

**Education Abroad Program**

Name:		Student ID #:	
Reason for the Trip:		<input type="checkbox"/> Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Course <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Rotation <input type="checkbox"/> Research <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty-led Course <input type="checkbox"/> Conference <input type="checkbox"/> Internship <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer <input type="checkbox"/> Other(Specify): _____	
Destination Country(s):		City(s):	
Program Date:	From:	(mm/dd/yy)	To: (mm/dd/yy)
I confirm that I am fully-vaccinated with a Canadian-approved COVID-19 vaccine:			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**INFORMED CONSENT FOR DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION**

The University of Alberta collects and protects personal information under the authority of the Alberta *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for the purpose of operating the programs and services of the university. If you require the disclosure of your personal information to another person, designated agent or agency, legal counsel or other purposes, please complete the following informed consent document as required under *the Act*.

<b>I voluntarily authorize</b>	the University of Alberta				
<b>to disclose information regarding:</b> (check all that applies)	<input type="checkbox"/> the status of my application (nominated, being considered, denied); <input type="checkbox"/> information while overseas (accommodation, safety and related matters); <input type="checkbox"/> correspondence and updates between myself and the University of Alberta pertaining to my study abroad program				
<b>originally collected to:</b>	facilitate my participation in a study abroad program				
<b>releasing to:</b> (please only list family members/partners in this section)	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="border: none;">Name _____</td> <td style="border: none;">Relationship _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">Name _____</td> <td style="border: none;">Relationship _____</td> </tr> </table>	Name _____	Relationship _____	Name _____	Relationship _____
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<b>for the purpose of:</b>	providing information regarding myself and/or the contents of my application file				
<b>in the period:</b>	one year from the date a decision was communicated regarding my nomination.				

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I authorize \_\_\_\_\_ and/or \_\_\_\_\_ to act on my behalf in delivering and retrieving documents and information related to my application file during the application process and for one year from the date a decision was communicated to me regarding my nomination. I understand that, by giving this authorization, the University of Alberta will communicate with these person(s) by providing my personal information to them as though it were me delivering and retrieving documents and information on my own behalf.

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NOTE: Consent is optional and may be revoked at any time by so indicating in writing to the office seeking consent.

Requests by the above designates for information about a student will be handled as follows:

1. If visiting the Education Abroad office physically: the designate will need to verify who they are by showing picture ID (e.g. a driver's license);
2. If contacting the Education Abroad office by phone, the designate will need to provide:
  - a. their name (which will need to match the Risk Management Agreement); and
  - b. the student's name and UAlberta student ID number.

Please note that if there is specific information that you do not want released to persons listed above, it is your responsibility to contact the Education Abroad Advisor at the Education Abroad Program Office and specify in writing, to revoke or limit access to specific information available to your contact(s)

### **WARNING: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

### **BY SIGNING YOU GIVE UP IMPORTANT LEGAL RIGHTS INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE.**

By signing this document you indicate that you understand the risks associated with this activity, that you are aware that by participating in the activity you are being exposed to the risks identified below, and that you accept important legal obligations and waive certain legal rights, including the right to sue.

### **DISCLAIMER CLAUSE**

The Governors of the University of Alberta, their officers, directors, employees, volunteers, members and representatives (hereafter referred to as "The University") are not responsible for any injury, loss or damage to personal property, detention, imprisonment, illness (including illness due to COVID-19), death or dismemberment arising out of any cause/nature whatsoever, sustained by any person while participating to this Trip. The University accepts no responsibility and assumes no liability with respect to any academic, vocational, medical, or financial advice received by the participant in relation to **this Trip.**

## ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

In consideration of my participation in this trip, I acknowledge that I am aware of, and freely accept **all risks, dangers and hazards** associated with being a participant in this trip, including the possible risk of severe or fatal injury to myself or others. These risks include, but are not limited to:

