

# SFU Online Travel and Expense Report – Create an Expense Report Quick Reference Guide

## A. Navigate to Create Expense Report

- a. Launch a browser session (Internet Explorer/Firefox/Google Chrome)
- b. Enter [fins.sfu.ca](https://fins.sfu.ca) in the page address (URL), login with the appropriate credentials
- c. Path: [Main Menu > SFU End-User WorkCentre > Expense Rpt - Create/Modify](#)  
Or [Main Menu > Employee Self-Service > Travel and Expense](#)

For Additional help:

- Contact Payment Services Help Line @ 778-782-7087 OR Email [TEX\\_Help@sfu.ca](mailto:TEX_Help@sfu.ca)
- Refer to the FINS course on the Online Knowledge Centre [UPK](#)
- Contact Sadika Jungic or Charlene Bradbury

## B. Steps to Submitting an Expense Report

**NOTE:** Asterisk (\*) refers to mandatory fields [Embedded Help](#) ?

- STEP 1** Complete Create Expenses Header Section
- a. **\*Business Purpose:** select a purpose from a predefined list
  - b. **\*Report Description:** enter a relevant description
  - c. **Reference:** optional field
  - d. **Department Admin:**
  - e. **\*Default Location:** change location if you travel outside BC  
**Important!** Location drives Tax Calculations and Per Diem Rates.
  - f. **\*Reason for Expenses** Click [Reason for Expenses](#) link. Fill out the reason for the expense report, click on the
  - g. [Add Notes](#) button and then [OK](#) button to return to Expense Report page.
  - h. **\*Attachments:** You will be asked “Transaction needs to be saved before attaching the files to it” Click yes then you can Scan and upload your receipts, documents, etc.

- STEP 2** Verify/Enter Default Accounting for Report
- a. Before you begin, know your grant number that you intend to charge your expenses to. If fund 31 enter RXXXXXX in the “Project Alias” field, hit enter.
  - b. Click [Apply](#) button to apply accounting details on each expense line below.
  - c. If entering seminar series lunch expenses, click on [Load Defaults](#) and enter “90172” in the “Program” field, hit enter, then click [Apply](#). If when you hit load defaults and the numbers don’t match to what is displayed here, please change it.

- STEP 3** Enter Expense Line
- a. Select **\*Date** in order to pick an Expense Type.
  - b. Choose **\*Expense Type** from the drop down menu.
  - c. Fill out the required fields. Change **\*Location** and **\*Currency** if necessary.

- STEP 4** Go to the top right hand corner of the screen and click [Save for Later](#). This Allows for editing **before** final submit, if necessary.  
**NOTE: Save often to avoid losing data entered.** Then click on [Summary and Submit](#).  
Select the certify tick box and click on **“Submit Expense Report”**.