

International Comparative Rural Policy Summer Institute Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the registration fee for ICRPS and what does it cover?

A: The registration fee is set each year by the local organizers. Typically, the registration fee is \$2,000 per person. This fee covers all materials/supplies required for the summer institute, all accommodations, food, and field trips organized as part of the summer institute. The only other expense students are responsible for is transportation to/from the location of the summer institute.

Q: Are there sponsorship opportunities to defray the cost of participation?

A: Absolutely. Each year students and faculty strive to locate sponsorship and funding to decrease the costs of participation. In past years, most of the registration fee has been covered through either sponsorship, existing research grants, or other funding opportunities. Unfortunately, it is difficult to anticipate how much funding will be available. As such, participants need to be prepared to cover the entire amount.

Q: Can the ICRPS Summer Institute be taken for academic credit?

A: Yes. It is possible to obtain academic credit for participation in the ICRPS Summer Institute. There is no formal course in SEDRD, however, an independent readings course could be set up with an advisor. If you would like to receive credit for participating in ICRPS it is the student's responsibility to discuss this with their advisors. Dr. Gibson and Dr. Devlin can provide illustrations from past years.

Q: Is it possible to arrive late and/or leave early from the ICRPS Summer Institute program?

A: Students need to be able to commit to attend the full program of the Summer Institute. The Summer Institute program is often mobile, visiting communities in the surrounding regions. As such, there is not always opportunities to slide in/out of the program. Likewise, one of the key benefits of the program is the trust and relationships developed among participating students and faculty. Joining late/leaving early jeopardizes the ability to build these relationships.

Q: What is the process for selection to attend the ICRPS Summer Institute?

A: In the fall semester, SEDRD will host an information meeting for all interested students. The meeting will provide details regarding the date, location, and anticipated cost to attend. Students interested in attending ICRPS will need to declare their interest by December 1 by submitting a brief description of why they would like to attend and how it relates to their future professional ambitions. All applicants will be notified before the end of December of their status to attend. Students attending the ICRPS Summer Institute will need to make a financial commitment to attend by January 30.

Q: Who is eligible to attend ICRPS Summer Institute?

A: All graduate students in SEDRD interested in comparative rural policy are eligible to apply. As part of the application process you will need to identify how the opportunity would fit with your program of student and your future professional ambitions.

Q: What are the typical accommodation arrangements at the Summer Institute?

A: Typically, accommodations are at the residences of the host university. The accommodation style changes from university to university, but usually consist of 1-2 people sharing a room with a bathroom facilities.

Q: Can I travel before and/or after the Summer Institute?

A: Students are welcomed to travel before and/or after the Summer Institute program at their discretion and financial cost. In the past, students have remained in the country of the Summer Institute for personal travel.

Q: Is a visa required to attend the ICRPS Summer Institute?

A: This question depends on your citizenship and the location of the Summer Institute. Canadian residents typically do not require a visa to attend the Summer Institute program when held in the USA, Mexico, or the European Union. For international students, it is your responsibility to check to see if you require a visa to enter the country hosting the Summer Institute.

Q: Who do I contact for more information on the ICRPS Summer Institute?

A: You can check out www.icrps.org or contact either Dr. Gibson or Dr. Devlin for more information.