



AUSTRALIA

FINANCIAL PLANNER | 2023-2024

INCLUDED IN AN SFS PROGRAM

- Pre-program advising
- On-site orientation
- Tuition and research fees
- Airport transfers (arrival and departure)
- Housing (field stations and excursions)
- Scheduled meals and snacks (during program time)
- 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	\$21,000	\$5,670	\$5,670	\$11,340
Room & Board	\$5,500	\$2,580	\$2,580	\$5,160
BASIC PROGRAM COST	\$26,500	\$8,250	\$8,250	\$16,500
ADDITIONAL COSTS (ESTIMATED) – For planning purposes only; actual expenses may vary.				
Airfare	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Passport	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Visa fees (if applicable)	\$100	\$15	\$15	\$15
Immunizations/Medications	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800
Personal Expenses	\$600	\$200	\$200	\$600
Program Breaks	\$1,600	\$400	\$400	\$900
ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL COSTS	\$6,300	\$4,615	\$4,615	\$5,515
TOTAL PROGRAM COSTS (ESTIMATED) - basic program cost + estimated additional costs				
ESTIMATED TOTAL PROGRAM COSTS	\$32,800	\$12,865	\$12,865	\$22,015

FINANCES IN THE FIELD

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.

LOCAL CURRENCY:

Australian Dollar (AUD) for all sessions and Indonesian Rupiah (Rp) for Summer 1 session only.

PREFERRED MEDIUM OF EXCHANGE:

Both cash and debit/credit cards are widely accepted.

UPON ARRIVAL:

Please bring at least 100 AUD with you to start.

You can order AUD and Rp from your bank prior to traveling, exchange USD at an airport kiosk, or withdraw local currency directly from an ATM. There is no opportunity to exchange USD for AUD outside the Cairns airport.

When bringing USD to exchange, travel with bills in excellent condition (clean, unwrinkled, unmarked, with no tears).

ATM ACCESS:

You will have access to ATMs in Cairns, Atherton, and Yungaburra for all sessions and Ubud for Summer 1 students only. You will have the opportunity to visit Cairns for 5-6 weekends throughout the semester and 1-2 times throughout each summer session.

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. It is also recommended to use debit/credit cards for higher-price items whenever possible so that your cash lasts longer.

TALK TO YOUR BANK:

Be sure to notify your bank that you will be traveling internationally. It is also recommended to ask your bank about international fees when using your debit/credit card.

SAFE:

We have a small safe on-site accessible by SFS staff only where students can store valuables.

BILLING INFORMATION AND DEADLINES

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

Not all students pay SFS directly. Your home school may be responsible for paying your tuition. If this is the case, we will send your invoice directly to your home school.

Learn more about billing policies [here](#).

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

FINANCIAL AID AND EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

All students are welcome to apply for SFS financial aid. 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. Students who submit a SFS financial aid application by the payment deadline will be considered for our full range of aid options.

Financial aid applications are reviewed on a rolling basis starting in February for summer programs, April for fall programs, and September for spring programs. 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 and can be a good source of additional funds for your study abroad experience.

Learn more about SFS financial aid and external scholarship opportunities [here](#).