



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	\$19,700	\$5,400	\$5,400	\$10,800
Room & Board	\$5,500	\$2,580	\$2,580	\$5,160
BASIC PROGRAM COST	\$25,200	\$7,980	\$7,980	\$15,960
ADDITIONAL COSTS (ESTIMATED) - <i>The following should be used for planning purposes only; actual expenses may vary.</i>				
Airfare	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Passport	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Visa & Permit Fees (where applicable)	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Immunizations/Medications	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Personal Expenses	\$2,200	\$600	\$600	\$1,200
Program Breaks	\$500	N/A	N/A	\$300
ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL COSTS	\$6,200	\$4,100	\$4,100	\$5,000
TOTAL PROGRAM COSTS (ESTIMATED) - <i>basic program cost + estimated additional costs</i>				
ESTIMATED TOTAL PROGRAM COSTS	31,400	\$12,080	\$12,080	\$20,960

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

■ FINANCES IN THE FIELD

LOCAL CURRENCY: Australian Dollar (AUD)

PREFERRED MEDIUM OF EXCHANGE: Both cash and debit/credit cards are widely accepted. We recommend carrying a combination of small bills and \$20 AUD bills, but try to avoid carrying anything larger than a \$50 AUD bill.

UPON ARRIVAL: Students should plan to acquire Australian cash prior to traveling to the program. If you arrive without Australian cash, you should be sure to get at least \$100 AUD using your ATM or credit card once you arrive at the airport in Cairns. If you bring US dollars to the program, you will need to exchange them at the airport as you will not be able to do so in Atherton or Yungaburra – note that the exchange rate at the airport will likely not be in your favor, so do bring AUD to the program if you can!

ATM ACCESS: You will have access to an ATM at the Cairns airport and throughout Cairns. You will have the opportunity to visit Cairns for 5–6 weekends throughout the semester. There are also several ATMs in Atherton and two in Yungaburra which you will have the opportunity to visit some weekends.

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC TIPS/REMINDERS: Some considerations for free-time expenses:

- On weekends in Cairns during the program or after the program ends, some students in the past have arranged to dive or snorkel on the Great Barrier Reef. A day on the reef generally ranges from \$160 AUD to \$250 AUD, depending on whether you snorkel or dive, and what equipment you rent.
- While here, students often like to make a T-shirt to remember their group. These shirts can cost anywhere from \$20 AUD to \$40 AUD.

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>