

# Business Expenses

This information is only for ETH employee (e.g. Early Career Fellows) because only they can apply for these funds.

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# Introduction

All Early Career Fellows who spend money on behalf of the Collegium must obtain the prior approval of Mario Wimmer by submitting the financial support application.

Legal bases of restitution

- [Finance regulation of the ETHZ, Art. 41](#)
- [Regulation of the ETHZ about occupational expenses](#)
- [Compliance Guide of the ETH](#)
- [Website traveling constitution\\*](#)

## Accounting

Accounting of business expenses and development of the business credit card transactions occur over ETHIS.

In ETHIS the electronic **approval process of all expense requests must be addressed to the Budget Manager Andrea Truttmann**.

In case you need assistance, please entitle **the administrative support as a delegate in ETHIS**, so that she/he can accompany the accounting process in ETHIS when required.

\*(needs a corresponding authentication with the nethz-password)

# ETHIS

(ETH-Information- and Support-platform)

Accounting of professional expenses is handled on ETHIS

All Early Career Fellows have the corresponding authorization to handle expenses in ETHIS.

In case you need assistance, please entitle the administrative support as a delegate in ETHIS, so that she/he can accompany the accounting process in ETHIS when required.

## **Creation of item/approval process:**

If you create an **item in ETHIS** please note in the comment field whether the **line manager has given his consent.**

Questions/further information: ETHIS Ticketsystem, Link «Support»

Instruction for the accounting: in ETHIS Link «Help»

# Business expenses

Receipts (PDF)/supporting documents (PDF) when applying for a business expenses /asking for reimbursement:<sup>1</sup>

- Business expenses must be accompanied by documents (recipes) justifying the business case<sup>2</sup>
- In case you are attending a meeting/conferenc the invitation or program overview needs to be attached.
- Mandatory attachment of flight confirmation/boarding pass.
- The preferred payment method for flight or train journey is the AirPlus Company Account
- Professional expenses with private credit card paid-up e.g. for accommodation: add private credit card charge statement
- Entertainment expenses (Art. 15 Regulation of the ETH about occupational expenses) may be incurred only by budget officers. Restraint is always to be exercised in such type of expenses. The costs incurred must be in the interests of ETH Zurich. The charging is recorded in the intended process and must contain the following information:
  - Purpose of the event, description of the group/party and the number of internal and external, attendees
  - Date and location of the event or
  - Nature and reason of the gift.

**1:** More information on [Regulation of the ETHZ about occupational expenses Art. 2, Abs. 1](#)

**2:**According to internal audit of the ETH advice

# Means of payment



	<b>Corporate Credit Card Viseca</b> (usage - only in consultation with Andrea Truttmann)  <a href="https://www.ethz.ch/services/en/finance-and-controlling/travel/corpcreditcards.html">https://www.ethz.ch/services/en/finance-and-controlling/travel/corpcreditcards.html</a>	<b>AirPlus Company Account</b> (preferred payment method for flight or train journey using the AirPlus Company Account)  <a href="https://www.ethz.ch/services/en/finance-and-controlling/travel/airplus.html">https://www.ethz.ch/services/en/finance-and-controlling/travel/airplus.html</a>
	Physical card	No physical card
use	Only occupational use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temporary increase possible</li> </ul>	Only occupational, instead of credit card for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flight booking online at most airlines, over online booking platform or via travel planner (i.e. Opodo)</li> <li>• Usage in foreign countries possible as well</li> <li>• SBB Ticket Shop</li> </ul>
authorized	For frequent travellers and admin. Assistants with permanent contracts	Impersonal, in the name of the organizational unit
charges	No annual or reminder charges No default interest No conversion charges for foreign currencies	No annual or reminder charges No default interest

# AirPlus

Every business trip begins by booking the relevant means of travel. It is easy to pay for your flight or train journey using the AirPlus Company Account.

**AirPlus Company Account of the Collegium Helveticum:** contact: [admin@collegium.ethz.ch](mailto:admin@collegium.ethz.ch)

Contract number: *to be provided by Admin*

Accountnumber: *to be provided by Admin*

Expiry date: *to be provided by Admin*

Card holder: COLLEGIUM HELVETICUM

Address: Schmelzbergstrasse 25, 8092 Zürich

Firm: ETH ZÜRICH

# Rail within Switzerland and abroad

Generally, 2nd class tickets for rail travel within Switzerland and abroad. Within Switzerland please make sure to order your Half-Fare travelcard or your GA Rabatt Coupons via the travel department of ETHZ. See information here:

<https://ethz.ch/staffnet/en/finance-and-controlling/travel/train/train.html>

All ETH employees can sign up for an **SBB business account** with their **private SwissPass-Login**. You are able to do this on your own – following the **instructions (see “First Registration” pdf)** which you find on the [ETH-Website](#) - together with the following information:

Contract number: **ETH0001**

Cost Center: **Schulleitung Collegium Helveticum**

After Andrea Truttman confirmed your registration, you can choose at every SBB-purchase, if the ticket should be payed with the ETH business account or privately. For business trips, the payment is made via the ETH AirPlus Company Account of the Collegium Helveticum. This account is already registered as the mean of payment.



