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FigureYour Costs



School of the Art Institute
of Chicago

Student
Financial
Services

GRADUATE LOW RESIDENCY MFA STUDENT BUDGET WORKSHEET SUMMER

An electronic PDF version of this worksheet is also available at www.saic.edu/fyc and will calculate the figures for you. Complete this worksheet to determine your estimated cost of education at SAIC and to ensure that you have secured the resources you need so that payment-in-full or payment arrangements are made by **May 15** for summer.

STEP 1: ESTIMATE YOUR DIRECT EDUCATIONAL COSTS

Direct costs are costs for which you will be billed by SAIC.

	SAMPLE FIGURES SUMMER	YOUR FIGURES SUMMER
Tuition (\$1,988 per credit hour)	\$11,928 (6 credits)	\$ _____
Health Insurance (Optional)*		\$ _____
Charged to all full-time and international students	\$710	
U-Pass		\$ _____
U-Pass Ventra Card Fee (New student one-time fee)	\$115**	\$ _____
Residence Hall (Optional)	\$5	\$ _____
162 N. State	Single: \$10,600 Double: \$7,975	
SUMMER SEMESTER SUBTOTAL		\$ _____
SUBTOTAL A	TOTAL ESTIMATED DIRECT EDUCATIONAL COSTS PER SEMESTER	\$ _____

PLEASE NOTE: A GRADUATE STUDENT'S ENROLLMENT MAY VARY. (15 CREDITS=\$29,820 12 CREDITS=\$23,856; 10.5 CREDITS=\$20,874; 9 CREDITS=\$17,892)

STEP 2: REVIEW YOUR ANTICIPATED FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES AS LISTED ON YOUR AWARD LETTER Do not include earnings from student employment.

Grant Total (SAIC/Smith)	SUMMER SEMESTER
Scholarship Total (Merit or other)	\$ _____
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan Total ***	\$ _____
SUBTOTAL B TOTAL ANTICIPATED FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES	\$ _____

STEP 3: CALCULATE YOUR ESTIMATED AMOUNTS DUE TO SAIC

To determine your estimated amount due to SAIC or refunded to student, use the formula Subtotal A - Subtotal B = Subtotal C.****

FROM STEP 1:	SUBTOTAL A	SUMMER SEMESTER
FROM STEP 2:	- SUBTOTAL B	\$ _____
	SUBTOTAL C	\$ _____

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* Health insurance may be waived if the student has comparable coverage per year. Waivers must be resubmitted each year online at AHP saic.myahpcare.com.

** These are 2026-27 rates subject to change. Please refer to the website for up to date information.

*** Aid resources that require additional steps to secure. Loan fees will be deducted from your Stafford and PLUS Loans, as well as some private loans. Refer to the SAIC Financial Aid Award Guide. Please note that the loan amounts requested cannot exceed your cost of attendance (COA) budget, and program limits. Your COA equals the total of your Direct and Indirect Costs. Students may view their COA budget on SAIC Self-Service.

**** Please note that if your balance at Subtotal C is a credit, you may be issued a refund which can then be used to cover indirect costs. If your balance in Subtotal C is an amount due, you will need to pay the remaining amount in full, secure additional loans, enroll in a deferred payment plan, or any combination each semester.

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STEP 4: ESTIMATE YOUR INDIRECT EDUCATIONAL COSTS

Indirect costs are costs for which you will need to budget, but will not be charged by SAIC. Choose your living expenses by semester as listed below to calculate your indirect costs.

Choose Option A, B, C, or D

Books and Supplies

Studio Programs

OPTION A
ON CAMPUS
(new student)

OPTION B
ON CAMPUS
(continuing student)

OPTION C
OFF CAMPUS

OPTION D
AT HOME

Housing and Food Expenses

Housing Allowance

Food Allowance

Personal

Transportation

\$550

\$550

\$550

\$550

\$0

\$0

\$2,750

\$660

\$1,540

\$1,540

\$1,540

\$1,540

\$960

\$960

\$960

\$960

\$690

\$690

\$690

\$690

SUBTOTAL D **TOTAL ESTIMATED INDIRECT EDUCATIONAL COSTS FOR SUMMER**

\$ _____

\$ _____

\$ _____

\$ _____

SUMMER EXPENSES

Please Note: The indirect estimates for books, personal and transportation are calculated for enrollment in 9 credits in summer. Estimates for enrollment other than 9 credits in summer can be obtained at www.saic.edu/fyc. Room and board estimates are the same for any enrollment.

STEP 5: DETERMINE AMOUNT YOU WILL NEED TO FINANCE YOUR TOTAL COST OF EDUCATION

Estimated Amount Due
to SAIC or Refunded to
Student after Financial Aid***

FROM STEP 3:

SUBTOTAL C

SUMMER SEMESTER

\$ _____

Estimated Indirect
Educational Costs

FROM STEP 4:

+ **SUBTOTAL D**

\$ _____

REMAINING AMOUNT NEEDED
TO FINANCE YOUR TOTAL COSTS

SUBTOTAL E

\$ _____

STEP 6: ESTIMATE YOUR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO FINANCE YOUR TOTAL COST OF EDUCATION

Only include loans that have been offered if you plan to secure them.

Student Contribution from Savings and Work

Federal Direct PLUS Loan and/or Private Educational Loan**

(Please note: Post-Baccalaureate students are not eligible
for Federal Direct Grad PLUS Loans)

TOTAL ADDITIONAL ANTICIPATED
FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES

SUBTOTAL F

\$ _____

IF SUBTOTAL F IS LESS THAN SUBTOTAL E, THEN YOU MUST INCREASE THE RESOURCES IN STEP 6 TO ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE ENOUGH
TO COVER YOUR COST OF EDUCATION.

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