

For study/research/travel in a country currently under a U.S. Department of Travel Advisory Level 3 or 4 and/or a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Travel Health Notice Warning Level Three: Avoid Nonessential Travel

Note: Graduate students (F-1 or J-1 visa holders) who are returning to their home countries under a Travel Advisory Level 3, Level 4 and/or a CDC Warning for university-sponsored experiences are NOT required to submit this release.

Student Traveler's Name: _____

Traveler's Email: _____

NU School: _____

Travel Dates: _____

Destination(s): _____

Partner or Host Institution/Organization Abroad (if applicable): _____

If traveling as an individual, attach itinerary (include modes of transportation to, within and from destination(s), hotels/housing, and schedule). OGSS collects these directly from relevant staff or faculty for group travel.

In connection with my trip to the above-referenced destination(s):

- 1) I have carefully identified, reviewed and considered the risks of travel to my destination(s), including reading the U.S. Department of State ("DOS") Travel Advisory Level 3 (TA 3) or Level 4 (TA 4) at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html> and/or the applicable U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Travel Health Notice Warning Level Three: Avoid Nonessential Travel ("CDC Warning") at <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>, and Northwestern University's travel policies at <http://www.northwestern.edu/global-safety-security/travel-policies/graduate-students.html>.
- 2) I have provided a description of the proposed project to the program, department, or school that is funding the trip and have received written approval from the funding authority. I have also received written approval from my faculty supervisor / unit director / department chair and a representative from the sponsoring school's Dean's office. I acknowledge that the University retains the right to withdraw permission for any approved travel at any time.
- 3) I understand it is my responsibility to review the health risks associated with my travel destination through the CDC's Travelers Health resource, available at <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list.htm>, and to discuss required or recommended vaccinations with a travel health professional, if applicable.
- 4) I am aware that I am required to purchase a specialized international medical insurance plan specific to my dates of travel through Northwestern's international health insurance plan. I also

understand that this is a reimbursable university expense, if approved by my department or school.

- 5) I acknowledge that I am voluntarily participating in the travel described above. I also acknowledge that my participation in this travel may expose me to significant risks, including but not limited to terrorism, war, disease, serious bodily injury or death, property damage, and other risks that may not be foreseeable. I acknowledge that the DOS has issued a Travel Advisory Level 3, Level 4 and/or a CDC Warning for the above destination(s). I understand that Northwestern University is not responsible for my safety and I assume full responsibility for all risks associated with my travel.
- 6) I know that I am not required to travel to my destination(s).
- 7) I know conditions in my destination(s) may change rapidly and will stay informed of current events on a frequent, at least daily, basis by obtaining updated security and health information from and enrolling in the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) at <https://step.state.gov/step/>. Even non-citizens can register for Travel Alerts. Follow the instructions at: <http://www.northwestern.edu/global-safety-security/health-safety/travel-security/non-u.s.-citizens-abroad.html>. If I am not a U.S. citizen and my country of origin provides a similar service, I understand that I can register for it as a substitute.
- 8) I know that because conditions in my destination(s) may change rapidly, I may be required to return to the United States before completing my academic goals. I understand that in such an instance I may not receive full academic credit or a refund of tuition or any other fees paid for the experience and that I may incur additional personal and/or travel expenses.
- 9) If I travel away from the destination described above, I will inform my faculty supervisor of such travels, including dates away from my original destination, mode of transportation, destination(s), cell phone or other emergency contact information, and date of return to my original destination. I understand that my failure to comply with this provision may result in my immediate dismissal from the program, additional sanctions upon return to Northwestern University up to and including exclusion from the University, and withdrawal of funding or financial aid for expenses in connection with my program.
- 10) I understand that all students traveling abroad must adhere to Northwestern rules and regulations, as explained in the Northwestern University Student Handbook at <http://www.northwestern.edu/student-conduct/student-code-of-conduct/prohibited-restricted-conduct/index.html>. I understand that if I am dismissed from the program for violation of any applicable rules, I will not receive academic credit or a refund of tuition or any other fees or expenses paid for the program and that I may incur additional personal and/or travel expenses. In addition, students traveling abroad who violate Northwestern rules and regulations may be subject to further disciplinary action upon returning to Northwestern.
- 11) **WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS.** I hereby release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue Northwestern University, its trustees, officers, agents or employees (hereinafter referred to as "releasees") from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or relating to any loss, damage or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or to any property belonging to me, in connection with travel and/or study at the

destination(s) described above. I voluntarily assume full responsibility for any risks of loss, property damage or personal injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or any loss or damage to property owned by me, as a result of my traveling to the destination(s) described above. I further hereby agree to defend, indemnify and save and hold harmless the releasees and each of them, from any loss, liability, damage or costs they may incur as a result of my travels. It is my express intent that this Release shall bind the members of my family and spouse, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representatives, if I am deceased, and shall be deemed as a Release, Waiver, Discharge and Covenant Not to Sue the above named releasees.

TRAVELER'S SIGNATURE

DATE

FACULTY SUPERVISOR or UNIT DIRECTOR or DEPARTMENT CHAIR - PRINTED NAME, SIGNATURE and DATE

REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SPONSORING SCHOOL'S DEAN'S OFFICE PRINTED NAME, SIGNATURE and DATE

Submission Instructions: For group-oriented travel, the primary unit sponsoring the trip should collect completed forms and inform OGSS that the documents are on file. Those traveling independent of a group or sponsored program (a graduate student conducting field work abroad or attending an international conference) can submit their signed release directly to OGSS at globalsafety@northwestern.edu.

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