1. Travel to and from Canada, travel between the various locations that may be included as part of the trip, travel by aircraft, train, bus, public or private motor vehicle, and/or by other alternative transportation systems;
2. Street crime, armed robberies, carjacking, sexual assault and rape, credit card fraud, and diseases not common in Canada;
3. Medical facilities available may well be of a lower standard than expected in Canada and may be limited, delayed or not available. I may not be able to obtain appropriate medical care due to lack of medical support, infrastructure and/or adverse impacts arising from COVID-pandemic illness that has stressed the medical system and reduced medical services that may usually be expected or available during non-pandemic circumstances;
4. Exposure to infectious and communicable diseases including the COVID-19 virus;
5. Limited services due to restrictions and closures imposed during an epidemic and/or pandemic including the COVID-19 pandemic;
6. Physical injury due to strenuous activities and encounters with animals or wildlife;
7. Additional costs and expenses may be incurred but not limited to transportation delay or closure, border closures, local country requirements, and quarantine restrictions;
8. The location of this trip may have hazards resulting from military and/or terrorist activity, previous or present, such as unexploded land mines and munitions;
9. There are many aspects of travel that are outside of the direct control of the University. It is always possible that the trip might not be completed or individual activities may be curtailed or cancelled and travellers may be recalled by the University, due to weather, illness including communicable and infectious diseases, epidemics, pandemics, change in government travel advisories, vaccination requirements, environmental conditions including flood, mud or land slide, volcano activity, earthquake, tsunami, political disturbances including war and/or political unrest, kidnapping, terrorism, motor vehicle accidents, transportation problems and/or accidents, tribal violence, failure to perform on part of the travel agents, airlines or tour companies, problems relating to customs, immigration or visa requirements, or other reasons beyond the control of the University;
10. Exposure to materials that may cause an allergic and/or medical reaction;
11. Sickness, disease or injury arising from plant, animal, insect, snake, mosquito bites; Injury or illness arising from my participation in activities or functions that are not directly related to the trip activities, including, without limitation, any and all recreational and/or adventure activities that may include but are not limited to tours, walks, hiking, shopping, sports activities, swimming, dancing, alcohol or drug ingestion, water activities, climbing, and any injury or loss arising therefrom.

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## **MEDICAL/HEALTH & TRAVEL INSURANCE**

1. **I AM SOLELY RESPONSIBLE** to select and purchase adequate health and travel insurance including out of province medical coverage. In the event of a medical/health problem, the University of Alberta accepts no responsibility for any costs associated with a medical/health problem nor will it pay for any medical/health expenses, which may be incurred by me. I will opt-in to the Blue Cross **Student Care** travel medical insurance plans offered through the University of Alberta Students Union & Grad Students Association for [Undergraduate](#) and [Graduate](#) students or the University of Alberta Travel Medical plan. Other pre-existing medical plans must include all required coverage listed below. If I am an international student studying in my home country, I will be required to purchase adequate local insurance that covers for all listed services below (with the exception of air evacuation, repatriation and trip cancellation).

Required medical coverage includes the following:

- Hospital Services
  - Physician's Fees
  - Prescription Medication
  - Medical Equipment & Supplies
  - Emergency Transport and Air Evacuation
  - Accidental & Emergency Dental Care
  - Accidental Death & Dismemberment
  - Repatriation or Burial of Deceased
  - Coverage for COVID-19 and related illnesses – no travel advisory exclusions
  - Trip Cancellation/Interruption
  - Provides coverage from the day I leave Edmonton to at least two days after I return to Edmonton
  - Provides extended coverage in case I am forced or I choose to extend my stay outside of Canada
  - Provides coverage if I am to travel to third party countries from my host country
  - Provides coverage while in transit to third party countries when traveling from your host country
  - Provides coverage in your host country
2. **I AM SOLELY RESPONSIBLE** to review, select and purchase adequate travel insurance. The travel insurance should include coverage for theft, personal accident, personal liability, repatriation and cancellation of tickets. The University of Alberta accepts no responsibility for any costs associated with these types of problems nor will it pay for any expenses that may be incurred by me relating to these areas. Due to travel restrictions and limited flight options, I will be responsible for the cost of any flight changes or cancellations including if the University recalls travelers due to changing conditions.

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3. **I AM SOLELY RESPONSIBLE** to consult with a physician in regards to any physical or mental health conditions (eg. allergies, food intolerances, medical conditions that may deteriorate while abroad, immunodeficiency, disabilities that will require accommodation) that may result in harm to myself, others or to the operation of the program itself. By initialing, I acknowledge that I have consulted with my physician and have been medically cleared to participate in the program and have also voluntarily made the Education Abroad Program aware of any medical conditions that may require assistance while abroad. It is my responsibility to discuss and review travel medical insurance coverage with the provider for all known pre-existing conditions that could void coverage should I become ill in the course of my travel.

I freely accept and assume all responsibility to provide myself with medical/health and travel insurance coverage.

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### **RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION**

In consideration for the University allowing me to participate in this trip, I agree:

1. that the Governors of the University of Alberta, their officers, employees, and volunteers (hereinafter referred to as the "University") are not responsible for any loss, damage, injury or expense of any kinds sustained by me while participating in this trip and all related activities, including those set out above under "Assumption of Risk and Responsibility", except to the extent that such loss, damage, injury or expense might result from the direct negligence of the University;
2. to **WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS** that I have or may in the future have against the University arising out of any aspect of my participation in this trip and to **RELEASE** the University from any and all liability resulting from any loss, damage, sickness or illness including infectious and/or communicable diseases including COVID-19, injury (including death) or expense that I may suffer as a result of my participation in this trip or as a result of any event set out above under "Assumption of Risk and Responsibility", due to any cause whatsoever, including without limitation, negligence, breach of contract, or breach of any statutory or other duty of care, as well as any duty of care owned under the Occupiers' Liability Act (Alberta) on the part of the University;
3. to **INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS** the University in relation to:
  - a. any damage to University property caused by me;
  - b. any and all liability for any damages to the personal property of, or personal injury to, any third party resulting from my participation in this trip; and
  - c. any and all claims, demands, actions and costs which might arise out of my participating in this trip, except to the extent that such claims, demands, actions and costs may have been caused by the negligence of the University.

