

Budget for new CODOFIL teachers (USD)		Canada	Belgique/France	Mexico and other Francophone Countries
Sponsor, Foreign/Domestic Third Party Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
Visa Fee		\$0	\$185	\$185
SEVIS Fee I-901		\$220	\$220	\$220
J1 One-Time Extension Fee \$500		Paid by host school systems		
Other Fees (background check, Louisiana teaching certification, translation of documents)		\$0		
Estimated Costs Upon Arrival				
Deposits : Rent, Electricity, Water	+/- \$1,300		<i>Suggestion : Come with enough money to cover 3 months expenses</i> Initial home furnishing may be purchased at : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• “estate sales”• “garage sales”• “thrift stores” or• Other second-hand stores	
Estimate for Local Transportation	Purchase used vehicle : \$6,000 - \$10,000 Car Insurance : \$200/month Gas : ≅ \$75/month			
Estimate for Monthly Housing Expenses <i>Costs vary based on location and size</i>	Rent: \$800 - \$1,200 Electricity: \$100 Water: \$50 Cable: \$50 Telephone: \$60 Internet: \$50 Child care: between \$600 and \$800\$/child <i>Renters’ insurance optional</i>			
Estimate for Food	\$600/monthly			
Estimated Deductions from Salary				
Louisiana Medical Insurance	\$175 / monthly \$425 / monthly \$675 / monthly	Teacher only Teacher + spouse Teacher + family		
Income Taxes	Rate for a teacher State Taxes (4.25%) Federal Taxes (\$5,147 + 22% after \$44,725)	Canadian or American taxes	\$0 first 18 months	State + Federal Taxes
FICA <i>Social Security and Medicare</i>	8%	\$0 for first 18 months, and only for International School of Louisiana, Lycée Français de la Nouvelle Orléans, and non-public schools		

Teacher Retirement System of Louisiana	8%	<i>Required for ALL EXCEPT: International School of Louisiana, Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans, and non-public schools</i>
Teachers Associations	Optional but no more than \$50/monthly	<i>Adhering to a teachers' association is 100% optional. If you do, it should not be more than \$50 per month.</i>
Louisiana Certification	\$0	<i>Applying and receiving a Louisiana teaching certificate is FREE for CODOFIL teachers.</i>
Foreign Credential Evaluation	\$0	<i>We do not require for your diplomas to be translated or evaluated by a third party.</i>
Translation of Document	\$0	<i>We do not require translated diplomas or university transcripts.</i>
Fingerprints	Approximately \$10	<i>A few school districts require fingerprints, which can be obtain at a local sheriff office for approximately \$10.</i>