



AUSTRALIA

FIELD GUIDE

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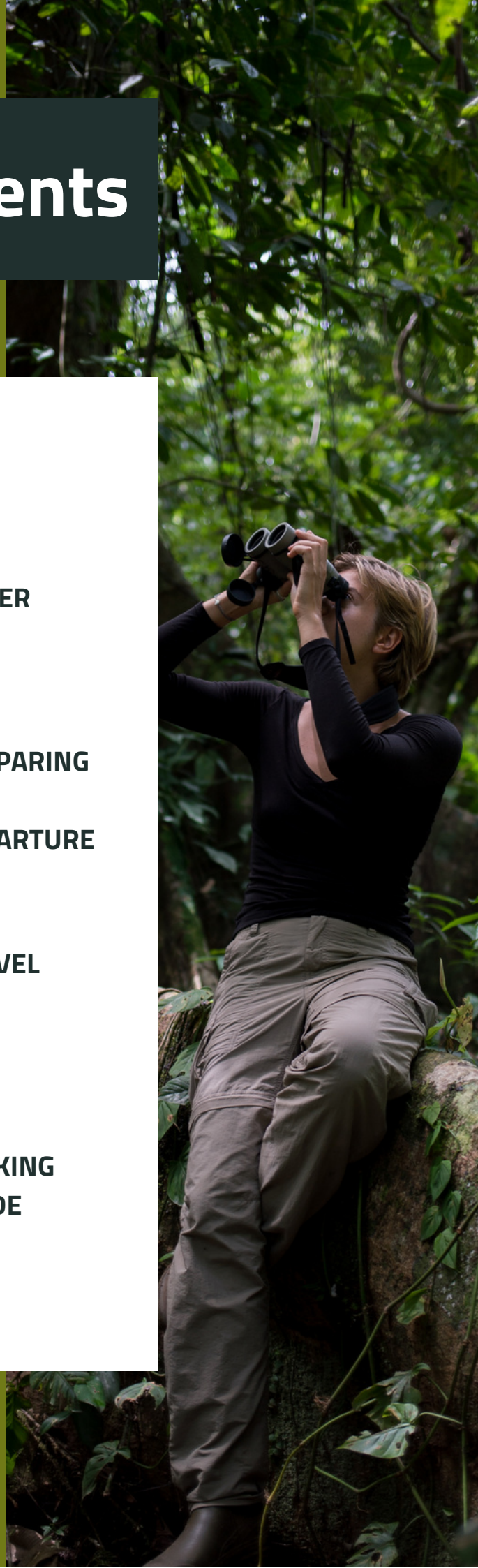
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LIFE IN THE FIELD



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- The center is located in the Atherton Tablelands in Northern Queensland, where the local national park has been designated a world heritage area.
- Tropical rainforests cover less than 0.01% of Australia forming a narrow, broken belt along the northeast coast of Queensland, bordered to the east by the Great Barrier Reef and to the west by grasslands and eucalypt savannas.
- These rainforests have been subjected to abuses that rainforests all over the world are just now experiencing. Australia is where tropical countries may be in 20-30 years, and their rainforest management may serve as a future worldwide model.
- The forests house tree ferns, kauri pines, platypuses, 15-foot amethystine pythons, king parrots, rainbow lorikeets, and marsupials such as pademelons, bandicoots, tree kangaroos, sugar-gliders, a range of possums, and much more.

Indonesia (Summer 2)

- The hotel in Bali is situated in the bustling town of Ubud, which is a popular tourist spot known for its central location amongst famous temples, rice fields, and natural attractions.
- Bali has scenic mountains, volcanic lakes, and coastlines. Much of the landscape is agrarian with World Heritage-listed rice fields, agroforest farms, and smallholder operations, making it an ideal locality for examining various traditional forms of agriculture and regenerative agroecosystems.
- Bali is home to macaques, civet cats, bali starlings, manta rays, and numerous lizards, turtles, and snakes.

