



Galápagos Semester Program Fees

Fall 2026

Dates: August 10th to December 4th 2026*

Application deadline: May 1st, 2026*

*Subject to change

Track**	Track Fees	Tuition
Evolution, Ecology and Conservation	US\$ 14,890.00	\$ 9,100.00
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Sustainability and Resilience Track	US\$ 12,773.00	\$ 9,100.00
One Health Track	US\$ 13,184.00	\$ 9,100.00

Note: USFQ's tuition is waived for exchange partners under agreement conditions, but all students or partner universities are responsible for the track fee. **The track fee includes** on-site orientation with lunch, a Quito city tour, academic excursions in mainland and Galápagos, and round-trip ticket Quito-Galápagos, housing or accommodation in Quito, Cumbayá and San Cristóbal Islands.

- Costs are subject to increase in accordance with updates to Consejo de Gobierno regulations. These costs will be related to transeuntes, national park taxes, volunteer activities, and other related fees.

Academic Calendar Fall 2026

Dates: August 10th to December 4th 2026*

Application deadline: May 1st, 2026*

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Monday, July 27 and Tuesday, July 28	10:00 – 12:00 Online Orientations*
Friday, August 7	Arrival date
Monday, August 10	09:45 Galápagos Semester Program Orientation* Campus Tour/Distribution of SIM card for cell phone
Monday, August 10 to August 14	Spanish class 2:00PM – 5:00PM
Wednesday, August 12	11:00 Tiputini Orientation*
Thursday, August 13	08:35 Quito City Tour *
Friday, August 14	AM International Students Orientation*
Monday, August 17	Module 1 starts
Monday, September 7	PM Individual check-in
Tuesday, September 8	PM Individual check-in
Monday, September 7	Module 2 starts
Sunday, September 20	TMR1 students travel to Galápagos*
Sunday, September 27	All students travel to Galápagos*
Monday, September 28	Module 3 starts
Monday, October 19 to October 23	Mid-semester break
Monday, October 26	Module 4 starts
Monday, October 26	PM Individual check-in
Tuesday, October 27	PM Individual check-in
Monday, November 16	Module 5 starts
Tuesday, November 17	PM group activity
Wednesday, November 18	PM group activity
Friday, December 4	Last day of class
Friday, December 4	All students travel to Quito, farewell dinner and end of the Program



Saturday, December 5	Recommended Departure date
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Galápagos Semester Program Fees SPRING 2027

Dates: January 18th to May 14th *

Application deadline: September 25th, 2026*

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR SPRING 2027

Dates: January 18th to May 14th *

Application deadline: September 25th, 2026*

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Monday, Jan. 04 and Tuesday, Jan. 05	10:00 – 12:00 Online Orientations*
Friday, January 15	Arrival date
Monday, January 18	09:45 Galápagos Semester Program Orientation* Campus Tour/Distribution of SIM card for cell phone
Monday, January 18 – Friday, January 22	Spanish class 2:00PM – 5:00PM
Wednesday, January 20	11:00 Tiputini Orientation*
Thursday, January 21	08:35 Quito City Tour *
Friday, January 22	AM International Students Orientation*
Monday, January 25	Module 1 starts
Monday, February 15	PM Individual check-in
Tuesday, February 16	PM Individual check-in
Monday, February 15	Module 2 starts
Sunday, February 28	TMR1 students travel to Galápagos*
Sunday, March 07	All students travel to Galápagos*
Monday, March 08	Module 3 starts
Monday, March 29 to Friday, April 02	Mid-semester break
Monday, April 05	Module 4 starts
Monday, April 05	PM Individual check-in



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Tuesday, April 06	PM Individual check-in
Monday, April 26	Module 5 starts
Tuesday, April 27	PM group activity
Wednesday, April 28	PM group activity
Friday, May 14	Last day of class
Friday, May 14	All students travel to Quito , farewell dinner and end of the Program
Saturday, May 15	Recommended Departure date

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Galápagos Application Guidelines

[Online application](#)

[Program Information](#)

On the “Personal Information” page all boxes with a **red *** must be filled out. However, the first 6 boxes are mandatory to fill out in order to proceed with the application process – First Name, Last Name, Full Name, University & Personal Emails and Date of Birth. Otherwise, none of the information you enter on any of the pages of the application will be stored, and when you log in next time, you will find an empty page. Don’t forget to click on “Save”. Don’t write any special characters like commas, apostrophes or even an empty space after your name and last name when filling out the online application. If your last name includes an apostrophe, for example O’Connell, you should write OConnell. This will help avoid problems with the system.

