" dropdown box in the upper right corner and clicking "Go the Main."

II. PRE-APPROVAL

UMBC Travel Pre-Approval Process



A. Why do I need to fill out a Pre-Approval before I travel?

The UMBC Travel Pre-Approval secures travel details, estimated expenses, approval for travel and departmental budget approvals. Automated communication and transactions will occur with travel reviewers, approvers, UMBC finance personnel, UMBC approved travel agencies, and the UMBC International Travel Registry.

B. When do I need to complete a Pre-Approval?

Refer to the <u>UMBC Travel Policy</u> for an explanation of travel Pre-Approval requirements and conditions. Generally, all out-of-state and/or overnight travel will require pre-authorization.

C. Who has access to the UMBC Travel System?

UMBC faculty, staff and student workers are able to access the travel system. The travel system uses UMBC Single Sign On (SSO) technology.

D. Is there a limit on the travel duration for Pre-Approval requests?

The start/end dates for the UMBC Travel Pre-Approval must match the start/end dates for the UMBC Travel Reimbursement request.

For example, if your travel is authorized for a 14 day trip, you must wait until your return to submit a 14 day Reimbursement claim. You cannot submit weekly Reimbursement claims in this scenario.

E. Can I submit a travel request for a person who is not currently affiliated with UMBC (interview candidate, visiting speaker, etc.)?

Travel for Non-UMBC Affiliates will require a UMBC sponsor with access to the travel system.

As one of the first steps to begin the Travel Pre-Approval process, you will be prompted to identify who is traveling - yourself, somebody who has preauthorized you to prepare a travel request on their behalf (<u>See Travel System</u> <u>Profile Link</u>), or a **Non-UMBC Traveler**. Upon selecting **Non-UMBC traveler** in the drop-down box, you will be prompted for additional information (see screenshot below):

It is essential that the full legal name is entered here for reimbursement purposes and airline tickets.

A valid and correct email address for the traveler will be required to communicate with the traveler during the docusign process.

If the traveler has a prior history of travel with UMBC, it is likely that they are already in the UMBC system with an existing Reimbursement ID. The Office of Financial Services has lookup capabilities in this scenario, and the number should be entered here to speed up the reimbursement process.

Start New Pre-Approval Request
First we need to collect some basic information.
Who will be the traveler, you or someone else?
O Me Someone Else Select the traveler from the following list:
* Traveler: Non-UMBC Traveler
* Legal First Name: Non UMBC Legal First Name
* Legal Last Name: Non UMBC Legal Last Name
*Non-UMBC Email: Non UMBC Email
Reimbursement ID (if known): DO NOT enter SSN or TaxId
You have authorized people from the following list to prepare requests for you. You may optionally select one of these.
Preparer: Select a Preparer(optional)
Please provide a short title for this request (must be at least 5 characters):
*Trip Title: Request Title
*Start Date: mm-dd-yyyy (mm-dd-yyyy)
*End Date: mm-dd-yyyy (mm-dd-yyyy)

F. CREATE a Pre-Approval

What are the steps to creating a Travel Pre-Approval Request?

To begin the Travel Pre-Approval Process, click on the green "Create Pre-Approval Button" from the main screen

	Pre-Approvals Reimbursements	
Description	My Pre-Approval request submissions	Create PreApproval Status

Start New Pre-Approval Request
First we need to collect some basic information.
Who will be the traveler, you or someone else?
○ Me ○ Someone Else
Please provide a short title for this request (must be at least 5 characters):
*Trip Title: Request Title
*Start Date: mm-dd-yyyy (mm-dd-yyyy)
*End Date: mm-dd-yyyy (mm-dd-yyy)

1. Who is traveling?

Select the appropriate radio button to identify whether you are the traveler, or completing the travel request on behalf of an individual that has granted you permission to do so.

If you are completing this request on behalf of another traveler, that traveler must grant prior permission using their profile options. <u>(See Travel System Profile Link)</u>. Select their name from the dropdown list. You will be listed as the preparer.



- 2. Enter Title and Travel Date Range (Mandatory Fields)
 - Enter a meaningful Title/Label for this travel item. A title is mandatory.
 - Enter the start and end dates for this travel event. Dates must be later than the current date.

3. Trip Title

Enter a name for this trip that is meaningful to you. Each trip is assigned a unique ID number, but this is a way to easily identify your travel by name.

4. Click "Create Pre-Approval"



G.DETAILS for the Pre-Approval

Details	Estimates	Documents	Communications
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1. The Traveler's Mailing Address:

This address is stored differently than other addresses you may have on file for Human Resources or Student Records. This is used by the State of Maryland for processing payments that are not related to payroll and other UMBC purposes. It is sometimes referred to as a "vendor address". In this case, the traver is considered a "vendor" by the State of Maryland as it issues a payment to cover travel expenses through the reimbursement process.

If an address is retrieved and displayed here, be sure that the address is correct and complete before continuing.

If no address is on file, or the displayed address is incorrect, follow the prompts to correct/enter the address and submit to Financial Services.

Please note that an address must be on file before the reimbursement process can proceed. Correcting existing entries and/or entering a new address here will prevent a reimbursement delay.

