

Cost Considerations: Winter 2020 Advanced Field Experience in Macao

The following information concerning typical types of costs and funding for students completing their Advanced Field Experience at The International School of Macao was presented at the September 18, 2019 information session. The costs and funding are **estimates** that will be affected by exchange rates, fluctuations in fuel costs, flight prices, and so on. Students are expected to follow up with their own research regarding costs, especially as they relate to their own personal circumstances.

FUNDING:

Funding for Participants

For planning purposes, participants can anticipate financial assistance of the equivalent of 4,000 HKD in the form of an honorarium from the Board of Governors at The International School of Macao. The honorarium will be presented upon successful completion of the Advanced Field Experience.

Participants can also anticipate \$1,250 CAD through the University of Alberta International Education Abroad Group Awards program. *To be eligible for the UAI funding, students should have a 2.7 GPA over the last two academic terms.*

Limited Number of Awards

Applications for an International AFX will also automatically be considered for the George Lingle Travel Award (\$500). As there is a limited number of awards available, not all participants will receive this funding.

COSTS:

Tuition and EDFX Fees: Paid by all students as per the UAlberta Calendar for Field Experiences

Mandatory Instructional Support Fees for International AFX: \$1,200

General Travel and Living Cost Estimates

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| Flight | \$1,500 to \$2,000. As prices fluctuate daily and seat sales arise, we suggest you research flight prices as well. |
| Accommodation | Shared accommodation in apartment is anticipated at a <i>per person</i> rate of 1,000 HKD per week. |
| Food/Groceries in Macao | For meals and snacks, food and grocery costs are similar to those in Edmonton |

Other Cost Estimates

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| Passport Application | \$120 to \$160. Approximate cost of fees (photos are extra); passport must be valid for at least six months beyond the return date |
| Visa Application | Info to be provided, if applicable. |
| Travel Health Insurance | If you do not already have travel health coverage (verify coverage and terms under the Undergraduate Student Health Plan or other plans you may have), you will be required to purchase coverage for your stay abroad (approx. \$200). Trip cancellation insurance is also required. Please check your existing plan for possible coverage. If not currently covered, it is purchased at the time flights are booked. |
| Travel Health Consultation | Fees vary according to services required (e.g. vaccination, medications, etc.) and coverage under any extended plans. Interested students can contact AHS Travellers' Health Services (780-735-0100), the University Health Centre (780-492-2612) or their physicians for fee information. |
| Personal Costs/Shopping | Items purchased in preparation for travel: luggage, etc. or while there. |