SEMESTER: TROPICAL RAINFOREST STUDIES

Rainforest ecology, development, fragmentation, and conservation. Aboriginal ecotourism. Habitat restoration. Threatened species conservation. Animal behavior.

SUMMER 1: MARSUPIALS OF AUSTRALIA

Ecology, evolution, biogeography, taxonomy, and adaptations of major Australian wildlife including marsupials. Impact of humans and climate change. Conservation policies.

SUMMER 2: FARMING FOR THE FUTURE

Agroecology. Economic botany. Agricultural landscapes. Indigenous knowledge. Human development impacts.



Climate

Australia

The "dry" season runs from May to October. Despite this, the rainforest is always rainy, so be prepared to get wet. Average temperatures during the dry season range from 62-85°F but can drop to 50°F.

The wet season runs from November through April.

Average temperatures during the wet season range from 70-88°F, and days are typically hot and muggy.

Indonesia (Summer 2)

The dry season runs from April to October. Average temperatures range from 72-88°F.



Community Engagement

You will live at a field station as a cohort, rather than in a homestay, local apartment, or university dorm. This means that you will not necessarily be eating local cuisine, speaking a local language, or navigating the local culture every day. However, we fundamentally believe that meaningful research is only possible with the input of local people and in consideration of cultural history, so community engagement may vary each term to reflect the requests of our partners.



Chores

There is no cleaning service at the center, so students are expected to take responsibility for their space during their stay. Students will help set up/clean up for meals and engage in a center-wide clean-up about once a week. Specific chore responsibilities and schedules will be shared during orientation.



Identity

Every country is shaped by its history, and therefore attitudes towards gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, and religion can differ greatly. Keep in mind that what seems like discrimination may simply be curiosity. Additionally, most students expect to encounter differences between themselves and their host country but don't realize the most significant differences may be between themselves and their student group. Students should research how different aspects of their identity might be perceived in a new context, in specific political and societal issues, racial, ethnic, and religious composition, LGBTQIA+ climate (Resources [1](#) and [2](#)), and cultural norms and local laws. Reflecting on one's own culture and identity before studying abroad can help students better navigate their experience abroad.

It is a privilege to study in another country and be welcomed into these communities. It is not our students' place to try and change its culture or values. While students will be learning about the country and its people, they will be ambassadors of their own country and culture. SFS campuses are permanent fixtures, and these communities are home to our staff members year-round. Behavior that is disrespectful, illegal, or contrary to cultural norms can degrade the relationship with the community and can impede meaningful interactions for peers, SFS staff members, and future students.



Setting and Facilities

Australia

RURAL ← ● → URBAN

153-acre center isolated in the rainforest.

YUNGABURRA	ATHERTON	CAIRNS
20-minute drive. Cannot walk.	40-minute drive	90-minute drive
Population ~1,200	Population ~8,000	Population ~150,000
Nearest town. Doctor, pharmacy, library, hotel, restaurants, post office, and supermarket.	Grocery stores, hair salons, pharmacy, etc.	Major tourist destination. International airport, auto rental facilities, and large resort community.

HOUSING	MAIN BUILDING	OTHER FACILITIES
Four student cabins, 8 students per cabin in twin beds. Personal drawers and storage cubbies.	5-10 minute walk from cabins on forested trails.	Common room with TV, couches, and games.
Restroom blocks with showers (warm water) and western-style toilets are a short walk away from cabins.	Includes classroom, library, computer room, staff offices, kitchen, and covered outdoor dining facility.	Two washing machines (detergent provided). No dryers, clotheslines only.

Indonesia (Summer 2)

Hotel accommodations in downtown Ubud.

RURAL ← ● → URBAN

UBUD	DENPASAR
Local town	1-2 hour drive
Population ~74,000	Population ~897,000
Major tourist destination. Doctor, pharmacy, hotels, restaurants, boutique stores, and markets.	Capital city of Bali. International airport and advanced medical care.