Update Reimbursement Address		
-	e 'Submit' button	1
Street:	Apt/Unit:	
City:	State: Zip:	
Country:		
Reason for Address Change	li.	
	Submit Cancel	

An RT ticket number will display upon submission of an address entry or correction, and will be forwarded to Financial Services for data entry. When complete, the RT ticket will be closed. In the rare instance of multiple address changes occurring in a short period of time, existing RT change requests must be complete before new address changes can be submitted.

If a travel request is submitted on behalf of a non-UMBC affiliate, this address is critical for reimbursement via check, as there is no opportunity for the state to transfer funds electronically.



Trip Title:	
Departure Date: mm-dd-yyy	
Return Date: mm-dd-yyy	y (mm-dd-yyyy)
Start	Address:
Address Type: Home	▼ IIIIIIIII
Destination Addres	s(es): Add Destination
× Address Type: US Address	×
*City:	
*State:	
Zip:	
zip:	
Travel agency: NONE	~
*Purpose: Purpose of	Travel
	/
○ Yes ○ No Is Travel federally spon	sored?
○ Yes ○ No Does your travel includ	
○ Yes ○ No Will you be attending a	
○ Yes ○ No Are you requesting a V	
	vel estimate include personal expenses?
At approval time, you will be asked to confirm that tra	vel arrangements are in full compliance with the following:
• UMBC Travel	
	d terms and conditions
Fly Ame	
	nflict of Interest
 Other S 	ponsored Requirements
Export Contro	

2. Trip Title and Travel Dates

The fields will reflect the information you entered during the creation of the Pre-Approval. You may change these fields at any time prior to submitting the Pre-Approval for "REVIEW". Use the drop down menu on the right side of the screen to "save" changes.

3. Start Address

Select the appropriate address type for your travel start location, which indicates where you are beginning your travel for cost purposes. If the start address is not your home or UMBC, the city and state fields are mandatory.

- Home
- UMBC
- US Address
- Other Country Address

4. Destination Address(s)

You may have one or more destinations for a single travel request. Use the "Add Destination" button if you have multiple destinations. For each destination, select the address type and address details. If the destination is not your home or UMBC, the city and state fields are mandatory. The destination or destinations is/are required along with the explanation of the travel purpose to indicate where to and for what purpose the traveler is traveling.

- Home
- UMBC
- US Address
- Other Country Address

5. Travel Agency

If you will use a <u>UMBC authorized travel agency</u> to arrange for air or rail travel, select the appropriate agency from the drop down list. You, or the person preparing travel on your behalf, must contact the agency and obtain an informal quote.

You will be prompted to provide the estimated ticket cost and a check box acknowledging that you have contacted the agency.

Upon gaining all appropriate sign-offs for Travel Pre-Approval, the travel agency will then be contacted automatically (using DocuSign). The travel agent will enter the *actual* ticket cost at this time.

If the actual ticket cost entered is in excess of 10% or \$200 (whichever is greater) over the quoted estimate for budget approval, the request will be denied and will return to "entry" status for re-approval at the higher

quoted price.

*A	gency Quote: \$0,00	
	Confirm that you have contacted the selected travel complete travel arrangements.	agency to obtain a quote for air/rail travel, and that you have provided all of the necessary information to t

At the time the travel agent approves the ticket request, he/she will enter the price of the ticket and upload the travel itinerary. Docusign will notify the traveler/preparer with the approval and the itinerary.

Please note: the UMBC travel staff will no longer be communicating with the travel agency on behalf of the traveler. All questions regarding the travel tickets are to be directed to the travel agent.

6. Purpose

Enter the reason for travel.

7. Is Travel Federally Sponsored?

Select "yes" if your travel costs are federally sponsored. Refer to the <u>UMBC travel policy</u>, <u>Contract and Grant Accounting Travel</u>, and <u>Federal</u> <u>Travel Regulations</u>.

8. Are You Requesting a Working Fund Advance?

If you plan to request an advance for travel purposes from the UMBC Working Fund, select "yes".

You will be prompted to acknowledge that you have reviewed associated policies and processes for <u>Working Fund Travel Advances</u>. The workflow for your travel request will include automated review, approval, and reimbursement processing through the UMBC Working Fund administrator.



9. Will Any Portion of the expenses be covered by non-UMBC funds?

If your travel will include extra, personal expenses that are not easily separated from the travel estimates, please select "yes".

Reference the <u>UMBC Travel Policy</u> for those expenses that are eligible to be covered/reimbursed.

Use the "Traveler Responsibility" field under the "ESTIMATES" \rightarrow "SUMMARY" section to specify an amount for expenses you will be responsible for.

This amount will be deducted from the total expenses that are submitted for budget approval.

Yes O No Will any part of this travel estimate include personal expenses?		
*Please indicate the purpose of your personal con	ribution	
Total Estimates	\$0.00	
Total Estimate:	\$0.00	
Total Estimate: *Traveler Responsibility:	\$0.00 \$0.00	

10. Will any part of this travel include Athletic Recruitment?

Athletics is approved to use a specific travel agency and uses documentation specific to Athletics recruitment.

11. Will the traveler be fully vaccinated for Covid-19 by the date the travel begins?

All travelers on University-related out-of-state travel are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by the start date of their travel unless appropriate waiver documentation is on file with the University.

If the traveler is not compliant with the policy and cannot answer yes to this question, the pre-approval cannot be submitted for approval.

H. ESTIMATES for the Pre-Approval:

Details	Estimates	Documents	Communications

Use this section to itemize **estimated** expenses. The Travel Pre-Approval is gathering estimated costs for budget authorization and approvals.