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### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS AGREEMENT** before signing it, that I have executed this Agreement voluntarily, and that this Agreement is to be binding upon myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and representatives.

Further, I acknowledge and agree:

1. As a student of the University of Alberta, I am bound by *Code of Student Behavior* and I agree to conduct myself accordingly at all times while on the trip.
2. I will follow all rules, guidelines, and health and safety regulations provided by the course leaders, instructors, organizers, local officials, or any other governing body with jurisdictional authority, whether verbal or written. I will not violate any law or ordinance, including but not limited to, laws prohibiting the use, possession, growth, manufacture, packaging, or distribution of illegal drugs. Failure to comply could result in my being removed from the trip and sent home, in which case the University accepts no responsibility for any costs incurred.
3. It is my sole responsibility to obtain a valid passport or other satisfactory proof of residency as accepted for entrance into and exit from above noted location.
4. I understand that it is my responsibility to learn as much as possible about the risks of the trip and to weigh those risks against the advantages, and to decide whether or not to participate and/or depart earlier than the scheduled departure time.
5. If I am an international student, I assume all responsibility for the risks associated with staying or returning to my home country to participate in a University-approved program. These risks may include exposure to infectious and or communicable diseases including COVID-19, difficulty obtaining services, and inability to return to Canada if travel restrictions are imposed. I am subject to all local laws and rules, and bear all financial costs and responsibility for participating in this program.
6. I have read and understood the most current travel report for this trip that has been issued from Global Affairs Canada, and will stay aware of any changes before or during the trip.
7. I am aware that I may have difficulty returning to Canada or may have to remain abroad for an indeterminate period due to limited transport options and travel restrictions, and accept all financial costs associated with remaining abroad until I secure adequate transportation back to Canada.
8. I may have difficulty obtaining essential products and services and may face strict movement restrictions and/or quarantine due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I will ensure I have enough money, medication, food and water in case I need to extend my stay or am unable to leave my accommodations due to movement restrictions.
9. I will at all times comply with all personal protection equipment requirements required by local law, vendor and placement requirements including wearing masks, gloves, lab coats, appropriate foot wear as required to prevent harm to myself or others.
10. I should maintain a high level of personal security awareness, monitor local news reports closely, and avoid large crowds or gatherings. I should also be particularly cautious when leaving banks and automated teller machines.
11. The University is limited in its capabilities to assist in many types of incidents, and will not be financially responsible and may not provide resources to assist.
12. In the event that medical attention is required, I will contact my insurance company before receiving treatment to avoid denial of claims, where I am able to do so. I will promptly reimburse the University for all financial costs incurred on my behalf in the event of any emergency medical treatment that I may require while engaging in this trip, including but not limited to surface and/or air ambulance fees, medical fees, hospital and/or surgery fees.
13. If the University recalls me from the program for any reason and I decide not to return to Canada as requested, I acknowledge that my activities and travel plans abroad from that date forward will be considered to be on personal time and not part of a program endorsed by the University.

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In that case I will no longer be under the University's duty of care, I will assume all further costs incurred, and I will no longer be eligible for the University's liability coverage.

14. If I do not return to Canada immediately after the end of my program, I will no longer be under the University's duty of care, I will assume all further costs incurred, and I will no longer be eligible for the University's liability coverage.
15. I will register with the University's [UGO Off-Campus Travel Registry](#) and the [Registration of Canadians Abroad](#) (if applicable) before the trip begins.
16. It is my responsibility to follow all travel requirements, including rules for quarantine or self-isolation, for my destination country, transit between Canada and my destination country (including transit through other countries) and when I return to Canada.
17. I will be responsible for all costs associated with program participation abroad including University recall.
18. **FREE TIME:** I will assume full responsibility for any and all activity that I participate in at times when I am not involved in my work conducted as a student. Due to the nature of the location of the trip, I will use the buddy system whenever possible and where not possible, I will advise another individual of my plans or activities and the locations of these activities. I also recognize that whether I am conducting course work or on free time and my conduct will reflect this representation at all times.

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SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
WITNESS SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED NAME OF PARTICIPANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED NAME OF WITNESS

SIGNED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Protection of Privacy - The personal information requested on this form is collected under the authority of Section 33(c) of the Alberta *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and will be protected under Part 2 of that Act. It will be used for the purpose of administering the activity and/or to communicate with the emergency contact in case the participant is seriously injured or ill. Direct any questions about this collection to: Markus Vuorensola, Risk Management Coordinator, Education Abroad Program, 142 Telus Centre (87 Avenue and 111 Street), 780-492-6549, [markusv@ualberta.ca](mailto:markusv@ualberta.ca)



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# Risk Management Agreement