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Summary of Costs for WFI Fellowship Program

Fellowship Program Cost 12 months $20,000 USD

- The Program Cost is prorated for shorter Fellowships (for example, a six-month Fellowship costs $10,000).
- The Fellowship Program Cost is used to pay Fellows' salaries, provide work space, and cover all other program related costs (travel, support staff, etc).
- 50% of this cost is paid by the Harry A. Merlo Foundation in the form of a matching grant.
- 50% of this cost is paid by sources secured by the Fellow. This amount is due prior to or upon arrival to WFI. The cost can be paid by check.
- Fellows must submit a letter of support from their sponsor upon finding funding.

Other Expenses

- Visa application 12 months $2,100 USD
  - WFI uses an independent, non-profit organization (Association for International Practical Training) to apply for J-1 visas for Fellows.
  - 6 month Fellowships cost $1,500 US; over 6 to 12 month Fellowships cost $2,100.
  - This cost includes health care insurance.
  - WFI will pay 50% of the visa application fee.
  - The Fellow will pay 50% of the visa application fee directly to the Association for International Practical Training by check or credit card.
- Travel
  - Fellows or their sponsors must pay for their travel to Portland, Oregon (cost depends upon location).
  - Upon arrival, the Program Manager will transport the Fellow to their arranged housing. Fellows will receive a free public transportation pass that allows them to travel by bus or light rail within the city of Portland.

Cost of Living Expenses

- The $1,000 monthly net salary is generally sufficient to cover apartment rent (a shared apartment), utilities, phone, and food costs on an average budget. Please note that individual lifestyle differences will result in higher or lower costs. Fellows are responsible for paying all rental fees and associated costs. WFI has second-hand furniture and other housing items, such as beds, bedding, and kitchen utensils, available for use.

Rent: $400-500 per person if you share an apartment or rent a room in a house. $650-$800 for a single apartment.

Utilities: $35 summer, $50 winter

Phone: $25 month plus some set up fees

Food: $200 - $300 per month

Transportation: A public transportation pass is provided for travel within the Portland area. A work vehicle is available for check-out to use for work appointments. The purchase of a vehicle for personal use is optional. Used vehicles are widely available. We suggest bringing an additional $3,000 – 6,000 USD for purchasing the car, which would include the purchase price, insurance, registration and licensing fees. At the end of the Fellowship, the Fellow can sell the vehicle and regain some of the purchase price.