



International Affairs Office

**HOUSING APPLICATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home University: \_\_\_\_\_

Program dates: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate your accommodation requests in order of preference:**

**Homestay** with an Ecuadorian family (*highly recommended*)

At IAO our goals are to provide students with a deeper and more genuine linguistic, academic and intercultural experience than the average study abroad program while in a secure, comfortable setting. Nothing helps achieve these goals quite like the **Homestay** experience. All of our families are vetted, regularly supervised, and live in the area close to the university campus. They provide a private bedroom, 3 meals a day, and laundry. But much more than that, they provide an opportunity to improve your Spanish skills, learn about Ecuadorian culture, and have a home away from home.

**University Residence** (*female students only – VERY LIMITED AVAILABILITY*)

**Independent Housing** within the district of Samborondon

*\*independent housing arrangements are the responsibility of the student, and neither LAO nor UEES accept any liability for such arrangements*





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**INDEPENDENT HOUSING QUESTIONNAIRE**

**1. Please select your principal reason for wishing to live independently:**

*Por favor seleccionar el motivo principal para querer vivir independiente:*

Budget <i>Presupuesto</i> <input type="radio"/>	Privacy/space for guests <i>Privacidad/ espacio para huéspedes</i> <input type="radio"/>	Past experience <i>Experiencia previa</i> <input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify) _____ <i>Otra (por favor especificar)</i> _____		

**2. Please tell us (in less than 100 words) why you think Independent Housing is the best option for you:**

*Por favor explicar (en menos de 100 palabras) porque piensas que alojamiento independiente es la mejor opción para ti:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**3. Please provide the following information 3 weeks before arrival.**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_





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**HOMESTAY QUESTIONNAIRE**

To help IAO place you in a compatible Homestay, please answer the following questions. Please be accurate and specific. Please also understand that we may not be able to accommodate all of your requests due to various constraints.

A. Family preferences

Would you prefer to live with a large or small family?

- Large family  Small family  Either

Would you prefer to live with a family with or without children?

- Old children  Young children  No children  Any

Do you enjoy living with small children?

- Yes, very much  Yes  Not really

Would you prefer to stay with a family who speaks English?

- Very well  A little  Not at all  Does not matter

B. Lifestyle

What is your ethnic background? (optional)\_\_\_\_\_

Do you practice a religion? If so, which? (optional)\_\_\_\_\_

Do you practice any sports? If yes, please give details. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you consider yourself neat and organized?

- Yes, very much  Yes, a little  Not really  No

Do you smoke?  Yes  No

Would you be happy to live with a family which has a member who smokes?

- No  Yes, absolutely  
 No, but if there is no other choice, I will manage it somehow.

Do you like pets?  No  Yes – if so, what kind? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you allergic to any kind of pets?  No  Yes – if so, what kind? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you vegetarian or vegan?  No  Yes

If so, how strict? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any other foods you cannot or do not eat:

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### C. Background

Do you speak any other languages besides your native one?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_  No

Have you ever traveled or lived in a foreign country?  Yes  No

If so, where and for how long?

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you participated in a homestay program before?  Yes  No

If so, where and for how long?

\_\_\_\_\_

Please list three things you are looking forward to about living with an Ecuadorian family:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Please list three things that you think will challenge you while living with an Ecuadorian family:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Please state three or four personal characteristics, which describe you.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Please outline what you hope to contribute to the Homestay family and what you expect to get out of the experience, i.e. what sort of relationship you expect to have with the family.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please add anything else about your personality and character, or anything else about yourself, which might assist us in making an appropriate match with a Homestay family.

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### D. Declaration

I fully understand the purpose of the Homestay program, and hereby agree to abide by the regulations and expectations outlined. I also understand that any breach of these regulations will result in the termination of my participation in the Homestay program.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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### UEES HOMESTAY REGULATIONS

#### 1. Term

The Homestay placement is intended to last the duration of your program. Any student wishing to shorten or extend their stay beyond the agreed date of their program must advise the IAO staff at least 4 weeks in advance. Such changes are subject to the decision of IAO, in consultation with the Homestay family, and predicated upon the student's academic performance and behaviour. Homestay participants are requested to leave their host family no later than one week after the Semester or Summer program ends.

#### 2. Payment

Fees are charged prior to students arrival. UEES is in charge of paying the Host Families each month. Students that come independently are requested to pay the fee in full during Orientation.

#### 3. Refund Policy

The Homestay program relies on the hospitality and kindness of the Host Families, so fees are not refundable if they have already been paid to the Host Family, even if the student decides to leave in the middle of the month. For other refund details, please see IAO Refund Policy.

#### 4. Expectations

The success of a Homestay placement depends on the goodwill, kindness and understanding of all parties. Our families open not only their homes but their hearts to our International Students. Homes assigned are considered an extension of the University, therefore, the University has the right to supervise all disciplinary and financial regulations incident to this program.

Keep in mind that every family is unique and so every student's experience will be unique. Resist temptations you might feel to compare your host family with those of other students (particularly comparisons involving judgments). Such comparisons are unfair and may be detrimental to your experience. Take advantage of every moment you are here and build a friendship with your family. Be respectful of your family's concerns for your safety and wellbeing. It is of paramount importance to be courteous and arrive home *on time* for every meal. Be sure to communicate delays or changes to your schedule *in advance*.

Place toilet paper in the trash basket, which you usually find located conveniently next to the toilet.

Long distance and international calls may **not** be made from the host family's home.

You should consult your host family *in advance* to make sure that a visit is okay (especially with regard to the day and time). If a visitor of the opposite sex is in your bedroom, never close the door during their visit. When you are with friends, please refrain from speaking English or any language other than Spanish in front of your family. Be sure to make your bed every day and keep your room neat. Keep an open mind and be flexible. Be sensitive to cultural differences. Allow yourself time to adjust to your family and your host culture. Obey your family's rules (e.g. curfews) and understand the reasons behind these regulations (i.e. concern about your safety and wellbeing).

If you don't understand something, ask. This will help you to avoid misunderstandings later on. Let your family know what you need and what you like. Observe and participate actively with your family in the culture.