VPF WEBSITE (TRAINING): https://vpf.mit.edu

The VPF (Vice President of Finance) website above is an excellent resource for MIT’s best policies and practices, financial forms, and a host of other helpful information. The first category, “Buying and Paying”, covers everything listed below. The second category, “Travel Planning and Expensing”, covers the Concur system and the procedures for reporting expenses related to travel.

**Documentation and Receipts**

You are required to give ChemE Finance backup documentation on every financial transaction. Documentation may be in the form of an original itemized receipt or a packing slip.

If you are asked to reimburse someone for food (either store bought or from a restaurant), you need proof of payment and an itemized receipt showing all items ordered. If the person does not have the restaurant itemization, you can usually get it yourself by calling the restaurant directly. Alcohol is only allowed on a discretionary account.

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**Amazon Business Account – Returns**

- UPS picks up and delivers to the Shipping Department daily (32 Vassar Street; 253-4744).
- To return an item, choose "UPS Pickup" on the return form. You will receive a confirmation of the return, but you will **NOT** have an option to print out the return mailing label. Instead, UPS hand-delivers the label to Shipping, and they will send it to you via interdepartmental mail.
- Once you pack up your items, you need to decide how to get your package to Shipping:
  - Keep an eye out for a delivery person on your floor and ask them to return it to Shipping.
  - Call MIT Shipping and ask them to pick up the items (they might refuse).
  - Walk the items to Shipping yourself (32 Vassar Street).
  - Use the MIT Courier Service (3-6000) for pickup and delivery for a $5.00 charge.

**Concur Travel Reports:** See instructions beginning on page 7.

**Gifts:** If you anticipate the purchase of a gift (for any purpose) will exceed $500, contact Brian Tavares to discuss it as far in advance as possible.

**G/L Account Numbers:** https://vpf.mit.edu/frequently-used-g-l-accounts
**Material Group Numbers (commodity or services):** Most MIT ordering systems have a drop-down menu listing Material Group number options (used by Procurement for reporting purposes).

**Ordering Information:** See page 4 for instructions.

**Procurement Card (ProCard):** This tax-exempt Visa is issued by Bank of America and cannot be used for travel, chemicals or lab supplies. For assistance, contact Kim Harmon (kharmon@mit); for credit limit increase, contact Brian Tavares.

- ProCard training: [https://vpf.mit.edu/get-to-know-procard](https://vpf.mit.edu/get-to-know-procard)
- You will receive an email notification when there has been a ProCard charge.
- Liona Delva needs backup within 21 days of the transaction. Write “redirect to cost object xxx” on the receipt, and bring her the original receipt.
- You can use your ProCard for food purchases, but must provide an itemized receipt of everything ordered. You are allowed to leave a 15% tip for delivery.
- You have 60 days to dispute a charge with a vendor. If the merchant does not rectify the issue immediately, let Brian Tavares know.

**Request for Payment (RFP):** Used for miscellaneous reimbursements (not travel related).

- For training, go to the VPF Website, type “RFP” in search bar.
- First, scan a copy of the receipt(s) and save it on your desktop.
- Atlas > Manage Reimbursements > Reimbursement.
- Type payee name, give it a title that makes sense to you (i.e., payee name – item).
- G/L account (if you need more options, go to VPF, type “GL” in search bar).
- If you are reimbursing someone for food for a meeting, write the purpose of the meeting, include a list of attendees, and be sure the receipt shows each item ordered (to prove no alcohol was purchased).
- Attach receipt and type in your ChemE Finance approver’s name. Before exiting, write down the RFP number or print out the page.
- If there is a glitch in the system, an RFP might bounce back to your RFP Inbox without you knowing it. I suggest you set up a “task reminder” to check your inbox every few weeks.
**Roles Database**

- To see your cost object authorizations: [https://rolesweb.mit.edu/](https://rolesweb.mit.edu/)
- For more information on roles: [https://vpf.mit.edu/request-or-assign-roles-authorizations](https://vpf.mit.edu/request-or-assign-roles-authorizations)

**SAP/Gui:** Use this program to find account balances and see expenses. Call IS&T at 3-1101 and they will be able to set this up for you (make sure you are at your computer).

- 010 SAP > ZMIT > Reports > Summary Statements.
- Cost Objects (unknown type): Type in cost object and click green checkmark on top left.
- On the very top of this new screen, click the print icon, then click the green checkmark.
- Click “Print Preview” to see account balance (next to Funds Available).
- To see specific charges, click “Detailed Trans Report” instead of Summary Statement.

**Student Funding:** [https://chemedev2.mit.edu/fmi/webd](https://chemedev2.mit.edu/fmi/webd) (use Chrome, choose “ChemE8”).

In response to a request by the Student Office, your faculty might ask you to provide the type of support and account number(s) for each student in your faculty’s lab. The instructions on navigating the website are included in the email sent to your faculty (you should have been copied on this). If there will be no funding for a student for the semester, it helps if you can include a note as to why.

