Global JR Money Matters

Program Costs & Billing
All students participating in global JR programs are charged a program fee equivalent to Northwestern tuition, which covers tuition, all related program activities, accommodations abroad, international health insurance, and transportation costs, including international airfare and a local transportation stipend.

Your invoice will be issued through CAESAR on the regular quarterly schedule, subject to the same due dates.

Travel Stipend
JR students will receive a local transportation stipend to help offset the costs of work-related or personal ground transportation expenses, such as airport transfers, daily transportation to/from the placement site, transportation to/from field assignments, and any other work-related or personal transportation expenses. It is meant to encourage you to choose the safest and most responsible transportation option – in many cases metered taxis or hired cars – even if that option is more expensive than others.

Your travel stipend will be processed after the start of your JR quarter. Be sure to set up direct deposit (CAESAR > Main Menu > Student Financial Services > Set Up Direct Deposit), so your stipend may be sent to you in a timely manner. Note: This is different from direct deposit for work-study and must be set up separately.

Financial Aid
Northwestern’s policy of meeting demonstrated need extends to students who participate in programs abroad, including JR, so financial aid recipients may use their aid toward the program costs. The aid application is no different than that for regular campus study, and no additional steps or materials are required from you for your aid to transfer to JR abroad.

Participating in programs abroad does not change your expected family contribution (EFC); like any other quarter or year, your EFC is based on the information reported in your financial aid application materials, and will not change based on program costs. When calculating financial aid awards, the Financial Aid Office will use a program budget that includes the JR program fee, as well as your meals and personal expenses abroad. Estimated personal and other costs do take into account a reasonable cost of living for the area in which you will be living.

Because housing and other costs are included in the global JR program fee, and are therefore not experienced by JR students abroad, the total cost of global JR programs is lower than a standard quarter on campus. For programs abroad that cost less than studying at Northwestern, your financial aid award will be reduced: Self-help aid (i.e., work-study and need-based loans) is typically is reduced first, and Northwestern Scholarship may be reduced if necessary. Personal expenses may vary by country, so your specific costs and aid adjustment will depend on your global program location. If you have specific questions about the cost of your global JR program, contact Krista Buda Bethel, Assistant Director of Study Abroad Financial Services, at krista@northwestern.edu or 847-491-7400.

Remember that your financial aid and loans cannot cover the cost of your housing in Evanston while you are abroad, so be sure to cancel your on-campus housing contract or sublet your off-campus apartment.

You can find additional information in the Money Matters pages of the Study Abroad Office website: http://www.northwestern.edu/studyabroad/guide/money-matters/