UNIVERSIDAD SAN FRANCISCO DE QUITO

Galapagos Semester Program Fees
Fall 2023

Dates: August 7th – December 2nd
Application deadline: May 1st, 2023

Track**	Track Fees	Tuition
Evolution, Ecology and Conservation	$ 13,600.00	$ 8,900.00
Marine Ecology	$ 15,700.00	$ 8,900.00
People, Politics and the Environment	$ 13,600.00	$ 8,900.00
Sustainable Tourism	$ 13,600.00	$ 8,900.00

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 housing and most meals, on-site orientation with lunch, a Quito city tour, academic excursions in the mainland and Galápagos, and round-trip ticket Quito-Galápagos.

**Students will be considered to be in the track in which they take the majority of their courses.

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Academic Calendar
Fall 2023

Dates: August 7th – December 2nd
Application deadline: May 1st, 2023
*Subject to change

Monday, July 31 to August 2	Online Orientations*
Friday, August 4	Arrival date
Monday, August 7	Campus Tour/Distribution of SIM card for cell phone
Monday, August 7 to August 11	Spanish class 2pm – 5pm
Tuesday, August 8	Galápagos Semester Program Orientation
Wednesday, August 9	Tiputini Orientation*
Thursday, August10	Quito City Tour *
Friday, August 18	International Students Orientation*
Monday, August 14	**Module 1 starts**
Tuesday, August 15	Last day of course change (module 3) with no fees
Tuesday, August 22	Last day of course change (modules 4, 5) with no fees
Monday, September4	**Module 2 starts**
Sunday, September 24	All students travel to Galápagos*
Monday, September 25	**Module 3 starts**
Monday, October 16 to October 22	Mid-semester break
Monday, October 23	**Module 4 starts**
Monday, November 13	**Module 5 starts**
Friday, December 1	Last day of class
Friday, December 1	All students travel to Quito
Saturday, December 2	End of the Program, farewell lunch and recommended Departure date

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Galápagos Semester Program Fees
Spring 2024

Dates: January 8ʰ - May 3ʳᵈ, 2024
Application deadline: September 25ᵗʰ, 2023

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Evolution, Ecology and Conservation	$ 13,600.00	$ 8,900.00
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ACADEMIC CALENDAR
SPRING 2024

Dates: January 8ʰ - May 3ʳᵈ, 2024
Application deadline: September 25ᵗʰ, 2023
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Wednesday, January 3 and Thursday, January 4	Online Orientations*
Saturday, January 6	Arrival date
Monday, January 8	Campus Tour/Distribution of SIM card for cell phone
Monday, January 8 to Friday, January 12	Spanish class 2pm - 5pm
Tuesday, January 9	Galápagos Semester Program orientation*
Wednesday, January 10	Tiputini orientation*
Thursday, January 11	Quito City Tour*
Friday, January 12	International Students Orientation*
Monday, January 15	**Module 1 starts**
Thursday, January 18	Last day of course change (module 3) with no fees
Thursday, January 25	Last day of course change (modules 4, 5) with no fees
Monday, February 5	**Module 2 starts**
Sunday, February 25	All students travel to Galápagos
Monday, February 26	**Module 3 starts**
Monday, March 18 to Sunday, March 24	Mid-semester break
Monday, March 25	**Module 4 starts**
Monday, April 15	**Module 5 starts**
Friday, May 3	Last day of class
Friday, May 3	All students travel to Quito
Saturday, May 4	End of the Program, farewell lunch and 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.

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.

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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".

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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.

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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.

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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

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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. *

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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.

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Academic Documents.

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.

