

UNIVERSIDAD SAN FRANCISCO DE QUITO



USFQ FACTSHEET

# About

USFQ

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Founded in 1988, USFQ is the first private university of Ecuador. Today, our university has more than 8,500 students and receives 1,000 international students per year. We are also ranked as #1 University in Ecuador and #57 in Latin America (QS University Rankings). USFQ is the only university in the world with scientific stations in the Amazon Basin and the Galapagos Island.

The university has 2 Campus and one Research Station:

USFQ Webpage

<https://www.usfq.edu.ec/Paginas/Inicio.aspx>





TIPUTINI BIODIVERSITY STATION  
Amazon Forest



CAMPUS GAIAS  
San Cristóbal- Galápagos



CAMPUS USFQ  
Cumbayá- Pichincha



# General Information

## M a i l i n g   A d r e s s

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# Academics

## Number of Students

8500+ undergraduates,  
1700 students in continuing education and distance education programs,  
400 graduate students

## Strength

Engineering,  
Liberal Arts (Literature, Anthropology, etc.)  
Ecology and Biology  
Environmental Science  
Spanish Language  
International Relations  
Art, Business  
Culinary arts  
Law

## Admission Requirements

Minimum Sophomore standing;  
2.5GPA for the Cumbayá campus and 2.8 for the Galápagos campus  
Recommended minimum of 4 semesters of College-level Spanish  
There is no Spanish language requirement for the Galápagos semester program.

## Admission Deadlines

Fall Semester : June 1st  
Spring Semester: October 25th  
Summer Session April 30th  
(No tuition waiver for Summer Session  
unless specified in the exchange agreement)

## Admission Deadlines

<https://evaluaciones.usfq.edu.ec/banner/ssb/cursos.php>

# Services

## Medical Insurance:

Students should apply for an international medical insurance plan that will cover them while they are in Ecuador. In case medical attention is necessary, students will pay out of pocket and submit receipts to their insurance company to be reimbursed. Expect to pay 25/ 35 USD at the university clinic SIME.

## Student Services:

The Office of International Programs offers an orientation program at the beginning of each semester. We highly recommend that all international students attend. All students need to take an online Spanish placement exam before registering for classes. It will help them to select courses. USFQ offers a variety of sports classes, including fencing, soccer, volleyball, tennis, aerobics, basketball, taichi, and track and field. In addition, there are more than 30 student led clubs such as Latin American salsa club, tango club, yoga club, poker club. USFQ Dean of Student offices is open in case students' needs further assistance. Additionally, the Dean's office has a program called Universidad that works towards diversity and inclusion.

## Medical Check Ups:

There is a medical clinic with highly qualified physicians on campus. Visits to the on-call doctors cost \$25-30 USD for students to pay for laboratory tests, materials, and appointments with specialists. USFQ can arrange volunteer experiences for no credit and Counseling and/or more informal support for students wanting to talk through personal issues.

## Accommodations:

Homestays with Ecuadorian host families in Quito (approximately 45 minutes from campus in public transportation), including breakfast and dinner, laundry service, a private room in the home and the experience of being another member of the family. Students who receive approval from their home institution to rent an apartment are responsible for making their own arrangements. Families are responsible for picking up the students at the airport

## Visa Information:

USFQ provides the necessary information and documents to get the Temporary Resident Visa for students.

For more information: <http://www.usfq.edu.ec/opi/international-students/Paginas/before-you-travel-to-ecuador.aspx#demoTab3>

## Academic Calendar:

Shorter version: [https://www.usfq.edu.ec/opi/international-students/Documents/cumbaya\\_program/cumbaya\\_2019-2020\\_academic\\_calendar.pdf](https://www.usfq.edu.ec/opi/international-students/Documents/cumbaya_program/cumbaya_2019-2020_academic_calendar.pdf)

Longer version: <https://www.usfq.edu.ec/calendario/Paginas/default.aspx>

# Programs:

## Quito - Cumbayá Program:

Students who wish to experience life in Quito and study at USFQ's main campus should apply to the Quito/Cumbayá program. The Office of International Programs (OPI) accepts international students:

- \* On exchange from partner universities. Interested students from USFQ partner universities should consult their home institution's Study Abroad Office before applying.

- \* Independent applicants from any institution of higher education around the world can apply directly to USFQ to study with us for a semester, year, or summer.

- \* Through study abroad provider organizations or university consortiums with which USFQ has a relationship (i.e. API, BCA, CCIS, CIS, IES, IPSL, IE3 Global).



## Customized Program:

USFQ has over a decade of experience designing and carrying out customized programs of any length of time and academic focus throughout the year. Our programs typically range from one to eight weeks in duration and are tailor-made to meet the academic goals and expectations of our partners.

If desired, the academic contents of a program can be offered fully by USFQ professors or partly through co-teaching options with professors from home institutions. Classes may include Spanish language instruction and/or lectures on desired topics. USFQ can also provide transcripts with academic credit for the course.

Additionally, USFQ can organize company visits, internships with a variety of organizations, service-learning and volunteer projects, cooking classes with USFQ's Culinary Arts School, and other activities of specialized interest. Programs focused on cultural immersion may request to stay with host families in both Quito & the Galápagos Islands for participating students and faculty.

## Galápagos Semester Program:

Located on the island of San Cristobal, the USFQ Galápagos campus offers international students the opportunity to study in one of the most pristine natural laboratories in the world. The Galápagos Semester Program offers four Academic Tracks in the biological and social sciences, all taught in English. Students may choose one of the following tracks:

1. Evolution, Ecology and Conservation
2. Marine Ecology
3. People, Politics and the Environment
4. Sustainable Tourism

Each academic track consists of 5 intensive 3-credit courses taught in 3-week modules. The first module takes place at USFQ's main campus in Cumbayá valley, located just outside of Quito, followed by three modules that take place in San Cristobal Island, Galápagos. The final module takes place back on the mainland, where they will have an excursion to Tiputini research station in the Amazon Basin.

