

## CO-OP FACT SHEET FOR THE FIRST 12 MONTHS

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## **UNIVERSITY OF ADVANCING TECHNOLOGY**

**Q: How many semesters are there during the first 12 months at UAT?**

A: There are 3 semesters during the first 12 months

**Q: How many classes am I required to take each semester?**

A: Two classes during each of the first two semesters, and a one hour practicum in the third semester.

**Q: How much do I need to pay at the beginning of each semester?**

A: 1st Semester: Tuition (two classes of \$2,700 each) plus app fee	\$ 5,650
2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester: Tuition (two classes of \$2,700 each )	5,400
3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester: One Hour Practicum course	<u>675</u>
Total Cost for First Year	\$11,725

**Q: How much do I need to pay per month for living expenses?**

A: HTIR estimates that the cost of living alone in a single apartment would be about \$900 per month. However, it is estimated that a student who chooses to share an apartment and food with several other students who buy and prepare their own meals together would pay approximately \$450 to \$550 for their room and board per month. (While HTIR and UAT may have some “leads” to give to the student as to available accommodations, it is the student’s own personal responsibility to locate his/her own housing and pay for the same.)

**Q: How much do I need to pay for other personal expenses?**

A: Each student will be responsible to pay for his/her own additional expenses, including cost of books that may not be provided by the school, insurance, travel, entertainment, airport pickup or personal items.

**Q: Is it mandatory that I purchase the special HTIR Employment Assistance Package for \$950?**

A: No. This Employment Assistant Package is optional. However, any student choosing to purchase this extra package will receive the following special benefits from HTIR:

- (1) help in getting an immediate job offer letter from HTIR or other interim employer, plus,
- (2) assistance in applying for a Social Security number as soon as legally allowed, plus,
- (3) actual employment of the student for several hours per week in marketing, while student is simultaneously engaged in securing more permanent full time employment with an outside American company.

**Q: After completing 2 semesters, will I be allowed to have an annual break from taking classes?**

A: Yes, after completing the first two semesters in approximately 9 months, you will be allowed to take a break in the third semester.

**Q: During the annual break from classes, will I be able to continue working full time in curricular practical training employment?**

A: Yes, you will be able to continue working during your annual break; however, you will be required to pay, during that quarter break, the sum of \$675 for a one hour “practicum”

course which continues your legal right to CPT while you are not taking regular courses.

**Q: Does HTIR charge a courier or processing fee in addition to the fees noted above?**

A: Yes. HTIR charges a nonrefundable courier/processing fee of \$250 which is payable upon the student being accepted by HTIR as a co-op candidate. (Note: in a few countries of the world where the extraordinary cost of doing business and recruiting requires the participation of a local authorized consulting agency, payment of an agency service fee may also be required. Contact HTIR for a list of any such countries where such a consulting fee may be necessary.)

**Q: How much money needs to be in my, or my sponsor's, bank statement in order to be accepted?**

A: Both the U.S. consulate and the university require that students provide a personal bank statement or the bank statement of their sponsor showing sufficient funds to cover their expenses for the first academic year, as noted in Section 7d of the I-20 form. A \$20,000 bank statement is required for acceptance to the program. This requirement does not mean that the student must pay this much money in their first year; rather, this bank statement merely demonstrates that the student has more than enough money available, from which he/she can pay estimated academic and personal expenses.

**Q: Am I guaranteed a job by the university or by HTIR?**

A: No. It is the responsibility of each co-op student to locate and secure his/her own curricular practical training job. Other than the initial part time hours of employment that is offered by HTIR in the first few weeks as a part of the Employment Assistance package, no guarantee of any employment has been promised to the student.

**Q: How much can I earn in Curricular Practical Training as a co-op student?**

A: Students in the co-op program are allowed to legally work full time (160 or more hours per month), and will be paid no less than the state minimum wage. Examples of potential incomes for students working full time are as follows:

- (1) At \$7.25 per hour, a student would earn approximately \$1,160 per month.
- (2) At \$10.00 per hour, a student would earn approximately \$1,600 per month.
- (3) At \$12.00 per hour, a student would earn approximately \$1,920 per month.

**Note: If any agent or agent employee, student, HTIR staff person, or an individual from any of the schools makes a promise (orally or in writing) that is contradictory to this Fact Sheet or in conflict with the I-20 form or the school's acceptance letter, candidate agrees not to rely on any such contradictory statements or promises.** All of the numbers used above are "best estimates" and are not promises of income or fees. Please note, tuition and fees are subject to change; therefore, only the I-20, acceptance letter or other official publications or correspondence from the university reflect exact tuition figures.