# Flight booking

- Restitution only for costs in the **Economy-Class**
  - As a paying method applicable for all flight reservations: **AirPlus Company Account** (choose AirPlus/UATP as payment method; can also be used abroad); more than 240 airlines accept AirPlus on their online gateway boundless.
  - You can also use booking on the Internet via the airline directly (as a rule most favorably, as early as possible). Or via travel planner.
  - Booking via ETH Travel agency **Kuster Reisen**:  
Online-booking charges: CHF 40 per ticket and CHF 80 for booking by Telephone or E-Mail;
  - Additional people who are not in a business context with the Collegium can **not** be booked over the online booking platform
- Further information
- Travel Decision Tools

# Private extension business travel

- [For further information see](#)
- Where business travel is combined with private travel, this must not entail any higher cost for ETH Zurich. When accounting for air or rail travel with a private component, you will need to provide the relevant verification.
- In addition to the maximum insured 90 days of travel (unlimited research leave), [business travel insurance](#) covers a total of 7 additional private travel days.

# Rental cars

Rental cars: If possible, choose an Europcar

Choose Europcar over private vehicle

The Collegium is in possession of an Europcar-card for business trips

Reservation occurs online, or by phone; pickup card from Andrea Truttmann

Europcar-Station at the ETH Hönggerberg and at the ETH-Zentrum

Further informationen

	Eurocar	Private Vehicle
Process	<p>Booking online or with a telephone with a Eurocar-card</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The budget officer orders the Eurocar card and allocates a fund to be debited via ETHIS.</li> <li>Electronic process: rental costs are automatically charged to the selected funds, no additional signature on an invoice is required.</li> </ul>	<p>You must obtain the prior consent of the budget officer for the purchase.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the event of a damage claim, the budget officer must confirm that it was a business trip</li> </ul>
Insurance	Comprehensive insurance for rentals within Switzerland. Varies from country to country abroad.	Comprehensive insurance with an excess of max. 500 CHF

# Insurance

- Business insurance TSM (AXA Assistance)
- During their professional activities abroad, staff members of the ETH Zurich (including lecturers; without students and guests) are fully insured against the consequences of accident and illness.
  - Integrated cancellation insurance
  - The insurance cover doesn't have to be applied. It's independent of booking channels and means of payment
  - Preparation for business travel: Take along the leaflet with emergency numbers!

«Emergency card»

Available on our website



# Insurance

Additional insurance benefits:



## Transport Accident Insurance

With this insurance the traveler benefits from even more comprehensive insurance coverage while in the means of transportation. Please note: With AirPlus, coverage also applies to cardholders during business travel with their own company car.

> Death	400,000 EUR
> Disability	400,000 EUR
> Full disability (> 70%)	600,000 EUR

## Additional Benefits due to Accident

> Return Transport and Repatriation Costs (if due to the accident, medically reasonable and prescribed by a physician)	100,000 EUR
> Rescue costs	25,000 EUR

[More Information](#)

## KUNDENINFORMATION

### Kollektive Reise- und Flugunfallversicherung für Business Card und Corporate Card von Viseca

Max. CHF 500 000.– (Gold) bzw. CHF 300 000.– (Classic/Silber) bei Tod und Invalidität  
Max. CHF 60 000.– für Bergungs-, Such- und Rückführungskosten.

[More Information](#)

# Food Expenses

Catering flat rates on business travels:

- Breakfast: CHF 10.- (if it is not already included in the accommodation)
- Lunch and dinner: CHF 27.50.- (third party donor deviates where appropriated)
- Breakfast and dinner only during overnight stays
- **gratuity:** Tips are usually included in Swiss restaurants. However, it is customary to round up, which can be done using your ETH budget. If the consumption total is **under CHF 100.00 a gratuity of 7% is appropriate**; in case the consumption **total exceeds CHF 100.00 a gratuity of up to 5% is suitable**. Any additional amounts are to be paid privately.

# Hotel/ Lodging cost

- Lump sums for overnight stays in private accommodation: guest gift for max. CHF 80.-, regardless of the length of stay (receipt required)
- Middle class hotels abroad (higher category is possible, if the hotel is the event venue of the conference)
- [Further information](#)