Home-Stays, Costs, & Cancellation Policies

The OIP arranges home-stays with Ecuadorian host families in Quito. Most American universities require students to participate in the homestay program. European students are often not required to participate in it. Some exceptions apply.

Cost of accommodation: $15/day

There is also a one-time $100 family placement fee.

The home-stays include breakfast and dinner, laundry service, a private room in the home and the experience of being another member of the family.

Payment: The students pay USFQ, not the family. USFQ will reimburse the family. Arrange your payment plan in advance with Bill Ross (billr@usfq.edu.ec) before arriving in Quito.

Note: These costs may vary for students placed through their resident directors. If your university has an in-country Resident Coordinator, homestays are handled by them. Contact them for more information.

Note: Students who receive approval from their home institution to rent an apartment are responsible for making their own arrangements.

* The $15/day home stay fee applies to students staying with a family for two entire months, or more. Students staying with families for irregular periods of time, or for less than 60 days, will be charged $17.00/day.

* Normal tuition costs do not apply to all international students, depending on the agreement between the two universities. If you are coming to USFQ on an agreement with another university, please see your program's agreement details for more information. Similarly, while most international students are housed with host families, there are exceptions, and those exceptions will not be required to pay this fee - or fees may vary.

Notice:

Students assigned to host families are not allowed to move out of the host family's home without notifying the Office of International Programs.

If the student's home university allows students to live on their own (i.e. in an apartment or a house without a host family), the USFQ Office of International Programs requires authorization from an officer at the student's home university's International Programs.

Homestay Contract that Families Sign

All homestay family hosts sign a contract. If you feel your family is not meeting their obligations, it is the student's obligation to inform the OIP immediately so we can take action. If you don't tell us, we can't do anything to correct the situation for future students. The contract is available here.