HOTEL	OTHER FACILITIES
Twelve rooms, 2-3 people per room in twin beds. Shared storage areas.	Shared hotel areas.
En-suite bathroom with shower (warm water) and western-style toilets.	Laundry can be washed locally for approximately \$1.50 USD per 4 lbs.



Food

SFS can accommodate most dietary needs, but the variety of food may be limited due to local availability and cost. SFS cannot accommodate strict Halal or Kosher diets. For Summer 2 students, SFS cannot accommodate allergies to peanuts or msg. Due to limited dietary variety, SFS always recommends bringing vitamins, protein bars, nuts, favorite snacks, etc.

Australia

The cuisine will be similar to the U.S. with breakfasts including cereals, yogurt, eggs, and toast, and lunch/dinners consisting of sandwiches, salads, and pastas. Fruit is always available for students to snack on and occasionally cookies.

Indonesia (Summer 2)

In Indonesia, breakfasts will consist of rice cakes, fruits, bread and spreads. Most Indonesian lunches and dinners will include rice, vegetables, fish, and curries.



Time-off

Semester students will be given 5 to 7 weekends off and a mid-semester break. Summer students will be given 1 to 2 weekends off, and Summer 2 students will also have some evenings and afternoons off while in Indonesia.

Students are responsible for their own food and accommodations during non-program time. Students are not allowed to stay at the center during weekends off, during mid-semester break, or during the interim between Summer 1 and Summer 2 sessions. See page 12 for estimated costs.



Exercise

Australia

The center has basic weights, yoga mats, trails for walking/running, a grass volleyball court, and a basketball hoop.

Indonesia (Summer 2)

Students can pay to use gym facilities in town. There is also a soccer field where students can jog or run.



Money

The local currency is the Australian Dollar (AUD) and Indonesian Rupiah (Rp) (Summer 2).

Both cash and debit/credit cards are widely accepted in Australia and Indonesia (Summer 2). All students are required to bring a credit/debit card with at least \$3,000 in funds in case of emergencies. Mastercard and Visa are the most commonly accepted cards internationally. Be sure to notify your bank that you will be traveling internationally.

Please bring at least 100 AUD with you to start. You can order AUD from your bank prior to traveling or exchange USD at an airport kiosk. There is no opportunity to exchange USD for AUD outside the Cairns airport. In Indonesia (Summer 2), students can withdraw Rp or exchange USD for Rp upon arrival. When bringing USD to exchange, travel with bills in excellent condition (clean, unwrinkled, unmarked, with no tears). You will have access to ATMs to replenish your cash supply in Cairns, Atherton, and Yungaburra and in Ubud (Summer 2).





Electricity

The electrical voltage in Australia and Indonesia (Summer 2) is 230 (the U.S. uses 120). Check all electrical devices to see if you need a voltage converter. Australia uses plug type I and Indonesia (Summer 2) uses types C and F (the U.S. uses A and B). All students will need plug adaptors.



Internet

Wireless internet is available at the Australian center and Indonesian hotel (Summer 2), but it is slow and intermittent. SFS reserves the right to limit internet activities occurring on our servers including, but not limited to, streaming or downloading audio/video content (Facetime, Netflix, etc.).



Computers

Students need to bring laptops with Microsoft Office (or the ability to open Microsoft files offline) and a USB port. Electronic devices are subjected to a much harsher environment than normal. In particular, Apple products do not fare well in high humidity and are more difficult to repair or replace locally. Please take precautions to protect your device.



Phones

Australia

Telstra SIM cards can be purchased at the airport (\$10-40 USD/ month). Only select areas of the center receive cell service.

Indonesia (Summer 2)

SIM cards are available for purchase at the airport (\$15-30 USD/month). In Indonesia, most areas will have phone signal.



Mail

Any packages and letters sent to Australia from the U.S. should be marked "airmail." The average one-way travel time for airmail from the U.S. to Australia is 10-14 days. Therefore, no mail can be sent the last two weeks of the Summer 1 and Semester programs or during the entirety of the Summer 2 program, as students will not receive it! Mail will not be forwarded.

