

Summary of Costs for WFI Fellowship Program

Fellowship Program Cost 12 months \$20,000 USD

- The Program Cost is pro-rated for shorter Fellowships (for example, a six-month Fellowship costs \$10,000).
- The Fellowship Program Cost is used to pay Fellows' salaries, provide work space, and cover all other program related costs (travel, support staff, etc).
- 50% of this cost is paid by the Harry A. Merlo Foundation in the form of a matching grant.
- 50% of this cost is paid by sources secured by the Fellow. This amount is due prior to or upon arrival to WFI. The cost can be paid by check, credit card, or wire transfer.
- Fellows must submit a letter of support from their sponsor upon finding funding.

Other Expenses

- Visa application
 - WFI uses an independent, non-profit organization (Experience International) to apply for visas for Fellows.
 - The fee for the visa is different for everyone, depending on the country you are coming from and the length of time you will be here. On average the fee is \$1500 – 2100 USD.
 - WFI will pay 50% of the visa application fee to Experience International.
 - The Fellow will pay 50% of the visa application fee directly to Experience International by check or credit card.
 - The cost of health care insurance is separate, but required by the visa-processing company. Experience International charges approximately \$65 per month, but the entire fee for the duration of your J-1 visa must be paid before arrival in the U.S.
- Travel
 - Fellows or their sponsors must pay for their travel to Portland, Oregon (cost depends upon location).
 - Fellows will receive a free public transportation pass that allows them to travel by bus or light rail within the city of Portland.

Cost of Living Expenses

The \$1,000 monthly net salary is generally sufficient to cover apartment rent (a shared apartment), utilities, phone, and food costs on an average budget. Please note that individual lifestyle differences will result in higher or lower costs. Fellows are responsible for paying all rental fees and associated costs. WFI has second-hand furniture and other housing items, such as beds, bedding, and kitchen utensils, available for use.

Rent: \$450-\$550 per person if you share an apartment or rent a room in a house.
\$600 or more for a single apartment.

Utilities: \$35 summer, \$50 winter

Phone: \$25 month plus some set up fees

Food: \$200 - \$300 per month

Transportation: A public transportation pass is provided for travel within the Portland area. A work vehicle is available for check-out to use for work appointments. The purchase of a vehicle for personal use is optional. Used vehicles are widely available. We suggest bringing an additional \$3,000 – 6,000 USD for purchasing the car, which would include the purchase price, insurance, registration and licensing fees. At the end of the Fellowship, the Fellow can sell the vehicle and regain some of the purchase price.