Field Work Term Budgeting Form

With advanced planning, there are ways to reduce your costs to make a great job feasible. Here’s a way to get started on understanding the finances you’ll need to say yes to a position.

LIVING
Where will you be living? Do you have housing secured? If not, how do you plan to secure housing? What will you do if you cannot secure housing?

Estimate these costs:

Rent _______________________________ /month x 2 = $ _______________________________

Heat/Electric __________________________ /month x 2 = $ ____________________________

Food ________________________________ /month x 2 = $ ______________________________

COMMUTING
How will you get to work every day? Are you dependent on other people (such as a friend driving you)? If so, what is your back-up plan? Do you have a car? Is there reliable public transportation in this region? How long will it take you to get to work each day?

Estimated costs:

Public transportation ___________________ /week x 7 = $ _____________________________

Gasoline ______________________________ /week x 7 = $ _____________________________

Tolls _________________________________ /week x 7 = $ _____________________________

January: Cost of travel to FW T site $ _____________________________

February: Cost of return to Bennington after FW T $ _____________________________

WORKING
Are there any expenses related to your job?

Fees for abroad programs $ _____________________________

Appropriate attire/uniforms $ _____________________________

MISCELLANEOUS
Standing monthly expenses (e.g. credit card payments, cell phone plan, car insurance and maintenance) $ _____________________________

Savings for school $ _____________________________

Entertainment $ _____________________________

Other $ _____________________________

TOTAL EXPENSE $ _____________________________

This is how much you need to make either through wages, savings, grant money, or family assistance.