## Regular Summer Session:

Students must have an intermediate to advance level of Spanish to participate. Intermediate students may take the courses announced on the "Summer sessions for International Students" link on our website: [www.usfq.edu.ec](http://www.usfq.edu.ec) Advanced students may take courses from any field as long as they have the Spanish proficiency and prerequisites. The program includes three 3- credit courses and three trips around Ecuador.

participate in the LOERI Program <https://www.usfq.edu.ec/opi/international-students/Paginas/loeri-program.aspx>



## Summer Program :

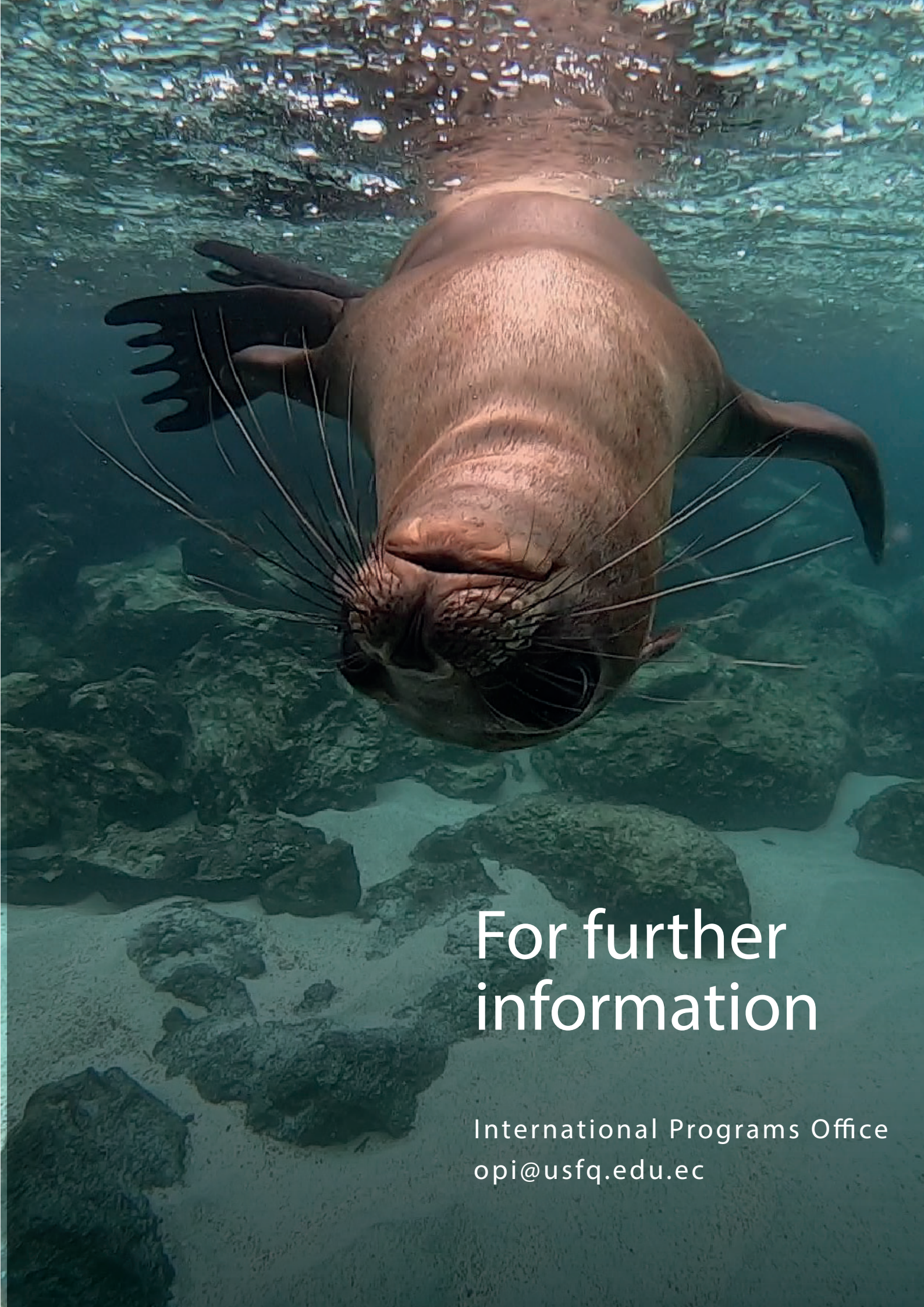
The USFQ Summer School offers a number of globally relevant and hands-on learning opportunities for international students. Participants in the Public Health Program will take further steps into the health profession through our research and internship based tracks. Participants in the Archeology Field Program will uncover ancient civilizations on the Ecuadorean coast. Participants in the Wildlife Veterinary Program will gain knowledge and skills in wildlife veterinary and conservation medicine. Finally, participants in the Media and Design Program will combine art, design, and entrepreneurship to create sustainable and impact-driven products through USFQ's prototyping lab (DLAB).

Additionally, international students who wish to improve their professional or academic profiles can participate in 6 week individual internships or research projects. These placements will be done on an individual basis, focusing on the student's field of study and area of interest.

Finally, international students who wish to experience life in Quito can take 3 credit, 6 week courses focusing on either Service Learning and Community Outreach or Spanish as a Second Language. For the language course, students can also take a SIELE Exam, an international certificate that allows them to work in a Spanish speaking context.







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