

# Cost Information Sheet – Spring 2013 (semester) Costa Rica: Field Research program



	<u>ACM Colleges</u>	<u>Affiliated Colleges</u>	<u>Non-Affiliated Colleges</u>
Educational Costs	\$14,500	\$15,300	\$16,200
Program Fee	\$2,300	\$2,300	\$2,300

*\*The program fee covers housing and partial meals (breakfast and dinner M-F and all meals on the weekends), laundry, HTH insurance, and visa related expenses. The \$400 non-refundable deposit will be applied toward the program fee. Program sponsored field trips and excursions are included in the educational costs.*

Campus tuition charges and/or fees	Varies	Varies	Varies
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*\*Many colleges assess additional fees or charge students full home college tuition instead of the ACM Educational Costs. This typically relates to expenses for academic support services and the awarding of academic credit and/or financial aid. Please consult your Financial Aid office or Off-Campus Study office for more details about your college's policies, and to find out what you will be charged for the program.*

## Estimate for Out-Of-Pocket Expenses

The information below is provided so you are able to budget for additional out-of-pocket expenses while in Costa Rica. Figures provided are estimates given by past students and vary depending on your lifestyle and budget.

	<u>USD</u>
Passport	\$135
Visa	N/A
Pre-Departure Medical Costs	Varies
Airfare	\$600
Local Transportation	\$150
Personal Expenses	\$500-1,500
Meals	\$400
Books and Supplies	\$20-50
Other	\$50

*\*Included in the program fee*

*\*Physical, medications, etc.*

*\*From Chicago to San José, Costa Rica*

*\*For the semester, from host family to ACM on the public bus for 4 months*

*\*Depending on individual interest and how often one travels during the semester*

*\*Lunch M-F for four months.*

*\*Taxi to airport at the end of the program and airport departure tax paid in US dollars.*

## Sample of Personal Purchases

The information below is an estimate of how much standard purchases cost in Costa Rica. Please refer to [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com) for the most current exchange rate. As of January 2012, 1 US Dollar equaled 507 Costa Rican Colones.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Colones:</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Colones:</u>
La Nacion Newspaper	₡200	Ibuprofen	₡2,500
Bus within San Jose area	₡350	Shampoo	₡1,500-4000
Bus to Caribbean or Pacific coast	₡1,500-5,000	Soap	₡700
Taxi from ACM to downtown San Jose	₡2,000	Notebook	₡1,000
Movie theater ticket	₡2,800	Headset for Skype	₡1,500
Bottle of beer	₡500	Internet Café/hour	₡250-500
Lunch near ACM	₡3,000	Chicky cookies	₡800
Sunscreen	₡4,000	Bag of 1820 coffee	₡2,500
Towel	₡3,500	Jazz Café cover charge	₡2,500-3,500
Toothpaste	₡1,000	Ticket to Teatro Nacional	₡2,500-4,000
Tampon/pads	₡1,000	Entrance to national parks-per day	₡5,700

# Cost Information Sheet – Spring 2013 (quarter/trimester) Costa Rica: Field Research program



	<u>ACM Colleges</u>	<u>Affiliated Colleges</u>	<u>Non-Affiliated Colleges</u>
Educational Costs	\$10,100	\$10,700	\$11,300
Program Fee	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,700

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Airfare	\$600
<i>*From Chicago to San José, Costa Rica</i>	
Local Transportation	\$85
<i>*For the semester, from host family to ACM on the public bus for 3 months</i>	
Personal Expenses	\$500-1500
<i>*Depending on individual interest and how often one travels during the program</i>	
Meals	\$300
<i>*Lunch M-F for three months</i>	
Books and Supplies	\$20-50
Other	\$50
<i>*Taxi to airport at the end of the program and airport departure tax paid in US dollars.</i>	

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