Expenses are broken down into 4 categories and will accommodate up to 5 different chartstrings (if expenses are to be split across multiple departments).



1. Summary

The summary page presents a recap of all estimated expenses entered under transportation, lodging/food and fees/misc. As itemized expenses are entered under each category, they will display on the summary page and total at the bottom under "**Total Estimate**".

All estimated expenses must be accounted for under a valid budget account combination (distribution of charges, also known as a chartstring) before the Pre-Approval will move forward to DocuSign.

Total Estimate:	\$1,050.00
* Non-UMBC Funds:	\$200.00
Total Estimated Pre-Approval Amount:	\$850.00
Total Distribution of Charges:	\$650.00
Adjust Distribution of Charges by:	\$200.00

If **Non-UMBC** expenses are included, they will be deducted from the "Total Estimate" to calculate the **Total Estimated Pre-Approval Amount.**

The **Total Estimated Pre-Approval Amount** must be fully accounted for in the **Total Distribution of Charges** (using one department, or

across multiple departments) before the Pre-Approval is submitted to DocuSign.

Adjust Distribution of Charges must equal \$0, by adjusting the value on the chartstring line(s), or adjusting estimated expenses. The text on this line will change to red when the funding sources are inadequate to satisfy the **Total Estimated Pre-Approval Amount.**

									Total Estimate:	\$1,050.00
									* Non-UMBC Funds:	\$0.00
								Total Estimate	ed Pre-Approval Amount:	\$1,050.00
								Tota	l Distribution of Charges:	\$0.00
								Adjust D	stribution of Charges by:	\$1,050.00
x	Primary:	Fund: Fund v Ap	*Dept: Dept v prover: Gregory	PFin: Pfin V	Account: Account Secondary Appr	Project: Project	Activity: Activity	Add New Distribution of Charges *Amount: \$0.00		
x	Primary: 〇	Fund: Fund Y	*Dept: Dept ~	Pfin: Pfin v	Account: Account ✓	Project: Project	Activity: Activity	*Amount: \$0.00		
					Validate Cha	anstring			_	

Distribution of Charges

Each chartstring has at least one "approver", possibly a "second approver" if the department so chooses, and a "next higher authority" to approve international travel requests. Each approval level, for each department, must sign-off during the DocuSign process.

- Click "Add Distribution of Charges" to add multiple chartstring rows.
- Click the "x" to the left of the chartstring to remove a chartstring row.
- When there are multiple chartstrings, use the "Primary" button to select the primary account. Only ONE primary chartstring/account combination may be selected at any given time.

Each chartstring has an *on demand* "validate chartstring" button. Clicking this button will compare the selected account combination against valid PeopleSoft account combinations. Valid chartstring/account combinations are required before submitting to docusign for approvals.

2. Transportation

s/Misc	Fee	Lodging/Food	Transportation	Summary
			Add Entry 🔻	
			Add Entry 🔻	

Transportation drop down options include:

- Plane
- Train
- Rental Car
- Ride Sharing
- Taxi/Bus
- Parking
- Tolls
- Other

Plane, Train and Taxi/Bus

Travel estimates require a date for travel, locations to and from (relevant to the travel type - city, airport code, actual address, etc.) and amount. Use the comment section to share additional information. For airline travel, please use the airport code for domestic airports and city/state if an airport code is not available for international airports.

Three-letter airport codes covering the United States can be found here.

If a round-trip ticket is a single cost item, use a single row to define "from/to" with the departure date from the drop down. If your tickets have costs broken down for each leg of the trip, and you want to use multiple rows to define the estimated costs, you have the ability to do so.

You cannot submit the Travel Pre-Approval with zero-cost rows.

Remember that the Travel Pre-Approval is gathering estimated costs for budget authorization and approvals.

	_	Summary	Transportation Add Entry	Lodging/Food	Fees/Misc	
		Per Diem Information: DEFAULT-USM		\$13.00 Lunch=\$15.00 Dinner=\$28.00 late=2021-01-01 Mileage Rate=0.560		
x	Taxi/Bus		08/09/2021 ¥		Cost	: 150.00 ▼
X	Train		08/09/2021 👻		Cost	: 200.00 ▼

Rental Car, Ride Sharing, Parking, Tolls, Other

Travel estimates require an amount and also include a comment section to share additional information.

Personal Car Mileage

Use the "Other" category to estimate mileage and associated costs when using your personal vehicle. The mileage reimbursement rate is posted at the top of the screen.

3. Lodging/Food

Summary	Transportation	Lodging/Food	Fees/Misc
		Add Entry 🔻	
		Add Entry V	

Lodging/Food drop down options include:

- Lodging
- Per Diem Meals
- Non Per Diem Meals
- Other

Use these options to estimate expenses related to lodging and food. You may use multiple rows to enter detailed expenses, or use a single row per category to estimate expenses at a high level.

Delete unwanted rows by selecting the "x" to the left of the row. You will be prompted to confirm before the delete action occurs.

