



WORLD FORESTRY CENTER

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Summary of Costs for WFI Fellowship Program

Fellowship Program Cost 12 months \$20,000 USD

- Program Cost is prorated for shorter Fellowships (e.g., 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 wire transfer.
- Fellows must submit a letter of support from their sponsor upon finding funding.

Other Expenses

- Visa application 12 months \$2,100 USD
 - WFI uses an independent, non-profit organization (Experience International or Association for International Practical Training) to apply for J-1 visas for Fellows.
 - 6 month Fellowships cost \$1,500 US; over 6 to 12 month Fellowships cost \$2,100.
 - This cost includes health care insurance.
 - WFI will pay 50% of the visa application fee.
 - The Fellow will pay 50% of the visa application fee.
- SEVIS Fee one-time fee \$180
 - The SEVIS fee is a processing fee paid to US Immigrations and Customs to process the visa.
 - The SEVIS fee is paid by the Fellow.
- Travel
 - Fellows or their sponsors must pay for their travel to Portland, Oregon (varies with location).
 - Upon arrival, the Program Manager will transport the Fellow to their housing. Fellows will receive a free public transportation pass that allows travel by bus or light rail within Portland.

Cost of Living Expenses

- The \$1,000 monthly net salary is generally sufficient to cover apartment rent (shared), utilities, phone, and food 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: \$425-525 per person to share an apartment or rent a room in a house.
\$650-\$800 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 Portland. A work vehicle is available for check-out for work appointments. The purchase of a vehicle for personal use is optional. Used vehicles are widely available for \$3,000 – 6,000 USD, 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.