- **TA** = Teaching Assistant. Student Office already has account number; just add percentage.
- **RA** = Research Assistant. Need account number and percentage
- **FE** = Fellowship. Student Office already has account number; just add percentage.
- **IG** = Graduate Instructor. Student Office already has account number; just add percentage.
- **PS** = Practice School. Student Office already has account number; just add percentage.

**Tax Exempt Forms:** Ask Cindy to send you the two MIT tax-exempt forms (ST2 and ST5).

**Vendor Contacts who deal with MIT**

**Apple:** Kevin Black (very responsive): kblack@apple.com
Beth Marshdoyle: marshdoyle@apple.com

**New Egg:** Ryan Santos: ryan.r.santos@neweggbusiness.com (626-271-1321, x-27103)
ORDERING INFORMATION

● Training and MIT’s financial policies can be found at: [https://vpf.mit.edu/buying-and-paying](https://vpf.mit.edu/buying-and-paying)

● Lab members should purchase chemicals and lab products since they know what is needed. Lab members usually send ChemE Finance their own backup documentation.

● Storage, Refrigeration, and Hazardous Materials: Contact Brian Smith (353-6238) before ordering hazardous materials or if you receive an item that needs to be refrigerated.

● To make life easier for ChemE Finance, attach a copy of the PO to the packing slip, or write the PO number on the packing slip.

● If a packing slip was not included in the order, call the vendor directly and ask for a packing slip. They usually can email it to you very quickly.

Ordering From eCAT

COUPA HOME: [https://mit.coupahost.com/user/home](https://mit.coupahost.com/user/home)

● Coupa, choose vendor (look at the various company icons).

● In this example, we’ll use Staples: Add items > Review and checkout > Submit order.

● Next screen (Review Cart): Created by (add your name); On behalf of (leave blank).

● Ship To: This should already be set to your shipping address and your room number.

● Scroll down to Cart Items. Under billing, you have to add an account number into each “MIT COA” box. To do this, hit magnifying glass, type in cost object, submit for approval. If for some reason the cost object number does not come up, type it in the “Comments” section.

● You will receive an email notifications of the status of your order.

● Since you will order from Staples frequently, create individual lists for your faculty and yourself so you can quickly reorder their supplies (Your Lists > Create New List).

● **Airgas Orders:** Lab members who order Airgas cylinders usually bring their own packing slips to ChemE Finance. Airgas cylinders are left in room 66-0069.

● **VWR Orders:** There is a VWR store in the basement of building 56. Purchasers will need a paper requisition (Cindy has these), and should forward their “Order Confirmation” to you so you will have the proper backup documentation when the charge hits the account.
To Order from an External Vendor, Create a PO

- First ask the vendor for a “written quote”.

- If the quote above is over $10K, you will need to find competing quotes and attach a “Selection of Source” form: [https://vpf.mit.edu/selection-of-source-form](https://vpf.mit.edu/selection-of-source-form)

- Coupa, under the house icon, click “write”.

- Type description of what you plan to purchase.

- Supplier: Start typing the name of the company. If the company name does not come up, read the comments under “Vendor Note” below.

- Commodity: Scroll through or type “food” “office supplies” “lab equipment”, etc. For computer supplies, click Hardware.
  - Need by: Add ~four days to current date.
  - If item is to be to a different location than yours, use “deliver to new address”.
  - Requisition Type: Standard (Blanket is for one year).
  - To split between accounts: List accounts > all > add percentage. To undo, hit split option.
  - Comments: Submit, actions-Withdraw (before final approval)

- Add to Cart > Review Cart.

- Vendor Note: If the company name did not come up in the previous screen, go to Notes to Buyer and type: “New Vendor”, and add vendor name, address, phone.

- Attachments (Important): Click attachments, and attach the vendor quote and “Selection of Source” form.

- Scroll down to Cart Items and add cost object numbers (same as Internal vendor), submit.

- If you need to stop working on a PO before completing, you can go back to it later [https://mit.coupahost.com/](https://mit.coupahost.com/), see “Recent Orders”.

- Preferred Suppliers List: [https://vpf.mit.edu/suppliers](https://vpf.mit.edu/suppliers)

To Find a Purchase Order

- Coupa, next to the house icon, click Orders
- Type the PO number into the box on the top right-hand corner
To Cancel a Purchase Order

- If you wish to cancel an order or shipment, contact the supplier directly requesting cancellation.

- After confirming the cancellation with the supplier, cancel the purchase order in the B2P system. Open the PO and click Request Change, then click Request PO Cancellation. The cancellation will go through the same steps as a PO Change Request to ensure all approvers are aware of the change.

Invoices

- If you receive an invoice from the supplier, send it to invoices@mit.coupahost.com.