	Per Diem Information: DEFAULT-USM	Breakfast=\$13.00 Lunch=\$15.00 Dinner=\$28.00 Effective Date=2021-01-01 Mileage Rate=0.560	
x	Other		Cost: \$0.00 ▼
x	Non Per Diem Meals		Cost: \$0.00 ▼
x	Per Diem Meals		Cost: \$0.00 ▼
	Lodging		Cost: \$0.00
		Comment (Optional):	

Per Diem

Per Diem Information:	DEFAULT-USM	~	Breakfast=\$13.00 Lunch=\$15.00 Dinner=\$28.00
			Effective Date=2021-01-01 Mileage Rate=0.560

Qualified Per Diem meals do not require a receipt for reimbursement purposes. Use this section to estimate the cost for per diem meals during travel.

Default per diem rates are displayed at the top of the screen. To select a domestic high cost city with different per diem rates, use the drop-down list. Consult the <u>UMBC travel policy</u> for information related to international travel per diem rates.

4. Fees/Misc

Summary	Transportation	Lodging/Food	Fees/Misc
			Add Entry 🔻

Fees/Misc drop down options include:

- Registration Fee
- Membership Fee
- Internet Fees
- Foreign Travel Visa Fees
- Materials
- Other

I. DOCUMENTS



Upload receipts, conference materials necessary for reimbursement, hotel reservations and other documents that may be relevant to your travel and reimbursement needs.

Files uploaded here will be copied over to the reimbursement, but will also be archived with the Pre-Approval. These files will also be included with the DocuSign envelope during the approval process.

Click the "Choose File" button to select the file from your device. Select a category for the file:

- Airfare
- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner
- Lodging
- Car Rental
- Registration Fees
- Parking
- Tolls
- Other

Files may be added/deleted before the Travel Pre-Approval is Submitted to DocuSign. Once the Travel Pre-Approval request is submitted to docusign, all fields are locked and documents are preserved in the archive.

J. COMMUNICATIONS



All communications/messages sent automatically from the travel system, or initiated manually from the travel system are available from the "Communications" tab.

Automated messages are generated from Travel Pre-Approval actions. Examples of actions include the creation of the Travel Pre-Approval Request, submitting for Review, Assignment Changes, Submitting to DocuSign, etc.

Use the "Show History"/"Hide History" button to toggle between showing all messages or hiding them. By default, they are suppressed. Most recent messages are displayed first. To see the content of the message, use the arrow on the right side of the row.

Send a Message	Hide History		
PA-Reply to Correspondence	Tue Aug 03 2021 12:36:30	Julia Persell(XE04210)	V
PA-Correspondence	Tue Aug 03 2021 12:25:55	Gayle Chapman(HK33523)	V
PA-Request Created	Thu Jul 22 2021 13:24:12	Julia Persell(XE04210)	V
Refresh History			

Select "Send a Message/Correspond" to initiate a message from the travel system. You can send a message to all persons included in the Travel Pre-Approval workflow, a subset of persons in the workflow, and a one time "CC" for persons that are outside of the workflow. Use the arrow keys to add/remove individuals from the message.

Type your message in the "Message" box and click "Submit" to send. Selecting "Cancel" will cancel the message and take you back to the main "Communication" screen.

Messages generated from within the travel system will be sent using UMBC email, and will also be archived with the Travel Pre-Approval.

The "sender" of the email message will be "Travel System via RT"

iregory Saba Gayle Chapman	^	>	Julia Persell	
		<		
	~			
essage:				
ulie, please note my most recent changes. Thank you.				

K. SUBMIT FOR REVIEW

When all mandatory fields are complete, the traveler/preparer may submit the Pre-Approval request for "REVIEW". This action will send an email message to ALL persons with the PA-REVIEWER role in the department to notify them that the Pre-Approval has been submitted. (Only the Reviewer receives an email. If no PA-APPROVER is chosen, there will not be an email sent by the system.)

If the travel costs are shared among more than one department, the PA-REVIEWER(S) in the department designated as *primary* on the distribution of charges will receive the email message.

The status of the Travel Pre-Approval will change from "Entry" to "Review".

(Actions 🗸
	Go to Main
	Go to Admin
	Save Request
	Submit for Review
	Cancel Request

When the Travel Pre-Approval Request has been submitted for Review, and is in "Review Status", the traveler is limited to the following actions:



Changes to Pre-Approval details may occur during review.

L. SUBMIT TO DOCUSIGN

The Reviewer may submit the Travel Pre-Approval to DocuSign when the review is complete. At this point, no further changes can be made to the Travel Pre-Approval details.



If no PA-REVIEWER is chosen for the department, the PA-APPROVER may submit to DocuSign.

After all of the signatures are completed, the Traveler and Approvers(s) will receive an email notification that the Pre-Approval is complete. The status on the Pre-Approval will change to "complete."

M. REVIEWERS

The Pre-Approval Reviewer (PA-Reviewer) is usually someone identified by the department to review requests for completeness and accuracy. This can also be the Traveler if so inclined or there is no business staff identified to fill the PA-Reviewer role

Business Office	My Submissions		Prepared on behalf of
			Pre-Approvals Reimbursements
		As	signed To: Me My Department Other Departments

1. "TAKING" or "Assigning" a Travel Pre-Approval for Review

This action takes place in the Main section of the Pre-Approval Travel System by choosing "Business Office" and "My Department." If you are a departmental reviewer, locate the travel item that you will "TAKE" for Review.

Select the travel item and navigate to the "Details" page.

screen shot test	
Jul 31-Aug 17 - Julie Persell - T2	Review
6/9/2021, 1:30:07 PM	Nobody2271667

Select your name, or another "Reviewer" from the "Assigned To:" drop down list.

