Housing

USFQ matches interested international students with carefully screened host families in Quito and Cumbayá. Host families are required to provide students with their own bedroom (bathroom may be shared), Wifi internet access, and two meals per day (breakfast and dinner). Host families generally live within a 15-45 minute commute by public transportation from the USFQ campus in Cumbayá.

Housing costs depend on how students come to study at USFQ and their home institution's relationship with USFQ. Please contact opi@usfq.edu.ec for a list of current costs.

In the case that students prefer independent living, students can find accommodation on their own. The Office of International Programs (OPI) offers recommendations on areas to live and areas to avoid.

Recommended areas to live in Quito and Cumbayá

Highly recommended areas to live (safe areas, easy access to public transportation and other services) include:

<u>In Quito:</u> Monteserrín, Campo Alegre, Las Bromelias, Batán Alto, Batán Bajo, Jardines del Batán, Iñaquito, La Carolina, Benalcázar, González Suárez, Jipijapa and La Floresta.

<u>In Cumbayá</u>: Around the USFQ campus, San Juan, La Primavera and Santa Inés.

Areas to avoid: We do not recommend that you live north from Av. El Inca, south from Av. Francisco de Orellana and west from Av. 10 de Agosto in Quito (see map). In Cumbayá, take into consideration that some neighborhoods do not have easy access to public transportation.

If you have any questions about accommodations, please contact your USFQ coordinator.