Personal 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
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Official Transcript*
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TOEFL, IELTS scores
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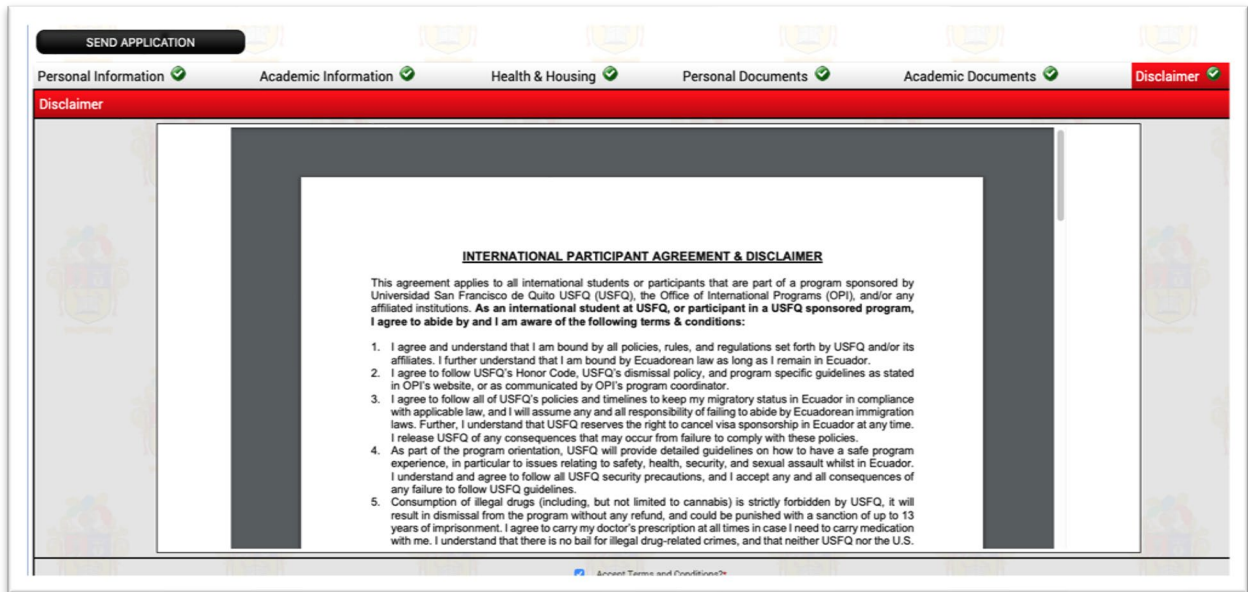Check the box if you going to be diving during your stay in Ecuador ☑

Diving Certificate: All students who are planning on diving MUST have a diving certificate. If you do not have a diving certificate, you will NOT be able to partake in USFQ diving excursions (applies to Marine Ecology students only)*
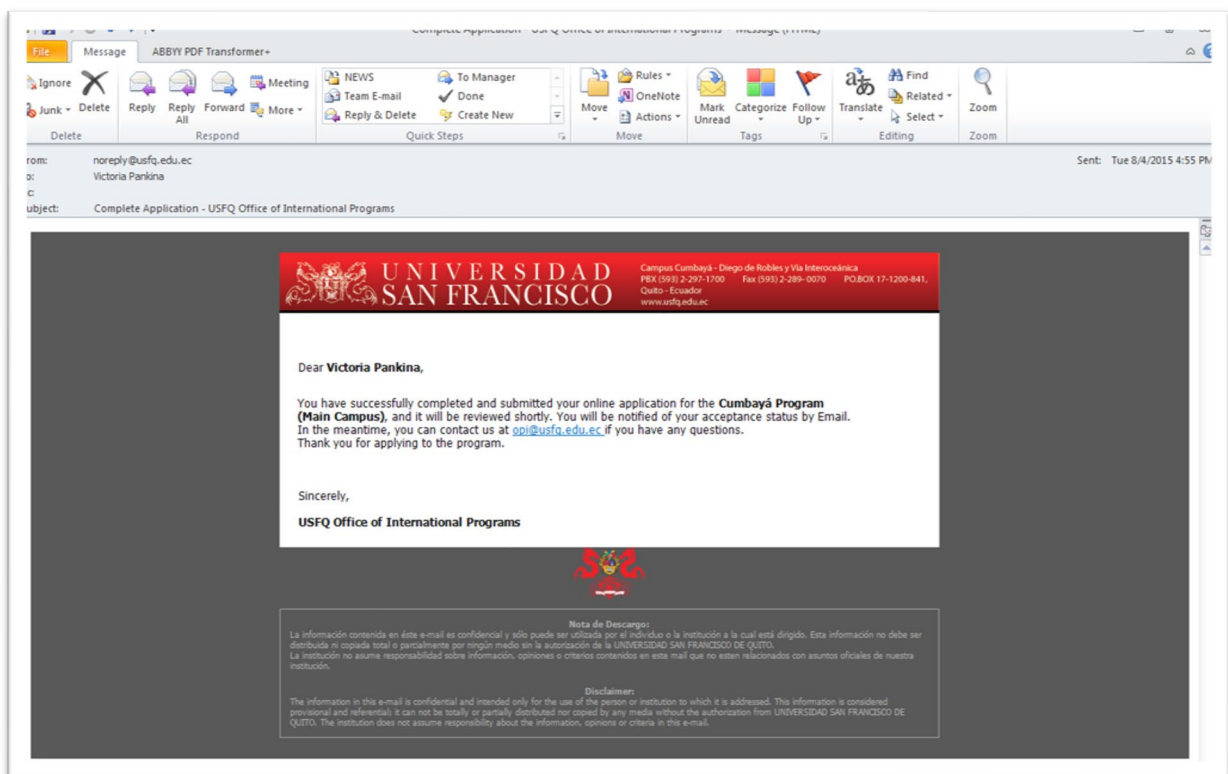[Choose File] No file chosen

Diving Insurance: All students who are planning on diving MUST have a diving insurance. If you do not have a diving insurance, you will NOT be able to partake in USFQ diving excursions (applies to Marine Ecology students only)*
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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.

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.