Assigned To: Nobody

2. "UNTAKING" a Travel Pre-Approval

If you have been assigned to review a Travel Pre-Approval, another reviewer cannot "TAKE" it from you. You must first "UNTAKE" the Pre-Approval to put it up for grabs, or "Assign" the Pre-Approval to someone else.

An assigned reviewer may "UNTAKE" a Travel Pre-Approval by using the "Assigned To:" dropdown and selecting "Nobody". The following pop-up message will display. Click OK to "UNTAKE", or cancel.



3. "REASSIGNING" a Travel Pre-Approval

If you have been assigned to review a Travel Pre-Approval, another reviewer cannot "TAKE" it from you. You must first "UNTAKE" the Pre-Approval to put it up for grabs, or "Assign" the Pre-Approval to someone else.

An assigned reviewer may "ASSIGN" a Travel Pre-Approval to another person by using the "Assigned To:" dropdown and selecting another Reviewer from the dropdown list. The following pop-up message will display. Click OK to "ASSIGN", or cancel.



4. Can I "TAKE" a Travel Pre-Approval for Review that is already assigned to someone else?

No. The assigned person must UNTAKE or REASSIGN the Travel Pre-Approval.

N. Travel System Roles

There are a number of roles assigned in the Travel System that define the access and actions that can be taken. They revolve around three basic types after the traveler and preparer. There are two designation prefixes, which indicate the Pre-Approval part of the system or the Reimbursement part:

PA - Pre-Approval RB - Reimbursement 1. PA-Reviewer, RB-Reviewer:

The PA-Reviewer and RB-Reviewer can be the same person or different people. The Reviewer is usually someone identified by the department to review requests for completeness and accuracy. This can also be the Traveler if so inclined or there is no business staff identified.

2. PA-Approver, RB-Approver

The PA-Approver and RB-Approver can be the same person or different people. The Approver can perform all tasks as a Reviewer, but is usually just included in the Pre-Approval/RB-Approval Routing step in DocuSign.

The Secondary Approver is an optional approver in the Approval Routing Step.

The Approver and Secondary Approver roles are requested through Financial Services at: https://financialservices.umbc.edu/9-2departmental-approval-instructions/

The Next Higher Authority is required for any travel which is outside of the US. The RB-Next Higher Authority is required for any travel which is outside of the US, out of state or overnight travel without Pre-Approval.

3. Department Administrator

The Department Administrator (Dept Admin) role can manage the Reviewer and Next Higher Authority roles because they are optional, as well as the Dept Admin role. The Dept Admin can review all Travel System settings in addition to managing the three roles. This role can also re-assign the Assign-To person on either a Pre-Approval OR a Reimbursement request while in a Review status.

III. REIMBURSEMENT

UMBC Travel Reimbursement Process



A. When do I create a UMBC Travel Reimbursement?

The traveler must have a completed and approved Pre-Approval before the travel begins, when the trip is out of state or involves overnight travel within state (Maryland and DC are both considered in state for UMBC travelers). Conversely, a Pre-Approval is not required when the traveler makes a day trip within the state.

The traveler or preparer for the traveler requests a Travel Reimbursement once travel is completed within ten days of the return.

B. How do I create a UMBC Travel Reimbursement

The traveler or a preparer for the travel (<u>See Travel System Profile Link</u>), can begin the reimbursement process by navigating to the Main Section of the Travel System and choosing "Reimbursements", then "Create Reimbursement" on the right.



The system will ask if you have a Pre-Approval.



If you indicate Yes, it will retrieve your list of approved Pre-Approval requests to choose from. You can then choose from your list of Pre-Approvals and choose "create reimbursement."

Start New Reimbu	rsement Request
Do you have a Pre-Approval?	Yes No
Select the desired p	e-approval request
Then select the Create Reimbursement it	em from the Pre-Approval Action button
Pre-Approval reque	sts Travel Approved
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	Travel Approved

If you indicate No, it will ask you if the travel involved an overnight stay and whether the traveler went out of state.

If the travel involved an overnight stay or the traveler went out of state, the system will return the answer that the reimbursement request required a travel pre-approval and to proceed with the reimbursement, a memo of explanation is required, and that the request will automatically route to the next higher authority for approval. It will continue by requesting the information that would have been collected during the pre-approval process.

Start New Reimbu	rsement Request	
Do you have a Pre-Approval?	Yes	No O
Does this involve an overnight stay?	Yes	No O
Did the traveler go out of state?	Yes	No
This reimbursement request red To proceed with reimbursement you are required to attac This reimbursement request will automatically re Who was the traveler,	h a memo of explanation durin bute to the next higher authority	
Me	Someone else	
Please provide a short title for this re	quest (must be at least 5 characters):	
*Trip Title: Request Title		
*Start Date: mm-dd	-YYYY (mm-dd-yyyy)	
*End Date: mm-dd	·YYYY (mm-dd-yyyy)	

If the travel did not involve going out of state, nor overnight, the reimbursement will proceed with no message.

C. Reimbursement Request with Completed Pre-Approval

The information from the Details and Estimates sections of a completed and approved pre-approval is brought over to the reimbursement request. Both preapproval and reimbursement have the same Travel ID. The pre-approval or reimbursement information is located in the upper left hand corner, depending on whether you are in the Pre-Approval or Reimbursement sections.