The screenshot displays a web form for the Galápagos application. At the top right, it says "Welcome, Veronica Castelo | Log Out". The form is divided into several sections:

- Personal Information:** Fields for First Name* (Andrea), Last Name* (Smith), Personal Email* (k@yahoo.com), Full Name* (Like it appears on your passport) (Andrea Smith), University Email* (vcastelo@usfq.edu.ec), Date of Birth* (1974-03-27), Passport Number* (1707281547), Gender* (Female selected), and Citizenship* (Chilean).
- Ethnicity:** A grid of checkboxes for Asian, Black, Indigenous/Native, Latin/Hispanic (checked), Caucasian/White, Pacific Islander, and Other.
- Emergency Contact Info:** A red header section with fields for Full Name* (Valeria), Last Name* (Castelo), Relationship* (sister), Email* (hhhhhh@usfq.edu.ec), Telephone Number* (593220000000), and Mobile* (0995388888).

On the “Academic Information” page, in the “Academic Background” box, please indicate any campus involvement activities.

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 Program if you come through a specific provider/agency.



On the “Health & Housing” page, please indicate your dietary restrictions, allergies and interests. You will need to check off the corresponding box and fill out additional parameters, if you choose to stay with a host family. Click on “Save”.

Welcome, **Veronica Castelo** | [Log](#)

Dietary Restrictions*

☐ None
☐ Fish
☐ White Rice
☐ Fruit (canned or fresh)
☐ Seafood (shrimp, clam, octopus, etc)
☐ Chicken
☐ Pasta
☐ Vegetables (canned or fresh)
☐ White bread (or breading for fish or beef)
☐ Beef
☐ White Sugar
☐ Lactose (milk, cheese, yogurt, pasta sauce, etc)
☒ Other...
☐ Pork
☐ Coffee
☐ Alcohol (wine sauces, etc)

Specify

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Allergies*

☐ None
☐ Dogs
☐ Cats
☐ Nuts
☐ Dust
☒ Other...

Specify

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Interests

☐ Photography
☐ Dancing
☐ Climbing
☐ Diving
☐ Hiking
☒ Other...

Specify

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Check the box if you would like to live with a host family (organized by the USFQ Office of International Programs)

☒

o you smoke?*

YES

☐

NO

☐

Would you rather stay at a house where members:*

Smoke

☐

Don't Smoke

☐

Host Family with Pets?*

YES

☒

NO

☐

Specify*

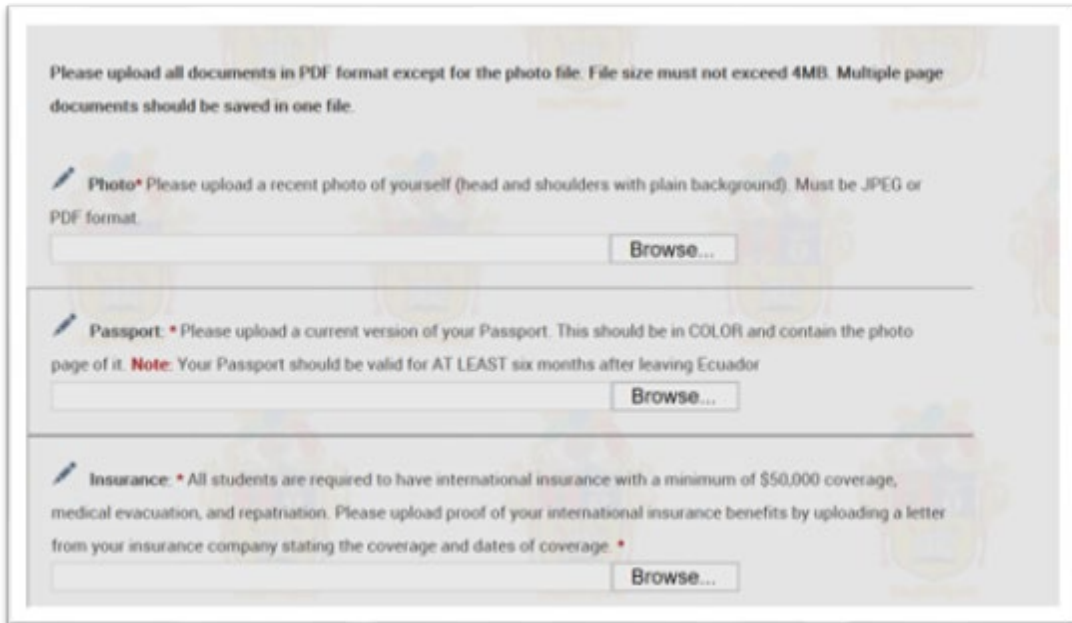
panish Level?*

Select...

Briefly describe your personality*

On the “Personal Documents” page you will need to upload– a photograph (just face/ passport size), your **scanned (not a picture taken with your phone)** passport in color (the passport number and the rest of the information must be clearly visible!) and your scanned proof of insurance (**not the Insurance card, it has to be a certificate stating the Insurance Policy the amount of coverage and that it includes emergency evacuation**). A scan copy of your yellow fever vaccine certification. Click on “Save”. Also, please pay attention to the parameters of the files – PDF with a maximum size of 4MB.

