



Cumbayá Application Guidelines

The application form must be completed at one sitting. If this is not possible, you will be able to exit the application and re-enter as many times as you wish as long as you use the same computer/laptop, same browser and don't delete its history records.

On the first part you will have to choose the term you are applying to, the University you are coming from and your major.

Please choose the **term** you are applying to:

Name of your home **university**:

Augustana College
Bard College
Bellarmine University
Beloit College
Bishop's University
Boston College
Boston University
Bridgewater State University
California State University, Monterey Bay

Major (Choose the closest option to what you study at home)

Agriculture
Anthropology
Architecture
Biology
Biotechnology
Business
Chemical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Communications

Write down your minor (if you don't have a minor put NA please) and your GPA (scale 1.0 to 4.0 / 4.0)

In the "Type of Applicant" drop-down menu, choose EXCHANGE if your home university has a reciprocal agreement with USFQ, INDEPENDENT if there's NO agreement between your university and USFQ and you will be paying fees



directly to USFQ or if there is an agreement BUT you still will be paying fees directly to USFQ and PROGRAM if you come through a specific provider/agency (CCIS, IES Abroad, etc..).

Minor

Your **GPA** (Grade Point Average):

* Use a scale from 1.0 to 4.0

Type of Applicant

If you chose PROGRAM you will have to specify which one you are coming through.

Specify your program:

- Academic Programs International (API)
- CCIS
- IES Abroad Exchange
- IES Abroad Fee Paying
- IE3 Global

Undergrad students from all over the world have the unique opportunity to conduct a research project in conjunction with a USFQ faculty member in various fields of study. This program is called The Latitude Zero: Ecuador Research Initiative (LOERI).

If you want to participate in the LOERI program click on YES. To find more information about the program and a list of projects check the link.



Do you want to participate in the LOERI program? Check this link: <https://www.usfq.edu.ec/en/opi/international/international-students/academic-programs/research-opportunities>

YES (Write down what you would be interested in or the name of the project)

NO

Write down the information as it appears on your passport:

Please complete the following information as **stated in your passport:**

Passport number

Date of birth
dd/mm/yyyy

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

University e-mail
address

Personal e-mail
address

Preferred name

Nationality:

Gender

Male

Female

Non-binary

Ethnicity



Upload a copy of your transcript and an essay (PDF):

Please upload a **PDF copy** of your **transcript**:

Drop files or click here to upload

Please upload a PDF document with your essay (300 - 500 words).

Describe how you will benefit both academically and personally from this program, including the connection between your interests and the program's academic content.

Drop files or click here to upload

Students coming from Boston College, Boston University, CCIS, IES Abroad and Pitzer College have to choose "NO" on the next question about host families as your providers/universities will be taking care of this.

Independent Students are free to decide if they wish to be placed with Host Families or find their own accommodation.

Are you staying with a host family as part of your program with USFQ?

Yes

No



Host Family

Would you prefer a house with these **family members**:

We will try our best to adjust your preferences, however we cannot guarantee them.

Only Parents (could be only mother)

Parents with young children

Parents with young adults

Preferences:

	Smoke	Don't smoke
Do you smoke?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Would you rather stay at a house where members:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Would you prefer a house with:

Pets (specify)

No pets

Spanish level:

Basic

Intermediate

Advanced



Allergies

<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Wheat
<input type="checkbox"/> Milk	<input type="checkbox"/> Soybeans
<input type="checkbox"/> Eggs	<input type="checkbox"/> Dust mites
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish (e.g. bass, flounder, cod)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pollen
<input type="checkbox"/> Crustacean shellfish (e.g. crab, lobster, shrimp)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pet dander
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree nuts (e.g. almonds, walnuts, pecans)	<input type="checkbox"/> Mold
<input type="checkbox"/> Peanuts	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="text"/>	

Dietary preferences and/or restrictions:

<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian (No beef, pork, chicken and seafood (fish and shellfish))
<input type="checkbox"/> Lactose intolerance (No milk, cheese, cream and yogurt - dairy free)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pescatarian (vegetarian diet, eats fish)
<input type="checkbox"/> Gluten intolerance or sensitivity (No bread, pasta or cereal)	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegan (vegetarian diet plus no eggs, dairy, honey and gelatin)

Please click [here](#) to apply

AFTER YOU ARE DONE WITH THIS PART OF THE APPLICATION, WE WILL CONTACT YOU WITH FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

Please consider that you will need the following documents to upload (2nd part):



- A PDF copy of your International Health Insurance Policy: The document should specify your name and the benefits: your policy should include a minimum of \$50,000 coverage, dates of coverage, medical evacuation, and repatriation. Check this [link](#) for more information.
- Copy of your passport in PDF (valid for at least six months after you leave Ecuador).
- Color photography in PDF: taken in last 6 months, clear image of your face, do not use filters commonly used on social media and no selfies.
- If applying to the LOERI program: Recommendation Letter from a professor at your home institution in the discipline of your intended research project. This letter should specifically address your participation in the LOERI program.