Address: Student name, SFS Centre for Rainforest Studies,
P.O. Box 141, Yungaburra, Queensland, 4884, Australia



Health & Safety in the Field



24-Hour Emergency Hotline

SFS maintains a 24-hour emergency hotline. If you need to urgently contact a student in the field, call 978.219.5113.



Student Health & Wellness Manager

The Student Health & Wellness Manager is a full-time primary medical responder and student support personnel on campus. They are certified in Wilderness First Response, or equivalent certification, and trained in sexual assault first response. They also counsel students on adjusting to life abroad, conduct risk assessments, and help coordinate program logistics and community outreach.



Orientation

Upon arrival to campus, students receive an orientation about the local community and culture, center operations, and relevant risks and hazards. Prior to arriving on program, students should research the inherent risks associated with traveling abroad.



Medical Care

SFS maintains a detailed risk assessment and management plan outlining risks and response protocols, including nearby medical facilities and their treatment capabilities. These plans ensure that staff are always aware of the best route for appropriate medical care.

If a visit to a medical care facility is needed, an SFS staff member will accompany the student to the appointment. Be aware that there may be times when access to medical care is delayed, such as on expedition. Students are responsible for all medical costs and all incidental expenses including transportation, accommodations, etc., incurred by all parties involved. This may include costs related to COVID-19 quarantining. Some medical emergencies or conditions may necessitate medical withdrawal from the program. Final decisions on medical withdrawal are made by SFS.



Mental Health Support

Adjusting to new routines, relationships, and cultural environments while away from your usual support systems can be challenging. The ways you manage stress, take care of yourself, or find joy may not be available to you while you are abroad. Many students also struggle with the rigorous schedule that is inherent to the nature of SFS programs. Understand that you may have decreased communication with home, limited privacy and alone time, and infrequent or modified opportunities for exercise.

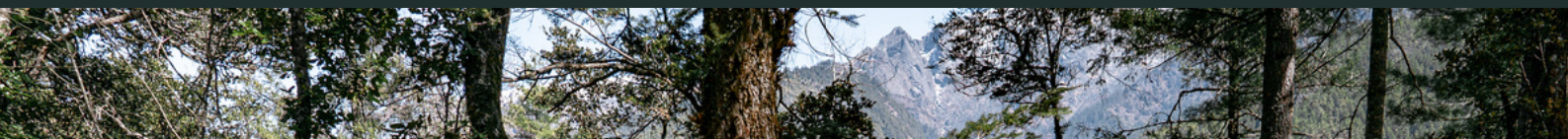
SFS is partnered with Morneau Shepell to provide students with access to free, mental health and wellness support by chat, phone, and video that can be accessed whenever connected to wifi. Students should download My Student Support Program (My SSP) in the app store or on the [My SSP website](#). My SSP is a supplemental resource, and students should work with their mental health provider to create a primary support plan. Students who undergo regular counseling should verify that their mental health provider is available while they are abroad.



Sexual Health & Wellness

When it comes to sexual health and wellness during your program, please consider:

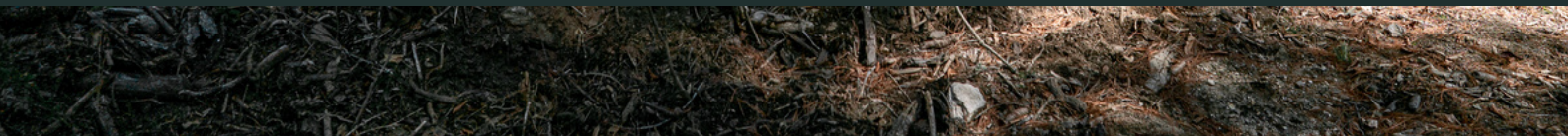
- The ramifications that a short-term relationship may have on a small residential campus or within the local community.
- Access to protection, medication for sexually transmitted infections, and emergency contraception may not be available.
- The current dialogue and understanding of consent in the U.S. does not always apply in other cultures.
- If you feel subjected to sexual harassment, you should walk away from any situation that makes you uncomfortable without concern for being culturally inappropriate. You can report harassment or assault to any SFS staff member.
- In the case of a sexual assault, SFS will make every effort to support you. This includes access to medical care, the option to report to local law enforcement, and identifying additional support resources. Local laws, definitions, and legal implications often differ from those in the U.S. Different laws and limited availability of resources such as rape kits can be complicating factors in responding to a report of sexual harassment or sexual assault in foreign countries.



