

2026 Expert and Consultant Daily Wages
Based on the OPM Base Salary Table 2026-General Schedule (GS)
Effective January 11, 2026

The following is a table of compensation rates for Experts and Consultants identifying per diem rates based on the first and the tenth step of GS-13, GS-14, and GS-15. As in the past, we suggest the use of a rate that equates to the first step of the appropriate grade. With supporting documentation, a higher rate may be justified to match the private sector salary of the appointee.

<u>Per Diem Salary Scale</u>	<u>Daily Minimum</u>	<u>Daily Maximum</u>
GS-13 range \$ 90,925– \$ 118,204	\$ 348.56	\$ 453.12
GS-14 range \$ 107,446 – \$ 139,684	\$ 411.84	\$ 535.44
GS-15 range \$ 126,384 - \$ 164,301	\$ 484.48	\$ 629.84

NOTE: The process of increasing the pay of an Expert or Consultant is not automatic and requires the submission of a SF-52, Request for Personnel Action.