

The Costa Rica Experience for Health Sciences

Expected/Approximate Costs for Fall 2020

You should expect the following costs to be added to your Jefferson (Philadelphia University + Thomas Jefferson University) Student Account for your semester abroad:

These costs are subject to change at the discretion of all applicable parties involved. No deposits or application fees are required in advance

Jefferson – East Falls Campus semester tuition (cost covers 5 regular term courses or 4 Courses Plus Early Start Spanish and 2 overnight weekend excursions)

Housing in San Jose = \$3,000 (regular start)- \$3750 early start)

Jefferson – East Falls Campus Study Abroad Administrative Fee = \$800

The costs below will not be on your Jefferson Student Account, but are estimated additional costs that you should budget for:

Round-trip Airfare* = \$700 - \$1,200 (approximate range)

Meals** = \$1,000 (estimate)

Personal Expenses*** = \$2,000 - \$4,000 (approximate range)

Local Cell Phone and Plan= \$40 per month (international plan and phone is higher)

**Upon their confirmed acceptance into the program, students will be responsible for booking their own flights using the academic program dates provided our colleagues in San Jose.*

***The Costa Rica Experience accommodations include daily breakfast and dinner in the cost. This estimate is for any extra food the student may purchase beyond what is provided. Cost is based on assumption that students will at home and eat out (on occasion).*

****This cost represents money that student will likely spend on weekend travel, personal shopping, school supplies, public transportation, etc. This expense varies drastically per student, hence the broad range. We recommend discussing a realistic budget for these expenses as a family*

Financial Aid Information:

For the costs listed above that will be added to your Jefferson Student Account, your Jefferson financial aid package will be applied as usual*. Should you need to request additional aid to help cover your study abroad fees, depending on your eligibility, you may have an opportunity to increase your aid (primarily loans) prior to receiving your university bill. Aid will be disbursed according to Jefferson's Academic Calendar. For more information on study abroad and financial aid, please contact Lisa Cooper in the Financial Aid Office at CooperL@philau.edu.

Students who receive Pell Grants are encouraged to apply for the [Gilman Scholarship](#)

**Study Abroad fees cannot be included in your FAFSA. These additional fees will be assessed by the Financial Aid Office separately.*