



■ WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE COST OF AN SFS PROGRAM?

- Pre-program advising
- On-site orientation
- Tuition and research fees
- Daily meals and snacks
- Housing (field station and on excursions)
- Airport transfers (for arrival/departure)
- Field excursions & cultural activities
- Emergency evacuation & 24/7 support
- Official transcript processing

■ COST BREAKDOWN

| BASIC COSTS (BILLED BY SFS) | SEMESTER | SUMMER I | SUMMER II | SUMMER COMBINED |
|---|----------|----------|-----------|-----------------|
| Tuition | \$17,950 | \$5,355 | \$5,355 | \$10,710 |
| Room & Board | \$4,950 | \$2,395 | \$2,395 | \$4,790 |
| BASIC PROGRAM COST | \$22,900 | \$7,750 | \$7,750 | \$15,500 |
| ADDITIONAL COSTS (ESTIMATED) - <i>The following should be used for planning purposes only; actual expenses may vary.</i> | | | | |
| Airfare | \$2,400 | \$2,400 | \$2,400 | \$2,400 |
| Passport | \$200 | \$200 | \$200 | \$200 |
| Visa & Permit Fees (where applicable) | \$150 | \$150 | \$150 | \$150 |
| Immunizations/Medications | \$800 | \$800 | \$800 | \$800 |
| Personal Expenses | \$500 | \$400 | \$400 | \$800 |
| Program Breaks | \$300 | N/A | N/A | \$300 |
| ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL COSTS | \$4,350 | \$3,950 | \$3,950 | \$4,650 |
| TOTAL PROGRAM COSTS (ESTIMATED) - <i>basic program cost + estimated additional costs</i> | | | | |
| ESTIMATED TOTAL PROGRAM COSTS | \$27,250 | \$11,700 | \$11,000 | \$20,150 |

Learn more about program costs at: <https://fieldstudies.org/admissions/costs>

■ FINANCES IN THE FIELD

LOCAL CURRENCY: Kenyan Shilling (KES)

PREFERRED MEDIUM OF EXCHANGE: Kenya is predominantly a cash-based economy. You will not use your debit or credit cards to make purchases except at some lodges or souvenir shops. You should still travel with a debit and credit card so you can withdraw more cash and in case of emergencies.

If you have a credit card other than Visa or MasterCard, check with the issuer before departure to see what services they have available in Central and East Africa. American Express is not easily accepted in Kenya or Tanzania, and only a few banks have ATM machines that will accept MasterCard and Visa cards with a pin numbers (although for use as a credit card these two are relatively well-accepted).

UPON ARRIVAL: We recommend bringing \$200 USD cash with you upon arrival. Make sure the bills you bring are the new multi-colored type with the larger numbers and larger pictures of presidents on them (printed in 2010 or more recent), as the old ones are no longer accepted by the banks or money change offices. \$50 and \$100 bills get the best exchange rate. We advise against exchanging money at the airport, as the exchange rates are not optimal. There will be many opportunities to exchange your US dollars for Kenyan and Tanzanian shillings while at the SFS Center.

ATM ACCESS: Students should bring an ATM card to withdraw more cash when possible – there are ATMs in Karatu where students can withdraw money occasionally. An ATM card or credit card with pin code (preferably Visa) are the best options.

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC TIPS/REMINDERS: Virtually all your needs are taken care of while you are at the SFS Center, but there are a few additional expenses and a variety of personal expenditures that you may make at your discretion. Souvenirs (including group t-shirt), postcards, postage, sodas, free day activities such as **swimming, beading, hikes, park visits and meals in restaurants are the most common expenses.** There is a duka (store) at the Center that sells soft drinks, candy bars, books, stickers, postcards, and postage (approximately \$1.00 for each letter to the USA). The duka is generally open daily for a short period of time each day during lunch and dinner. Expect to buy a few snacks while on the road during expeditions and day trips, and while visiting nearby towns on days off. Meals cost between **\$3 and \$10 in local restaurants.** Occasionally, on expedition, an optional buffet lunch may be arranged at a safari lodge which will cost \$15-\$30. Non-program days in Kenya include activities that generally cost between \$10 and \$30 USD.

CREDIT CARD REQUIRED: All students are required to bring a credit card with a limit of at least \$3,000 in case of emergencies. MasterCard and Visa are the most commonly accepted cards internationally.

TALK TO YOUR BANK:

- Be sure to notify your bank(s) and credit card companies that you will be travelling internationally. Be specific and include all locations where you will travel, including layovers!
- Ask your bank about whether or not they will charge you international fees when using your debit/credit card. If they do, you might consider using a bank that does not, if you plan to use your card often throughout the program.

SAFE: We have a small safe on-site, only accessible by SFS staff, where student valuables (passports, cash) can be secured.

TRAVEL SPENDING TIPS:

- Given the unreliability of ATMs, it is recommended to use a credit or debit card for higher-priced items (such as souvenirs) whenever possible so that your cash lasts longer.
- Plan to carry a mix of denominations, smaller denominations are often most widely accepted.
- Travel with cash in excellent condition, meaning clean, unwrinkled, unmarked, and with no tears.
- Personal checks are not accepted internationally.
- Since you will not have consistent access to an ATM, it is recommended to withdraw larger sums at a time so that you can have a supply on hand for a few weeks at a time.

■ BILLING INFORMATION AND DEADLINES

See the table on the right for tuition and room & board payment deadlines. Please note that these are not application deadlines and we will work with students on an individual basis if they apply to a session after these dates have passed.

Not all students pay SFS directly. Your home school may be responsible for making the payments; if this is the case we will send the invoice directly to your home school.

Learn more about our policies at:

<https://fieldstudies.org/admissions/costs>

| PROGRAM | DEADLINE |
|---------------------|------------|
| Summer I / Combined | April 1 |
| Summer II | May 1 |
| Fall Semester | June 1 |
| Spring Semester | November 1 |

■ FINANCIAL AID AND EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

SFS awards more than \$650,000 in need-based financial aid each year, in the form of scholarships, grants, and zero- and low-interest loans. All students are welcome to apply for SFS financial aid, and students who submit an SFS Financial Aid Application will be considered for our full range of aid options.

Financial aid applications are reviewed on a rolling basis after a student has been accepted to an SFS program. Early submissions are encouraged

External scholarships, such as the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship and the Fund for Education Abroad, are awarded independently of SFS aid packages and can be a good way to help fund your study abroad experience.

Learn more about SFS financial aid and external scholarship opportunities at: <https://fieldstudies.org/admissions/aid>