RE: Registering with Safety Abroad Office When Traveling on University Business

Dear Students,

This is a reminder that if you are traveling on a UofT activity (gaining credit/research, funding or sanctioning) it is compulsory to register with the Safety Abroad Office. We ask that all students try to register one month before their departure date to ensure that they have completed the following requisite steps:

- **Safety Abroad Workshop** (valid for 1.5 years)
- **Waivers** *a new waiver must be filled in for each overseas activity*
- **Safety Abroad Database** *each trip must be registered, fill in this form to do so*
- Obtain travel health insurance

If you have any questions about the Safety Abroad registration process, please do not hesitate to contact us at safety.abroad@utoronto.ca.

Best,

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Consent Form and Release from Liability for ____________________________
(Name of Department and grad /undergrad)

Student Name: ___________________________ Student #: ___________________________

Dates of U of T sponsored travel (departure AND return)*: ___________________________

Institution affiliated with abroad OR destination: ________________________________

All students participating in ________________ (Type of activity, internship, conference, research) through ________________ (Name of Department) and the University of Toronto, as described in the various program materials and orientation meetings, are doing so on a VOLUNTARY basis. These exchanges are in OTHER COUNTRIES and may involve SIGNIFICANT RISKS such as travel to and from and living in a foreign country under different conditions of public or private health, sanitation, communication, infrastructure, politics and environment.

I understand that my participation in ________________ (Type of activity) requires a minimum LEVEL OF FITNESS AND HEALTH (physical, mental and emotional) and I hereby WARRANT BEING PHYSICALLY FIT AND ABLE TO PARTICIPATE and understand that I am ASSUMING THOSE RISKS AND RESULTS which are part of these activities including the laws, customs, living conditions and health standards existing in the country(ies) where I will travel and study. I acknowledge that I have been strongly encouraged to consult with my medical care providers and a Travel Medical Clinic before leaving Canada.

I understand there is NO INSURANCE COVERAGE provided by the (Name of Department) or the University of Toronto. It is my responsibility to arrange any such coverage as required, for loss or damage to any personal property. I confirm that I have arranged MEDICAL INSURANCE for the duration of my travel abroad, and that I have provided proof of such insurance to the University. I am aware that health insurance may not cover all aspects of travel, including but not limited to high risk activities, injury caused by civil war and natural disasters, long-term disability and health care. In providing proof of insurance to the University, I recognize that the University does not make any claims regarding the adequacy of the medical insurance coverage and that all decisions regarding the appropriateness of my medical insurance are solely at my discretion.

I, the UNDERSIGNED, hereby acknowledge that certain RISKS OF PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY LOSS are inherent to my participation in research abroad. Risks may be minor or serious and may result from my own actions or the actions or inactions of others, or a combination of both, or may be beyond control (such as the risk of illness, disease, war or violence)

*including any amendments to dates of travel agreed upon by both parties.

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IN VIEW OF MY VOLUNTARY ASSUMPTION OF ALL RISKS, I agree for myself, and my family, heirs and executors that THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, and its officers, employees, agents and assigns shall not be liable for any injury to my person, illness, loss or damage to my personal property, or any consequential damages arising in any way resulting from my participation in research abroad.

Without limiting the generality of the above, this RELEASE FROM LIABILITY includes any ILLNESS, ACCIDENT, SICKNESS, CANCELLATION, DELAY, ALTERATION, OR INCONVENIENCE suffered or incurred by me or any person in consequence of or in any way related to research abroad and my studies abroad or while being transported from or to Canada, including any claims resulting from the operation of a motor vehicle, or motorcycle/mobylette in any other country.

Notice of Collection – Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy
The University of Toronto respects your privacy. The information on this waiver is collected pursuant to section 2(14) of the University of Toronto Act, 1971. It is collected for the purpose of administering safety support services while travelling abroad and informing the participant of their responsibilities to the University of Toronto while abroad. At all times it will be protected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. If you have questions, please refer to www.utoronto.ca/privacy or contact the University’s Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Office at 416-946-5835, Room 201, McMurrich Bldg., 12 Queen’s Park Crescent, Toronto, ON, M53 1A1.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE ABOVE CONSENT AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY IN ITS ENTIRETY AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THESE TERMS AND HEREBY CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE ACKNOWLEDGING ALL OF THE FOREGOING.

______________________________  ______________________________
Signature of Student            Signature of Witness
(Mandatory, not employed by U of T)

______________________________  ______________________________
Date                              Date

______________________________ / __________________
Signature of Safety Abroad Office/Date

Return to the Safety Abroad Office at: safety.abroad@utoronto.ca or
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Terms for Participation in _____________ (Type of activity) ABROAD

Before participating in _____________ (Type of activity), the undersigned (hereafter referred to as STUDENT), must agree to the following terms and conditions:

Registration/Academic Regulations

- While participating in _____________ (Type of activity) administered by the School of Graduate Studies, STUDENT will be subject to University of Toronto academic and non-academic regulations and policies, such as the Code of Student Conduct and the Harassment Policy.
- _____________ (Name of Department) and School of Graduate Studies reserves the right to suspend the program, including activities already in progress, due to health and safety concerns and changes in the Canadian Foreign Affairs’ Country Advisory.