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D. Completing a Reimbursement Request

Completing a Reimbursement Request is similar to completing a Pre-Approval. The system will bring over the data from the Pre-Approval, and the information brought over will be in grey.

The reimbursement Expenses, Documents and Communications sections are very similar to the Pre-Approval section, with a few exceptions.

Ι.	Expenses
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Details	Expenses	Itinerary/Mileage	Documents	Communications

While the estimates brought over from the Pre-Approval will show in grey, you can replace the estimate with the actual cost. Be sure that your support documentation for the costs are legible and the dates and the amounts match.

a. Transportation

Transportation	Lodging/Food	Fees/Misc
Add Entry 🔻		

Transportation drop down options include:

- Plane
- Train
- Rental Car
- Ride Sharing
- Taxi/Bus
- Parking
- Tolls
- Other

Plane, Train and Taxi/Bus

Travel costs require a date for travel, locations to and from (relevant to the travel type - city, airport code, actual address, etc.) and amount. Use the comment section to share additional information. For airline travel, please use the airport code for domestic airports and city/state if an airport code is not available for international airports.

Three-letter airport codes covering the United States can be found here.

If a round-trip ticket is a single cost item, use a single row to define "from/to" with the departure date from the drop down. If your tickets have costs broken down for each leg of the trip, and you want to use multiple rows to define the costs, you have the ability to do so.

b. Lodging/Food

	Summary	Transportation	Lodging/Food Add Entry 🔻	Fees/Misc
	Per Diem Information: DEFAULT-USM		.00 Lunch=\$15.00 Dinner=\$28.00 =2021-01-01 Mileage Rate=0.560	
Per Diem Meals	Date: 08/06/2021 · City: DEF	AULT-USM 🗸 Breakfast 🔽 Lunch 🔽 Dinner]	Cost: \$28.00

In this section, you can choose from the following drop down menu options:

- Lodging
- Per diem meals
- Non per diem meals
- Per diem meals Foreign
- Other

The domestic per diem meal rates are provided for you. The default per diem rates are the regular rates for locations that are not considered high cost areas. However, you can choose the high cost cities by state/city in the Per Diem Information drop down menu for the per diem rates for that city.

For foreign per diem rates, you can choose that option in the "Useful Links" on the top right hand corner of the page, which will take you to the appropriate website with that information by the U.S. Department of State.

	S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Per Diem Rates	Home > Under Secretary for Management > Bureau of Administration > Office of Allowances
Excel Versions of Per Diem	
Foreign Per Diem Rates	Office of Allowances
Allowance Rates	
Allowances By Location	Select by Location
Allowances By Type	Select by Allowance Type
Biweekly Allowance Updates	Printer Friendly
Custom Search	Foreign Per Diem Rates by Location
Footnotes to Section 920	DSSR 925
Standardized Regulations (DSSR)	
Archives (DSSR)	
Table of Contents (DSSR)	You may use the dropdown box below to select a country. Entering the first letter of
General Information	the country name will jump to that portion of the listing. Clicking "Go" will display Per
Advance of Pay	Diem data for all locations within the country selected.
Consumables	
Danger Pay	Country: *All Locations* Go
eAllowances	Country. An Locations V 60
Education	
Evacuation	
Extraordinary Quarters Allowance (EQA)	You may use the input field below to enter all or part of a post name. The percent sign
Foreign Transfer Allowance (FTA)	"%" serves as a wildcard character. Clicking "Go" will display a list of posts matching the name entered with links to the Per Diem data.
Frequently Asked Questions	
Home Service Transfer Allowance (HSTA)	Post: Go

c. Summary

The summary page presents a recap of all expenses entered under transportation, lodging/food and fees/misc. As itemized expenses are entered under each category, they will display on the summary page and total at the bottom under "**Total Reimbursement Amount**".

		Summary	Transportation	Lodging/Food	Fees/Misc		
		Per Diem Information: DEFAULT-USM		0 Lunch=\$15.00 Dinner=\$28.00 021-01-01 Mileage Rate=0.560			
x	Per Diem Meals-Foreign	Date: 08/06/2021 V Break	kfast O Lunch O Dinner O		G	lost:	\$0.00
x	Per Diem Meals	Date: 08/06/2021 🗸 City:	DEFAULT-USM 🗸 Breakfast 🗸 Lunch 🗹 Dinner 🗌		G	Cost:	\$28.00
x	Parking	Start 08/06/2021 V End 0	8/06/2021 🗸		c	lost:	\$10.00
x	Rental Car	Start 08/06/2021 🗸 End 0	8/06/2021 🗸		c	lost:	\$200.00
					Total Reimbursement Amount:		238.00
					Total Distribution of Charges:	\$2	238.00

All expenses must be accounted for under a valid budget account combination (distribution of charges, also known as a chartstring) before the Reimbursement will move forward to DocuSign.

									eimbursement Amount: Distribution of Charges:	\$238.00 \$238.00
			D	istributi	on of Charg	es		Add New Distribution of Charges		
x	Primary: Image: Primary is a start of the start	Fund: Fund v	*Dept: Dept ∽	PFin: Pfin ~	Account: Account	Project: Project	Activity: Activity	*Amount: \$238.00		
					Validate Char	tstring				

If **Non-UMBC** expenses are included, they will be deducted from the total amount of expenses to calculate the **Total Reimbursement Amount** and **Total Distribution of Charges.**



The **Total Reimbursement Amount** must be fully accounted for in the **Total Distribution of Charges** (using one department, or across multiple departments) before the reimbursement is submitted to DocuSign.

