

World University Service of Canada

Students Without Borders™: Costs

Costs for an SWB placement vary according to country. The figures below are estimates based on a four-month assignment and include round-trip airfare, accommodation and living expenses, vaccines, health and travel insurance as well as the placement services fee.

Botswana	\$ 8 600
Burkina Faso	\$ 8 400
Cambodia	\$ 7 200
Ghana	\$ 7 900
Malawi	\$ 8 000
Peru	\$ 6 000
Sri Lanka	\$ 8 250
Vietnam	\$ 7 200

Placement services

Each total also includes \$ 2,000 in placement services provided by WUSC (payable as a nonrefundable deposit) as follows:

- Your assignment with one of WUSC's secure, known, capable local partner organizations in
- a developing country.
- An on-line course on intercultural effectiveness offered through the Department of Foreign Affairs & International Trade.
- A pre-departure information and orientation session.
- In-country orientation.
- An on-site monitoring visit with the host organization.
- Access to WUSC's 24-hour emergency line.
- Debriefing at the end of your placement
- Access to public engagement tools including the SWB blog and WUSC's campus newsletter
- Entry into WUSC's dynamic network of Local Committees on campuses across Canada.

Cutting costs, not corners

WUSC is committed to supporting you throughout your placement. That includes helping you find support to reduce the cost. To get started:

- Find out if your university or college offers awards or bursaries for students who want to study overseas through programs like SWB.
- Contact the international office on your campus to see how they might support you.
- Consider sharing accommodation with another SWB volunteer during your placement.
- Look for deals when you book your flight.

Detailed Estimated SWB Placement Costs, by Country
 - Updated January 1st, 2012

- Based on four-month placement (*unless indicated otherwise*)
- In Canadian \$

Botswana

Flight	2 800 CAD
Travel and health insurance	150 CAD
Vaccines*	250 CAD
Living costs including accommodation	3 400 CAD
Placement service	2 000 CAD
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	8 600 CAD

Burkina Faso

Flight	2 500 CAD
Travel and health insurance	150 CAD
Vaccines*	250 CAD
Living costs including accommodation	3 500 CAD
Placement service	2 000 CAD
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	8 400 CAD

Cambodia

Flight	2 400 CAD
Travel and health insurance	150 CAD
Vaccines*	250 CAD
Living costs including accommodation	2 400 CAD
Placement service	2 000 CAD
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	7 200 CAD

Ghana

Flight	2 400 CAD
Travel and health insurance	150 CAD
Vaccines*	250 CAD
Living costs including accommodation	3 100 CAD
Placement service	2 000 CAD
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	7 900 CAD

Malawi

Flight	2 600 CAD
Travel and health insurance	150 CAD
Vaccines*	250 CAD
Living costs including accommodation	3 000 CAD
Placement service	2 000 CAD
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	8 000 CAD

Peru

Flight	1 300 CAD
Travel and health insurance	150 CAD
Vaccines*	250 CAD
Living costs including accommodation	2 300 CAD
Placement service	2 000 CAD
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	6 000 CAD

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Sri Lanka *(six month placement)*

Flight	2 000 CAD
Travel and health insurance	400 CAD
Vaccines*	250 CAD
Living costs including accommodation	3 600 CAD
Placement service	2 000 CAD
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	8 250 CAD

Vietnam

Flight	2 400 CAD
Travel and health insurance	150 CAD
Vaccines*	250 CAD
Living costs including accommodation	2 400 CAD
Placement service	2 000 CAD
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	7 200 CAD

* If you never traveled or received vaccines this amount will be higher