
International Student Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: What are the International Student Program (ISP) eligibility requirements?

- Enrollment in a post-undergraduate or advanced-degree program at a [Fermilab Partner Institution](#);
- Interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics or related field;
- Commitment to a short-term research and development program;
- Demonstrated academic success;
- Commitment to an English-based professional training experience.

For application information, students should connect with the point-of-contact at their partner institution.

Q: How does my University become a partner institution?

Institutions interested in partnering with Fermilab should contact Fermilab via the questions section of the International Student Programs [webpage](#).

Q: What types of student exchange experiences are available at Fermilab?

As the premier particle physics laboratory in the United States, international students join scientists who work on the world's most advanced particle accelerators, dig down to the smallest building blocks of matter, probe the farthest reaches of the universe, and seek out the nature of dark matter and dark energy. Past student exchange opportunities on Fermilab experiments have included the [Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment \(DUNE\)](#), [ICARUS Neutrino Detector](#), [NoVA Experiment](#), [Accelerator Neutrino Neutron Interaction Experiment \(ANNIE\)](#), and [LArIAT](#).

Q: How long is the standard student exchange?

A typical exchange ranges from 3-6 months, depending on a student's home institution academic calendar, the needs of the Fermilab program and/or experiment, and available funding.

Q: What expenses are covered as part of the International Student Program?

Subject to the partnering agreement, standard accommodations include support for local expenses including daily meal and incidental per diem, local lodging, local airport transportation and the possibility of a shared rental car. International travel to/from the United States, as well as any U.S. Visa application fees, are the fiscal responsibility of the student's home institution.

Q: What type of housing is available at Fermilab?

Students are provided housing either on the Fermilab campus or within a 5-mile radius of the Fermilab site. In either case, housing includes access to an equipped kitchen and laundry facilities. Every effort is made to accommodate students on-site but due to limited availability, students must occasionally be accommodated off-site. On-site lodging details can be found [here](#).

Q: How and when do I receive my support funding?

Lodging and transportation expenses are typically directly paid by Fermilab on the student's behalf. Daily meal per diem funding is provided to students on a monthly basis and is electronically deposited into the student's designated bank account or provided by physical check (upon request).