Program Regulations

STUDENT understands that he/she is responsible for:

- familiarizing oneself with and acknowledging the risk of the particular out-of-country activity, taking appropriate precautions as needed;
- making a self-assessment regarding appropriateness of participation;
- providing written acknowledgement and consent to the risks and terms of participation, as detailed by the Consent form;
- attending preparatory briefings and completing all designated training sessions;
- updating the Safety Abroad Database with personal information as required
- obtaining appropriate immunization and medical advice, sufficient health insurance and appropriate travel documents;
- acting safely and in a responsible manner and exercising good judgment at all times to prevent harm to self and to others;
- following the travel safety advice as outlined by the Foreign Affairs Advisory and the Safety Abroad Office;
- AVOIDING all regions where Foreign Affairs has issued a warning against non-essential travel and all travel;
- reporting any newly identified hazards to the onsite supervisor or Safety Abroad Office;
- in the event of an emergency (personal or regional) or crisis, follow the instructions of the on-site supervisor and Safety Abroad Office;

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- reporting all incidents in a timely manner to the on-site supervisor or Safety Abroad Office.

Additional expectations of STUDENT:
- availability to make a contribution to the program/community in which they are registered;
- ability to live and study in collaborative, cooperative community setting;
- ability to adapt to changing environments and to tolerate the physical, emotional and mental demands of the program;
- not place an excessive burden upon the host community, fellow students, or program staff or faculty.

Costs

- It is STUDENT’s responsibility to cover any additional expenses;
- It is mandatory that STUDENT obtain medical insurance for the duration of the travels abroad;

I have read and understood the above conditions related to participation in the (Type of activity) in their entirety, and agree to be bound by these terms and hereby consent to participate acknowledging all of the foregoing. Failure to comply may result in my termination from the program.

__________________________________________________________
Signature of Student

__________________________________________________________
Signature of Witness
(Mandatory, not employed by U of T)

__________________________________________________________
Date

__________________________________________________________
Date

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This form is **only for students going on University sponsored travel**. Completing this form **does not translate to approval of your overseas activity,** but rather is a request to be registered with the Safety Abroad Office upon the approval of your activity sponsor. We ask that students **going abroad on program travel (ex. Exchange, internship, field trips) do not complete this form,** but wait to be contacted by their activity sponsor for registration with the Safety Abroad Office.

**Student Full Name:**

**Student Number:**

**Student Email:**

**Destination Country/Countries:**

**Destination City/Cities:**

**Institution Affiliated with Abroad (if applicable):**

Please click the calendar icon to select your departure date (yyyy/mm/dd):

Please click the calendar icon to select your return date (yyyy/mm/dd):

**Full Department Name at U of T:**

**Undergrad/Grad:**

Are you receiving any funding or awards for your travel?

**No**

If yes, please enter the name of the award:

Have you completed a Safety Abroad Workshop in the last 1.5 years? If yes, what was the date of the session?

**CAPTCHA:**

Enter security code: p79676

Please submit your request form to be registered on the Safety Abroad Database.

**Safety Abroad Workshops are mandatory. If you have not completed a Safety Abroad Workshop in the last 1.5 years, then you will need to register for a Safety Abroad Workshop.**
Workshops

Safety Abroad Workshops

If you have previously attended a session in the last 1.5 years you will not need to complete another one, unless you went to a USA-specific session and are now going to a non-USA destination. To get confirmation of your previous attendance for your records please contact us.

Select what applies to you:

- I have previously attended a session
- I am an undergraduate student
- I am a graduate student
- I am going to the USA (for Grad and Undergrad students)
- I am looking for LGBTQ or Woman's Only workshops
- I am looking for transfer credit workshops

Workshops include information on:

- University policies, procedures and support
- Logistics of traveling abroad
- Theft
- Personal safety
- Intercultural communication
- Gender Issues/Sexual Harassment
- Support offered by Safety Abroad Office

Are these mandatory?
Yes, students looking to participate in a University sponsored program overseas are required to participate in a safety abroad workshop.

http://www.cie.utoronto.ca/Safety/Student-Workshops.htm 6/30/2015

Please note that you must read the Foreign Affairs Travel Report for the country of your study abroad destination before the pre-departure session.
Thank you for visiting the Safety Abroad Database. In addition to the database, students are encouraged to visit the Safety Abroad Website and attend a pre-departure session.

Click here to go back to the Safety Abroad Database Welcome Page.

Please send comments or enquiries to: safety.abroad@utoronto.ca.
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