Adjust Distribution of Charges by must equal \$0, by adjusting the value on the chartstring line(s), or adjusting estimated expenses. The text on this line will change to red when the funding sources are inadequate to satisfy the **Total Reimbursement Amount**.



Distribution of Charges

Each chartstring has at least one "approver", possibly a "second approver" if the department so chooses, and a "next higher authority" to approve international travel requests. Each approval level, for each department, must sign-off during the DocuSign process.

- Click "Add Distribution of Charges" to add multiple chartstring rows.
- Click the "x" to the left of the chartstring to remove a chartstring row.
- When there are multiple chartstrings, use the "Primary" button to select the primary account. Only ONE primary chartstring/account combination may be selected at any given time.

Each chartstring has an *on demand* "validate chartstring" button. Clicking this button will compare the selected account combination against valid PeopleSoft account combinations. Valid chartstring/account combinations are required before submitting to docusign for approvals.

II. Itinerary/Mileage

l	Details	Expenses	Itinerary/Mileage	Documents	Communications
	This ca	tegory is fo	und only in the r	eimbursemen	t section. It is specific to

This category is found only in the reimbursement section. It is specific to those programs such as Choice programs, admission recruiters, etc. that have previously been given approval to provide separate car travel logs.

\$11.20 Auto Mileage Reimbursement					Check here if you are submitting a separate UMBC-approved car travel log as an attachment (specialized travel for Choice programs, admission recruiters, etc.)					
20.00 Auto Miles				0.00 Air Miles 0.00 Bus Miles			0.00 Train Miles			
Action	Date	Start Time	End Time	From	То	Туре	Miles	Rate	Amount	Delete
Move^ Move Ins^ Ins	08/06/2021 🗸	12 V 00 V AM V	12 V 00 V AM V	UMBC	Owings Mills	Auto 🗸	20.00	0.560	\$11.20	Del

The reimbursement allows for the traveller to attach a separate car travel log as an upload or complete the log by adding lines on the reimbursement. The mileage rate will be automatically inserted and the total miles times rate will be calculated for you.

III. Documents

Reimbursement Test 3 no pre-approval Gayle Chapman - Aug 06-Aug 06	Details Expenses Itinerary/Mileage	Documents	Actions			
Entry2344666 Modified Last saved-89/92021, 3:18:02 PM Updated By-Gayle Chapman(HK33523)	Traveler: Gayle Chapman (HK33523/1000004151/000006807)	Preparer: Nobody V				
Use this area to upload documents that are relevant to your travel and reimbursement obligations (receipts, confirmations, conference agendas, itinerary, etc.). Crear Browse No file selected.						

Use this section to upload documents that are relevant to your travel and reimbursement obligation (receipts, confirmations, conference agendas, itinerary, etc.). Again, be sure that your support documentation for the costs are legible and the dates and the amounts match.

IV. Communications

This section is the same as in the Pre-Approval. (Link to Pre-Approval)

E. SUBMIT FOR REVIEW

When all mandatory fields are complete, the traveler/preparer may submit the Reimbursement request for "REVIEW". This action will send an email message to ALL persons with the RB-REVIEWER role in the department to notify them that the Reimbursement has been submitted. (Only the Reviewer receives an email. If no RB-APPROVER is chosen, there will not be an email sent by the system.)

If the travel costs are shared among more than one department, the RB-REVIEWER(S) in the department designated as *primary* on the distribution of charges will receive the email message.

The status of the Travel Reimbursement will change from "Entry" to "Review".



When the Travel Reimbursement Request has been submitted for Review, and is in "Review Status", the traveler is limited to the following actions:

Actions 🗸
Go to Main
Go to Admin
Save Request
Cancel Request

Changes to Reimbursement details may occur during review.

F. SUBMIT TO DOCUSIGN

The Reviewer may submit the Travel Reimbursement to DocuSign when the review is complete. At this point, no further changes can be made to the Travel Reimbursement details.



If no RM-REVIEWER is chosen for the department, the RM-APPROVER may submit to DocuSign.

After all of the signatures are completed, the Traveler and Approvers(s) will receive an email notification that the Reimbursement is complete. The status on the Reimbursement will change to "complete."

G.State of Maryland Reimbursement/Payment



Once the Reimbursement has been approved and is complete, the Travel staff in Business Services will review your reimbursement request for accuracy and completeness. Please make sure that your documentation that has been uploaded in your reimbursement request is legible and the dates and amounts of the expenses match the reimbursement.

Please note that DocuSign will automatically create an RT ticket on behalf of the requester that will have the same ticket number as the Pre-Approval/Reimbursement ID. If the Travel staff have any questions, they will contact you through the RT ticket.

