



Assumption of Risk and Release Form
Missouri University of Science and Technology

Student Name: _____ Student ID # _____

Date of Birth: _____ Faculty Led Program: _____

INTRODUCTION

International travel provides unique opportunities for academic achievement and personal growth. International travel also entails special risks. This release agreement specifies certain areas of risk that you should know about before you decide to participate in international travel on behalf of Missouri University of Science and Technology.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK, LIMITS OF UNIVERSITY RESPONSIBILITY, AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS

RISKS OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL: I understand that traveling internationally on behalf of Missouri University of Science and Technology ("University" and "Missouri S&T") may involve risks not found at Missouri S&T. These risks include, but are not limited to those risks involved in traveling to and within, and returning from, one or more foreign countries; foreign political legal, social, and economic conditions; different standards of design, safety and maintenance of buildings, public places and conveyances; local medical and weather conditions. I have made my own investigation and am willing to accept these risks.

LIMITS OF UNIVERSITY RESPONSIBILITY: I understand that the University cannot: Guarantee the safety of international travelers or eliminate risk Monitor or control all the daily personal decisions, choices, and activities of individual travelers. Prevent travelers from engaging in illegal, dangerous or unwise activities. Assure that U.S. standards of due process apply or provide or pay for legal representation for travelers. Assume responsibility for the actions of persons not employed or otherwise engaged by the University, for events that are beyond the control of the University and its subcontractors, or for situations which arise from the failure of a traveler to disclose pertinent information. Assure that home-country values will apply during international travel when these differ from those of the host country. Be responsible for an injury or loss suffered when traveling independently or otherwise separated or absent from any University-supervised activities.

INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS: I understand that the University does not represent or act as an agent for, and cannot control the acts or omissions of, any other institution, transportation carrier, hotel, tour organizer or other provider of goods or services involved in the international travel.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS: Knowing the risks described above, and in consideration of being permitted to travel internationally on behalf of Missouri S&T, I agree, on behalf of my family, heirs, and personal representative(s), to assume all the risks and responsibilities surrounding my participation in this international travel. I hereby agree to release, hold harmless and indemnify The Curators of the University of Missouri, a public corporation, its officers, employees, volunteers, and agents, and the individual members of the Board of Curators, from and against any present or future claims, loss or liability for injury to person or property which I may suffer, or for which I may be liable to any other person, during my participation in the international travel.

I have carefully read this information before stating my agreement. No representations, statements, or inducements, oral or written, apart from the foregoing written statement, have been made. This agreement shall define my responsibilities relating to the international travel or which I have agreed to participate in on behalf of Missouri University of Science and Technology, and shall be governed by the laws of the state of Missouri, which shall be the forum for any lawsuits filed under or incident to this agreement.

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

a. I have consulted with a medical doctor or Christian Science practitioner and academic advisor, study abroad advisor, and/or faculty/staff lead person with regard to my personal medical needs. There are no health-related reasons or problems that preclude my international travel.

b. I understand that the University requires me to purchase Accident and Medical Insurance during my international travel. I recognize that the University is not obliged to attend to any of my medical or medication needs, and I assume all risk and responsibility therefore. If I require medical treatment or hospital care, in a foreign country during my international travel on behalf of the University the University is not responsible for the cost or quality of such treatment or care.

c. I agree to promptly express any health or safety concerns to the Missouri S&T faculty or staff member traveling with me, or in their absence to contact staff in Missouri S&T's Office of International and Cultural Affairs.

d. The University may (but is not obligated to) take any actions it considers to be warranted under the circumstance regarding my health and safety. I agree to pay all expenses relating thereto and release the University from any liability for any actions.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT:

a. I understand that each foreign country has its own laws and standards of acceptable conduct, including dress, manners, morals, politics, drug and alcohol use and other behavior. I recognize that behavior which violates those laws or standards could harm the University’s relations with those countries and the institutions therein, as well as my own health and safety. I will become informed of, and will abide by, all such laws and regulations for each country to or through which I will travel.

b. I also will comply with the University’s rules, standards and instructions for student behavior.

c. I agree that the University has the right to enforce the standards of conducts described above, in its sole judgment, and that it will impose sanctions, up to and including termination from the trip for violating these standards or for any behavior detrimental to or incompatible with the interest, harmony, and welfare of the University, the Program, or other participants. I recognize that due to the circumstances of foreign travel and/or study programs, procedures for notice, hearing and appeal applicable to student disciplinary proceedings at the University do not apply. If I am terminated from the trip, I consent to being sent home at my own expense with no refund of fees or program costs.

d. I will attend to any legal problems I encounter with any foreign nationals or government of the host country. The University is not responsible for providing any assistance under such circumstances.

CHANGES TO TRAVEL ITINERARY/ PLANS:

The University has the right to make cancellations, substitutions or changes in case of emergency or in the interest of the Program. I understand that the University’s fees and program charges are based on current airfares, lodging rates and travel costs, which are subject to change. If I leave or am terminated from the Program for any reason, there will be no refund of fees already paid. I accept all responsibility for loss or additional expenses due to delays or other changes in the means of transportation, other services, or sickness, weather, strikes, or other unforeseen causes. If I become detached from the Program group, fail to meet a departure bus, airplane, or train, or become sick or injured, I will at my own expense seek out, contact, and reach the Program group at its next available destination

X _____
Signature of Applicant

Date

I (A) am the parent or legal guardian of the above Applicant, (B) have read the foregoing Release Form (including such parts as may subject me to personal financial responsibility), (C) am and will be legally responsible for the obligations and acts of the Applicant as described in this Release Form, and (D) agree, for myself and for the Applicant, to be bound by its terms.

X _____
Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date