LGBTQIA+

SFS is welcoming of all students at our centers. However, when traveling throughout Australia, please be aware of the following:

- Laws and social customs may differ from your home country, and countries that criminalize same-sex partnerships may also use the law to criminalize gender identities and gender expressions.
- Cultural practices may not support freedom of expression and travelers may experience discrimination and harassment.
- Some cultural practices are based on traditional gender roles and gender expressions. As a result, those who do not identify as they physically present may sometimes be misgendered or misidentified.
- Some languages are gendered, resulting in a lack of terms that encompass non-binary and gender-neutral identities.
- Health services specific to transgender people may be limited or unavailable. You may also be denied services in your affirmed gender while you are traveling abroad.
- It is not always possible to use preferred names or gender identities (visa paperwork, plane tickets, hotel reservations, and government sites). Gender X is not recognized worldwide, and you may need to provide binary sex information.



Social Drinking & Drugs

There is no consumption or possession of alcohol allowed on campus. If you choose to consume alcohol on your days off in which you are off campus, please do so in moderation and maintain respectful behavior toward others.

Possession of marijuana and cannabis-infused products, including some cannabidiol (CBD) oils, is currently illegal under U.S. federal law. SFS does not allow possession or use of any drugs or medications that are illegal for the full duration of SFS programs including free time and weekends away. Check local laws before possessing, purchasing, or using electronic cigarettes or vaping devices on program.



PREPARING FOR DEPARTURE



Program Costs

The relationship SFS has with your school will determine your billing process. Within a week of acceptance, you or your school will be required to pay a non-refundable deposit to reserve your spot. Afterward, our finance department will reach out to you or your school to collect tuition payments. Up-to-date costs and refund policies can be found [here](#).

Included in SFS program costs are program advising and orientations, tuition and research fees, airport transfers, housing, meals during program time, field excursions and cultural activities, emergency evacuation and 24/7 support, and official transcript processing.

PROGRAM	BILLING DEADLINE
Spring	November 1st
Summer 1 or 1+2	April 1st
Summer 2	May 1st
Fall	June 1st

BASIC COSTS (BILLED BY SFS)	SEMESTER	SUMMER 1	SUMMER 2	SUMMER 1+2
Tuition	\$21,000	\$5,670	\$5,670	\$11,340
Room & Board	\$5,500	\$2,580	\$2,580	\$5,160
Airfare to Indonesia	N/A	N/A	\$300	\$300
BASIC PROGRAM COST	\$26,500	\$8,250	\$8,550	\$16,800
ADDITIONAL COSTS (ESTIMATED, ACTUAL COSTS MAY VARY)				
Airfare to Australia	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Passport	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Visa fees (if applicable)	\$100	\$15	\$50	\$15
Immunizations/Medications	\$800	\$800	\$2000	\$800
Personal Expenses	\$600	\$200	\$200	\$600
Program Breaks	\$1,600	\$400	\$400	\$900
ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL PROGRAM COSTS	\$6,300	\$4,615	\$5,850	\$5,515
TOTAL PROGRAM COSTS (BASIC + ADDITIONAL COSTS)				
ESTIMATED TOTAL PROGRAM COST	\$32,800	\$12,865	\$14,400	\$22,315



Financial Aid

All students are welcome to apply for SFS financial aid. 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. Students who submit an SFS financial aid application by the payment deadline will be considered for our full range of aid options. Learn more [here](#).