Ticket metadata	⊞ > ≫		
The Basics Id: 2344466			
Status: open SLA: Priority: 99 Queue: UMBC-Travel-System	∧ Dates Created: Mon Aug 09 12:21:58 2021 Statts: Not set Started: Tue Aug 10 10:48:44 2021		
Custom Fields Original-Queue- UMBC-Travel-System Name: Original-Queue- 3549 Number:	Last Contact: Tue Aug 10 10:48:45 2021 Due: Tue Aug 09 12:21:58 2022 Closed: Not set Updated: Tue Aug 10 10:48:44 2021 by Travel System <travel-norephy@umbc.edu> (Z299998)</travel-norephy@umbc.edu>		
Tag: Travel	 Links Depends on: 		
People Owner: Nobody in particular Requestors: Gayle Chapman «chapman@umbc.edu» (HK33523). Cc: AdminCc:	Depended on by: Parents: Children: Referred to by: Create new Depends on * Ticket in DoiT-INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY* Create		

You can also communicate with the Travel staff through the RT ticket.

Once the Travel staff approves the reimbursement request, they will close the RT ticket and send the request for payment to the State of Maryland. It generally takes about 21 - 28 days for the State to process the payment.

For State of Maryland employees who have direct deposit for their paycheck, the reimbursement payment will also be deposited directly into their bank account. For non-UMBC employees or those without direct deposit, it will be mailed to the address on the reimbursement.

For questions regarding the reimbursement after the travel reimbursement RT has been closed, you can contact Business Services by requesting a RT ticket in the Travel queue.

https://businessservices.umbc.edu/travel/travel-inquiry/

IV. Other questions you may have... A. About Pre-Approval

1. What should I do if I am filling out a Pre-Approval for somebody that is not a UMBC employee?

Select the appropriate radio button to identify whether you are the traveler, or completing the travel request on behalf of an individual that has granted you permission to do so.

If you are completing this request on behalf of another traveler, that traveler must grant prior permission using their profile options. (See

<u>Travel System Profile Link</u>). Select their name from the dropdown list. You will be listed as the preparer.



2. Where do I find submissions from myself/my department/other departments?

Those are found in the Main section of the Travel System. You can navigate to "My Submissions" or "Prepared on behalf of" or navigate to "Business Office" to view those submission assigned to yourself, your department or other departments if you are a Reviewer or Department Administrator. <u>(Go to Travel System Roles)</u>

	Business Office	My Submissions	Prepared on behalf of			
		Submitted for Review-2344466				
		Р	re-Approvals	Reimbursements		
I	System Busine	And the second sec	Prepared on behalf of		Gayle Chapn	
		Sul	omitted for Review-2344466			
		Pre-Aj	pprovals Reimbursements			
		Assigned To: Me	My Department Other Departm	ents		
	Description	Pre-Approval req	uests assigned to me	Create PreApprova		
			Show History			

3. How do I designate individuals to submit/create/complete Pre-Approvals on my behalf?

In the Admin section of the dashboard, there are a number of buttons: Profile, Departments, People, Per Diems, Role Names and Status Codes.

Use the "profile" options to identify those individuals that are authorized to submit travel requests on your behalf. Enter the campus ID or Empl ID for the individual you choose to authorize on your behalf and click "add". You can use the directory lookup to find the campus ID. A quick link to the directory is located in the upper right hand corner of the Travel System Screen.

Profile



4. How can I find the status of my reimbursement from the State of Maryland?

You can find out the status of your reimbursement by navigating to the Business Services website at: <u>https://businessservices.umbc.edu/accounts-payable/</u>

Then going to the AP FAQ menu on the top right and choosing "Tracking a Payment." This will take you to the General Accounting Division of the State of Maryland where you can either log on to their query system or register as a new user and then log on.



5. What should I do if I need a travel advance?

Obtaining a Working Fund travel advance should be a last resort as the Working Fund has limited funds available. For more information visit:

https://businessservices.umbc.edu/working-fund/

V. Status Codes

There are a number of Status Codes that are color coded that appear in the upper left corner of the Pre-Approval or Reimbursement that indicate the stage of completion.

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Review

A status of Review indicates the document has been submitted for review by the Traveler or the On Behalf Of individual to the business area for that department. Communication options back to the Traveler or the On Behalf Of individual will be used to satisfy any questions by the reviewer.

Submitted to DocuSign

Status of Submitted to DocuSign indicates the document has been submitted for approval (DocuSign) by the Primary Approver identified in the review process of the business area for that department.

Travel Approved

The Travel Pre-Approval process is considered Approved once the DocuSign process has finished. It will change to Completed once the Reimbursement process is initiated.

Processing

A status of Processing indicates the Travel Reimbursement document has been signed off by all roles in the DocuSign process and is now ready for manual steps required for PeopleSoft and the State of Maryland.

Cancelled

Travel Pre-Approval process can be set to Cancelled (Read-Only) if there is no Travel Reimbursement initiated. Travel Reimbursement process can be set to Cancelled (Read-Only) if workflow status is Entry, Review, or Approval Routing. If workflow status is Processing OR Completed then ONLY the System Administrator can update the status to Cancelled.

Completed

The Travel Pre-Approval process is considered Completed once the Travel Reimbursement process has been initiated. Please note the Travel Reimbursement process cannot begin before the first day of travel.

Travel Reimbursement is considered completed when the DocuSign process for Reimbursements has finished. Travel Reimbursement process is considered Completed (Read-Only) once acknowledgement that the State of Maryland has performed the EFT or mailed the check.

Completed*

The Travel Pre-Approval process is considered Completed* (Read-Only) when the travel occurs without a required Travel Pre-Approval. This entry is auto-created when the Travel Reimbursement process is initiated.