Regarding the proof of insurance section, if it’s more convenient for you (partner universities), we can accept a general letter for all of your students stating that all of them are covered with XXX insurance company, for XX amount and that it includes emergency evacuation. This will make the completion of the application easier for your students. You can send the letter to Verónica Castelo (for the Cumbayá campus applications) or to Carla Tapia (for the Galápagos Program applications) and they will upload the letter to each of your students’ applications.



Please upload all documents in PDF format except for the photo file. File size must not exceed 4MB. Multiple page documents should be saved in one file.

Photo* Please upload a recent photo of yourself (head and shoulders with plain background). Must be JPEG or PDF format.

Passport: * Please upload a current version of your Passport. This should be in COLOR and contain the photo page of it. **Note:** Your Passport should be valid for AT LEAST six months after leaving Ecuador

Insurance: * All students are required to have international insurance with a minimum of \$50,000 coverage, medical evacuation, and repatriation. Please upload proof of your international insurance benefits by uploading a letter from your insurance company stating the coverage and dates of coverage. *

On the “Academic Documents” page the following files should be uploaded – an essay and your transcript (official or unofficial).

TOEFL, IELTS scores only if the applicant does not have English as native language.

If the student is applying to the Marine track and has the open water certificate and DAN diving insurance, these documents should be uploaded after the student click on the box.



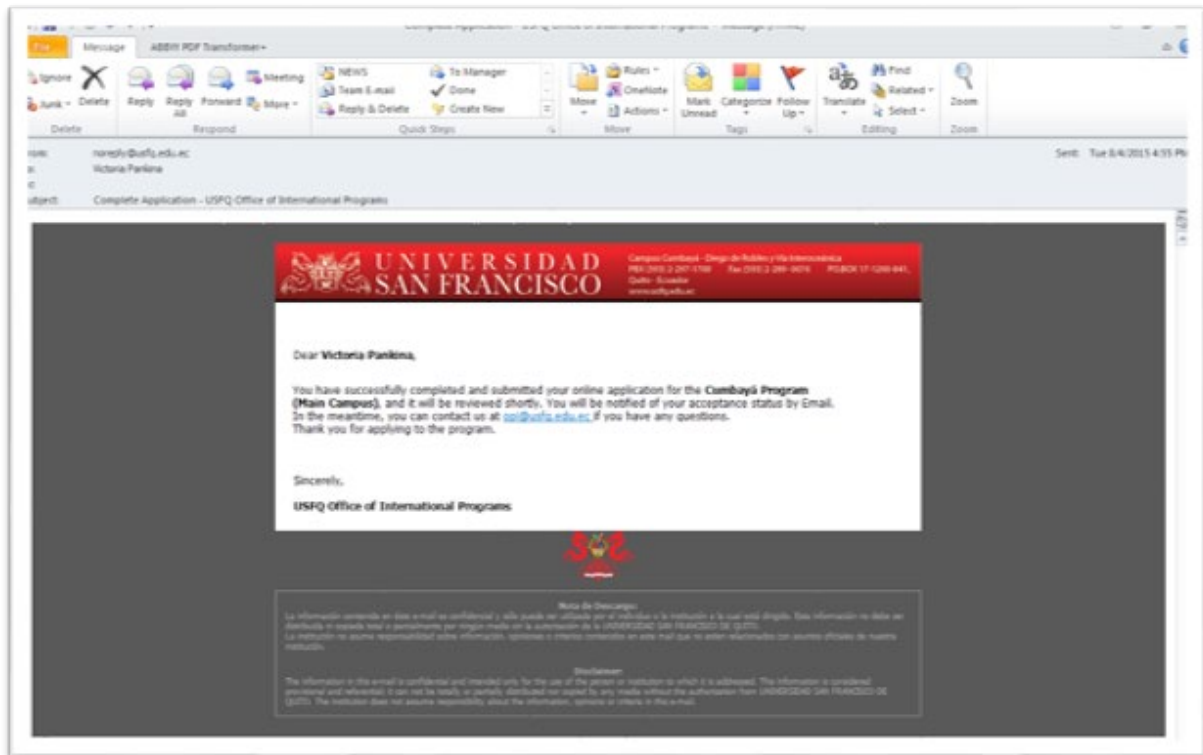
On the last page of the online application, please read carefully the Terms and Conditions and put a tick in the box at the bottom. Click on “Save”.

Once the student has all the pages with the green check the “send application” button will appear.



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After the application has been filled out completely and you have saved all the changes, you will receive an email confirming that your application has been submitted for further consideration.