PASSPORT

You must have a passport in hand four months prior to departure that is valid for your entire stay in Australia or 6 months after your arrival to Indonesia (Summer 2).



VISA

Australia

Students' Australian visas will be applied for and granted before the program start date. Australia Visitor Visas (Subclass 600, 6-month) (Semester programs) cost \$100 USD and Australia Visitor Visas (Subclass 601, 3-month)(Summer 1 and Summer 2) cost \$15 USD. E-visa instructions will be given upon acceptance.

Indonesia (Summer 2)

Students' Indonesian Tourist Visas will be granted upon arrival and cost \$35 USD. Nothing needs to be done for the visa pre-arrival.

Visa costs are the responsibility of the student and prices are subject to change. If traveling before or after the program, make sure that your visa(s) will remain valid for the entirety of your stay.

Non-U.S. citizens may require a different visa process and are responsible for applying for, obtaining, and paying for their own visa valid for the duration of their program.



FLIGHTS

Students are responsible for the cost of flights to and from their program. Students will receive travel instructions at least 2 months prior to the start of their program. Do not book flights before receiving these instructions.

SFS staff will meet students at the airport on the date and time specified in the airport instructions and transport them to the center. Students will receive airport instructions 1-2 weeks prior to the start of their program. If traveling before the program, you are responsible for meeting the group at the airport at the designated date and time. Additionally, SFS is not responsible for transporting or storing luggage before or after the program.

SFS is not responsible for reimbursing travel expenses for programs canceled or rescheduled due to acts of war or civil unrest, strikes, weather, quarantine/epidemics/sickness, government regulations, or failure of equipment, power, or communications.





Medical Requirements



Medical Approval Process

Students are required to complete the SFS medical approval process using our HIPPA-compliant portal to inform SFS staff of their medical and mental health needs and accommodations. The review is not meant to exclude, but to inform and allow support systems to be put in place. No student may enter the field until medical approval is granted by SFS. [More information.](#)



Vaccinations & Medications

Required

- At least 1 COVID-19 vaccine within 1 year of the program start date, but no less than 2 weeks before departure.

Recommended

- [Centers for Disease Control](#), travel clinics, or medical providers can provide further recommendations.



Accommodating Disabilities

SFS will work with students, schools, and physicians to determine the required accommodations and whether it can be safely and reasonably maintained on program. While SFS strives to meet students needs, due to the remote nature of the programs, there are varying levels of accessibility, services, and accommodations. Students with questions regarding physical or mental health accommodations should contact the Office of Student Affairs and learning accommodations should contact the Office of Academic Affairs.



Insurance

Students are required to buy health insurance. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that their coverage is valid in their program country(s) for the full duration of their program and covers basic medical care, including non-urgent illness or injury, laboratory tests, and pharmaceutical needs. SFS does not provide company recommendations. Keep in mind:

- Most domestic health insurance plans do not provide comprehensive coverage for out-of-country medical expenses.
- Schools may provide international health insurance or have their own insurance requirements for studying abroad.
- Most insurance companies provide coverage on a reimbursable basis. Therefore, students need to bring a credit card to pay for medical expenses and then request reimbursement later on.

Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation Insurance

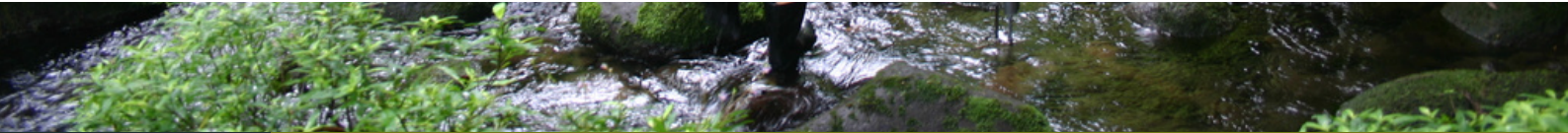
All students are automatically enrolled in an emergency evacuation and repatriation insurance plan through American International Group, Inc. (AIG) for the duration of their program only. This plan covers the cost of transportation, accommodations, and medical care associated with medically or politically necessary evacuations (e.g. life-saving support during air evacuation). It includes up to \$350,000 for emergency medical evacuation, \$100,000 for emergency security evacuation, and \$20,000 for repatriation of remains. The coverage provided does not cover basic medical care, laboratory tests, or pharmacy needs. Students on SFS programs are required to supply their own comprehensive health insurance as outlined above.



