

# Budget and Payment Schedule USAC: Irish Cultural Studies in Galway Summer 2024

PROGRAM FEES PAID TO UO	AMOUNT
UO Study Abroad Fee (\$1,000 per UO term)	\$1,000

PROVIDER PROGRAM FEES & ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES	AMOUNT
USAC Program Fee <i>Paid to USAC</i> *	\$7,580
Estimated Airfare from Eugene	\$1,450
Estimated Meals	\$925
Estimated Text Books & Course Supplies	\$130
Estimated Local Transportation	\$100
Estimated Cell Phone Expenses	\$50
Estimated Travel Clinic & Pre-departure Physical (if applicable)	\$50
Estimated Cost of acquiring passport (if applicable)	\$150
Estimated Additional Living Expenses	\$1,200
PROVIDER PROGRAM FEES & EST. ADDITIONAL EXPENSES TOTAL	\$11,635

**Included in USAC Program Fee\*:** Tuition, housing (shared room), on-site support, international medical insurance, group flight airport pick-up, orientation, field trips.

<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF PARTICIPATION</b> (Program fees + estimated additional expenses)	\$12,635
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See cancellation policies and billing information on the next page.

## CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY INFORMATION:

*Important*: The GEO Cancellation and Deferral Policy is effective from the time a student has been nominated by the UO to the program provider or host institution, regardless of application or acceptance status. It is essential to read this policy before a potential cancellation or deferral takes place, in order to fully understand the withdrawal and cancellation penalties and understand what it means financially to commit to a study abroad program.

# **Cancellation/Deferral Penalty Dates:**

CANCELLATION/DEFERRAL DATE	PENALTY IF NOTICE RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE
More than 8 weeks before program start date	None
8 weeks before program start date	Student is responsible for 50% of UO Study Abroad Fee
Program start date or after program begins	Student is responsible for 100% of UO Study Abroad Fee

Please note that USAC's cancellation policy may differ from GEO's policy. Visit <u>USAC</u> <u>Galway's website</u> for their cancellation policies and payment deadlines.

**Cancellation/Deferral Process: Students who cancel or defer their participation must notify both GEO and the program provider or the host institution in writing**. Fax (GEO: 541-346-1232) or email is acceptable (GEO: geoinfo@uoregon.edu). Verbal notification to GEO or notification given to a non-UO campus study abroad office is not sufficient.

- If one of the deadlines in the Student Budget posted on the program page of the GEO website falls on a weekend or holiday, GEO will accept written notifications received on the following business day.
- A student can defer their application for up to twelve months from the term in which their original program was scheduled to start, and upon approval by the GEO advisor. Beyond twelve months, a student must cancel their application and re-apply. In some cases, a student may be able to apply their non-refundable application fee and deposit to a future GEO program upon GEO approval.

#### Cancellation/Deferral Policy and Penalty:

- This cancellation and deferral policy applies to all cancellations and deferrals regardless of the reason for cancellation or deferral, including but not limited to inability to secure proper legal status (i.e. passport, visa, etc.) in the host country of the participating program.
- If the UO study abroad fee has not been received by GEO at the time of cancellation or deferral, the penalty amount will be billed by GEO to the student's account.
- This Cancellation and Deferral Policy only covers the GEO costs that are due to GEO. Students must follow the payment and refund policy outlined by the host institution

# or the program provider (USAC) for the program fees or other costs that are due directly to the host institution or the program provider (USAC).

- GEO fees include: the GEO program fee, the UO Study Abroad fee (UO students only), and/or any other fees that are billed by GEO.
- Some U.S. partner institutions have a direct billing arrangement with GEO and pay fees on behalf of their students. GEO refunds will be sent to the billed party: if GEO bills the institution, the refund is sent to the institution; if GEO bills the student, the refund is sent to the institution; if GEO bills the student, the refund is sent to the student at the permanent address listed on the initial application unless otherwise requested. Students who are unsure about the billing arrangements of their home institution should check with their home institution's study abroad office.
- GEO and the program provider or the host institution reserve the right to cancel a program due to low enrollment, natural disaster, public health emergency, political unrest, terrorism, acts of war or any other reasons beyond GEO's control. If a program is cancelled prior to the start date for any of these reasons, GEO will refund all payments received by GEO including the application fee, program deposit, and program fee. GEO assumes no further financial responsibility and is not responsible for airfare, visa fees, or any other fees related to the program that may have been paid. GEO strongly recommends that students purchase travel cancellation/interruption insurance.

## **PAYMENT SCHEDULE** (What is due when?)

**UO students:** GEO will charge all program fees to your UO Student Billing Account.

#### Billing and Payment Schedule for UO Students

When you are offered acceptance	You will need to pay a program deposit to the program provider (USAC) in order to reserve your spot on the program.
4 – 7 weeks before you depart	GEO will bill your UO Student Billing Account for the remainder of your program fee. This amount will be due according to standard UO <u>Payment</u> <u>and Due Dates</u> . For programs that take place over multiple terms, GEO will bill you a percentage of your fee over each term. You will pay the program provider tuition and program fees directly to the program provider (USAC). Additional payment instructions and schedules will
	be sent to you by your program provider.

We encourage you to visit <u>https://geo.uoregon.edu/scholarships</u> to learn about scholarship and funding opportunities. Speak with a <u>financial aid counselor</u> regarding your current financial aid package.