- If you receive an invoice with an additional shipping charge, do not worry – Accounts Payable deals with this all the time, so do not try to adjust the PO!

- In the case of a contract, after creating the PO with the quote attached, you will also need to submit an invoice to Accounts Payable to get it uploaded, approved and paid (per Rebecca Chao, Procurement). The PO will not be paid until you do this.

- Alternatively, the company can send the invoice directly to MIT by going to: http://vpf.mit.edu/submit-an-invoice

- Attach a single PDF invoice that includes the invoice date, PO number, and any payment instructions. Leave the body of the email blank. Put notes in subject line.

- To see if an invoice was paid, click on the PO and scroll down to “received, invoiced” (on right hand side about half-way down document). If you click on the amount paid you can see the check number under Payment Information. If the amount paid is zero, you should ask for the invoice directly from the supplier and send to: invoices@mit.coupahost.com.
CONCUR TRAVEL REPORTS

Concur Site:  https://web.mit.edu/concur

Helpful Info:  https://vpf.mit.edu/travel-planning-and-expensing

- If you have questions, write to travelsupport@mit.edu and refer to the Report Key number in heading. Paul Anderson (3-2753) is also very helpful.

- To make travel arrangements: https://vpf.mit.edu/your-partner-travel (Travel Collaborative).

- You must submit a Concur report within 30 days of the end of the trip!

- Some sponsors want all receipts; your ChemE Finance contact can find out for you.

- Travel reports first go to the Travel Office for approval and cannot be “called back” during this time. Once it goes to your ChemE approver, you will be able to call it back to make changes.

- You might not be notified when a report has been returned to you, so I suggest you set up a “task reminder” to check your account until the status changes to “extracted for payment”.

- Reimbursement checks are processed and mailed from the West coast.

- To start a report, go to the Concur website above, click profile, “act as” (you can choose a faculty person or “YourLastName DCE”). If you bypass these options, the reimbursement will be deposited into your personal checking account and you will have to reimburse the traveler.

- Faculty and staff reimbursements are via direct deposit.

- Students, visitors and guests are paid by check (you will need their home address).

- Hotel Charge for Visitor: Some faculty book the room with their travel card. If visitor paid for airfare and faculty paid for hotel, you will have to do two separate Concur reports – One for the visitor’s airfare expenses (YourLastName DCE), and the other for the travel card charge for the hotel under the faculty’s account.

- Taxi Receipts: You do not need a receipt if taxi is under $40, but some faculty want an accounting (with receipts) for all charges.

- Food Receipts: You do not need receipts if < $75/day, but some faculty like to keep track this. You can use a per diem on discretionary accounts (with permission) for students, but for sponsored accounts you will need written permission (check with Travel for procedure).

- Per Chrissy Mullin (Travel): Receipts are not required for meals under $75 per meal. However if four people split a meal for $100, the receipt is necessary even if each share is under $75.
- Airfare upgrades (from Coach) are only allowed on discretionary accounts! You will have to deduct the difference in airfares if the travel is charged to a sponsored account. You should use Expedia to figure out the difference in price. For dates, go forward two months (using same days of the week), and use that cheaper amount for the Airfare. Then create a new entry, "Airfare Upgrade Fee", put the difference in price there, and charge the difference to a discretionary account.

- To add documentation that does not fit into a specific category, click on “receipts” on the top of the report (left-hand side) and add.

- If you delete a receipt from a report, it will go back to “Available Receipts”.

- If someone is missing a receipt, go to https://vpf.mit.edu/, type “Missing Receipt”, and the traveler can fill out the relevant information for you.

- Benefit to Project: I usually use “For dissemination of information”. If charging to a discretionary account use “Non-Sponsored Activity”.

**Before submitting the report:**

- Go to the “details” section, and change the date of the report to today’s date.
- In the comments section, type: “All sponsor’s requirements have been met”.
- To manually route the report to a ChemE approver: Expenses, View Reports, Click the report, Details, Approval Flow, type name under Cost Object Approver.
- All original copies should go to ChemE Finance.

**To split costs between several cost objects:**

- Main page, click: Details > Allocations, All > Allocate selected expenses > Percent

**If someone charges something to Travel Card by mistake**

- Move the charge to a new Concur Report and mark it as “Personal (Do Not Reimburse)”.  
- In Comments section, write that a reimbursement check will be sent to Travel.  
- Ask user to make the check out to “MIT”, with the Report Key number in the memo area, and send it to Travel (NE49-4037).

**If a sponsor is reimbursing for part of the trip, but the charges are on the Travel Card:**

- Put through the travel report with original receipts as normal.  
- Ask sponsor to send a check made out to MIT (send directly to you).  
- Write the report Key number in memo space and send to Travel, NE49-4037.  
- If the sponsor wants to pay by wire: https://vpf.mit.edu/index.php/pay-by-wire-transfer.