PACKING GUIDE



Packing Considerations



Luggage

SFS does not have a specific policy regarding how much or what type of luggage students bring, so pack according to your needs. Make sure you bring only what you can maneuver yourself, and check with all airlines for luggage restrictions and fees.



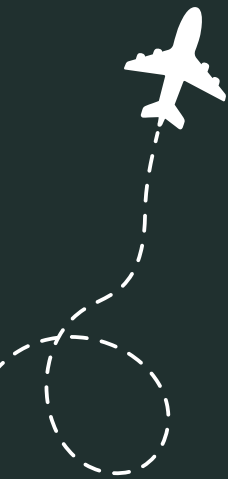
Culture & Climate

The rainforest is hard on clothes and your belongings will very likely get moldy. Many students bring old clothes to wear in the field and leave behind at the end of the program. Do not bring anything that you would not want damaged!

Marsh flies (which have a nasty bite) are common around the center and are attracted to dark clothing in particular.

Travelers with type 3 or type 4 curls and/or hair that is damaged easily by chlorine, sun, and saltwater may want to consider packing extra products and practicing preventative care. Quality hair care products vary greatly by region, so it is recommended you bring your preferred products with you in a quantity that will last for your entire program. Some items you may consider are coconut oil, deep conditioner, leave-in conditioner, hair masks, clarifying shampoo, a microfiber towel, a swim cap, and/or wide headbands.

As you pack, please consider the impact of the products that you bring with you to your program, both the ingredients and packaging. Plastic can be difficult for waste management in remote environments. Think about bringing a reusable tote, metal straw, cloth napkins, etc. We also highly encourage biodegradable soaps, shampoos, and conditioners.





Required Packing

- **Shorts** 2+ pairs of casual shorts to wear around the center and athletic shorts if you run/workout.
- **Pants** 2+ pairs for fieldwork, lightweight blends that dry quickly.
- **T-shirts** Synthetic, quick-dry athletic fabrics are best.
- **Long-sleeved shirts** Light-weight fabric for working in the field and heavier ones for warmth.
- **Tank tops**
- **Warm wool sweaters, jackets, or fleeces** Nights can be chilly, so bring adequate warm layers.
- **Waterproof rain pants and jacket with a hood**
- **Wool or Fleece hat**
- **Underwear and Socks** for more than one week including 3+ pairs of light wool or synthetic (not cotton) hiking socks.
- **Casual/nice clothes** for your off days in town.
- **Pajamas** appropriate for shared spaces.
- **Swimsuit**
- **Sun-smart rash guard**
- **Sun hat and sunglasses**
- **Rain boots** The center has several pairs of rain boots that you can use, but if you have an especially large or small foot it is recommended you bring your own. If you want your own pair, lightweight, shin-high boots with good tread are best.
- **Hiking boots** Preferably waterproof.
- **Sneakers**
- **Flip-flops or Crocs** Keens tend to mold!
- **One set of sheets and a pillowcase** standard twin size. A pillow is provided.
- **Sleeping bag** Synthetic fill (down is much harder to keep dry/ mold-free), lightweight/higher temperature rated.
- **Towels** 2 large towels and 1 face/hand towel. Quick dry towels only!
- **Toiletries** Basic items can be purchased in town, but you should plan to bring enough with you for at least a week. Preferably biodegradable.



