



BUDGET EXERCISE

Pre-Arrival Expenses	Amount
Pre-Arrival Costs	
IAG Program Fees	\$ 2,600.00
IAG Application Fee	\$ 200.00
Visa Application Fee	\$ 185.00
SEVIS Fee	\$ 220.00
Flight/ travel to host school	\$ 1,200.00
Transcript Evaluation/ Translation	\$ 250.00
Total Pre-Arrival Costs	\$ 4,655.00
Costs Upon Arrival	
State IVP Card (Background Check)	\$ 67.00
International Teaching Certification	\$ 120.00
Housing (First Month)	\$ 1,500.00
Housing (Security Deposit)	\$ 1,500.00
Other settling-in expenses	\$ 1,000.00
Total Costs Upon Arrival	\$ 4,187.00
FUNDS REQUIRED UPON ARRIVAL FOR ONE TIME PAYMENT	\$ 8,842.00

Monthly Income and Expenses	Amount
Income	
Teaching Income	\$ 55,400.00
(Less taxes)	\$ 11,080.00
Income after taxes	\$ 44,320.00
Total Monthly Income	\$ 3,693.33
Monthly Costs (Bills) in United States	
Housing	\$ 1,500.00
Housing utilities	\$ 350.00
Transportation	\$ 75.00
Phone	\$ 100.00
Food	\$ 350.00
Entertainment/ personal expenses	\$ 400.00
J-2 Dependent Insurance	\$ 150.00
Childcare Expenses (if applicable)	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 2,925.00
Estimated monthly leftover (income after expenses)	\$ 768.33

Concept	Description
Sponsor Program Fees	\$2200-\$4000 Your program fee will depend on the sponsor: IAG, INTRAX, Greenheart, or U.S. Employment.
Visa Application Fee	Paid directly to US government by applicant
SEVIS Fee	Paid directly to US government by applicant
Flight/ travel to host school	Estimated, paid by applicant
Transcript Evaluation/ Translation	Estimated, paid by applicant
State IVP Card	Fingerprinting & Background Check.
International Teaching Certification	Required by the Dept. of Education. Estimated at \$120.00
Housing (First Month)	Monthly rent is paid in advance.
Housing (Security Deposit)	Usually one month's rent; in some cases, it can be two months.
Other settling-in expenses	Estimated; may include phone, mattress, furniture, linens, basic kitchen items, small appliances, etc.
Teaching Income	Sample teacher salary—Salary from your Letter of Intent
(Less taxes)	Estimating a 20% tax rate with federal and state tax withholdings—subtract from your salary
Housing	Assume 35-40% of income
Housing utilities	Estimated electricity, water, gas
Transportation	Public transportation (bus, light rail) varies by city. Ride-share (Uber, Lyft, taxi) can be significantly more expensive. Owning a car can cost around \$500 per month plus insurance and fuel.