- **Masks and COVID tests** Bring enough masks to last the duration of the program and 5+ home rapid tests.
- **Record of immunizations and Health history**
- **Personal first-aid kit** including Anti-itch creams, Neosporin, Bacitracin, Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Pepto Bismol, Band-Aids, Tape, Tweezers, Nail clippers, Antihistamines, Pro-biotics, Antidiarrheals, Vitamin C, Cold medicines, Hydration salts, etc.
- **Two compression ("ace") bandages** in case of snake bites.
- **Prescriptions** Note that overseas prescriptions are not always accepted. You should bring adequate supplies of prescription medications with you to last the duration of your program alongside your doctor's prescription to avoid customs delays. Think about inhalers, allergy medication, contacts/glasses, etc.
- **Motion sickness medication/Dramamine/ginger chews** if you experience motion sickness.
- **Period care** You can purchase basic period care products in town. We encourage you to use a menstrual cup or environmentally friendly, biodegradable options.
- **Flash drives and/or External hard drive** at least 2 GB recommended.
- **Computer** that can open Microsoft Office documents offline and has a USB port.
- **Surge protector and Plug adaptors**
- **Wristwatch** preferably water-resistant or waterproof.
- **Headlamp with several packs of batteries** flashlight can be brought as a backup, but not as a replacement.
- **Collapsible chair/camp stool (SUMMER 2 ONLY)**
- **Dry bags or sturdy plastic bags** gallon-sized Ziploc bags work well.
- **Day pack** Small backpack suitable for taking gear into the field. 15-30L recommended.
- **Weekend bag** to bring on overnight field excursions or weekends off. 35-55L recommended.
- **Notebooks and Pens/Pencils** Can buy locally.
- **Sturdy work gloves** for community service work.
- **Water bottles** 2 bottles with 1L capacity each. Alumni recommend insulated bottles!
- **Insect Repellent** 1+ bottles. Can buy locally.
- **Reef-safe Sunscreen** 1+ bottles. Can buy locally.
- **Tupperware and Travel mugs** for packing lunches.



Optional Packing

- **Purse/tote bag** for town.
- **Small clothing repair kit**
- **Laundry bag**
- **Water-proof backpack cover**
- **Umbrella**
- **Pocketknife** Checked luggage only.
- **Lightweight blanket** Past students suggest bringing one in addition to your sleeping bag.
- **Sleeping pad** for camping. You will only use this for 2-3 nights during the program.
- **Personal camping equipment** If you are interested in camping before or after the program. Make sure it is clean for customs.
- **Hammock**
- **Earplugs and Eye mask** You may have up to 7 roommates!

- **Baby wipes and Hand sanitizer**
- **Journal**
- **Games and Books** No DVDs as the DVD player on campus only plays Australian DVDs.
- **Musical instruments** may be subject to undesirable storage and weather conditions. Two guitars and a didgeridoo are available to play at the center.
- **Snacks, Drink powders, and Dietary supplements** Any favorites
- **Camera**
- **Voltage converter** if needed for electronics.
- **Headphones and/or Bluetooth speaker**
- **Binoculars** preferably 8 x 40 but anything in the 6 x 30 to 10 x 40 range is fine.
- **Waterproof cases for electronics and silicone packets** (or some water-absorbing equivalent).
- **Extra batteries and External battery packs**



Contact Us

Keep up with SFS follow us on Instagram [@theSFS](#)/[@theSFS_australia](#), read [news from the field](#), and find the [full list of the SFS team bios here!](#)

Questions about billing? Billing@fieldstudies.org

Deposit payments, invoices, charges to your account, financial aid packages, billing deadlines, and loan paperwork.

Questions about health and safety? StudentLife@fieldstudies.org

Medical paperwork, Immunizations, managing medical conditions during your program, and dietary needs and preferences.

Questions about academics? Academics@fieldstudies.org

Learning accommodations, syllabi, and directed research.

Questions about admissions or enrollment? Admissions@fieldstudies.org

Which program is the best fit for you, application materials, travel and visa logistics, and other program-specific questions.