***STUDENT WAIVER APPLICATION***

***For Travel to High-Risk Countries/Regions***

This application is to be completed by the student participating in University of Connecticut approved and/or sponsored program or travel opportunity outside the United States in countries or regions ranked “Level 3 or 4” on the United States Department of State Travel Advisory. By submitting this Waiver Application, the student expressly understands the risks and has ensured that there are safety and security measures in the high-risk country and region for the planned travel. The student applicant thus expressly waives the University’s liability.

Please answer questions 1-10 and then obtain the signatures in Section 1. Upon completion, please forward the waiver application to Global Affairs: Education Abroad at [abroad@uconn.edu](mailto:abroad@uconn.edu) for recommendations and approval.

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If you are seeking to travel to an area identified as Level 3 “Reconsider Travel” or a Level 4 “Do Not Travel,” you must submit this waiver application to Education Abroad at Global Affairs If you are traveling to a country identified as Level 2 “Exercise Increased Caution” with specific travel to a location or area listed as “Reconsider Travel” or Do Not Travel,” you must also submit this waiver application.

**NOTE: If you are traveling to a region subject to a U.S. embargo (Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan, Syria and Crimea Russia/Ukraine) you MUST ALSO obtain approval from UConn’s Export Control office, Office of the Vice President for Research, at** [**exportcontrol@uconn.edu**](mailto:exportcontrol@uconn.edu)**. You must obtain approval from Export Control prior to each trip. Approval by Export Control for travel to an embargoed country is separate from this Waiver Application process with Education Abroad in the Office of Global Affairs. For more information, see** [**https://research.uconn.edu/rcs/export-control/export-guidelines-and-procedures/**](https://research.uconn.edu/rcs/export-control/export-guidelines-and-procedures/)**.**

**SAFETY & SECURITY ASSESSMENT**

1. What is the purpose of the proposed travel? What are the travel dates and geographic location of the proposed travel?

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1. Please summarize (do not copy/paste) the current Travel Advisory for the proposed location.

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1. Describe in detail your level of familiarity with the proposed location.

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1. With the Travel Advisory in mind, please identify the appropriate security rating below, as you see it, based on what the program purports to do and where.

**Insignificant Low Medium High Extreme**

1. With regard to the current U.S. Department of State Travel Advisory and the safety and security assessment of the proposed location, identify what risks you might encounter while traveling to and from and/or while located at the proposed site. What specific steps will you (or the host institution/program) take to mitigate these risks?

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1. Please describe your housing, where it is located and who is arranging it. Please also describe where you will work/study and your transportation between these locations.

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1. What is your emergency plan (or that of the host institution/program) as it relates to the above risks? Please be as specific as possible and address medical emergency plans related to accident or injury.

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1. Why should the university approve this Waiver for travel to a high-risk country or region?

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1. Provide your proposed itinerary of your travel, including your departure/arrival dates, (anticipated if not yet purchased) airline flight numbers and connections, locations, addresses and modes of transportation. If you do not have your itinerary finalized when you complete this waiver application, please submit a complete itinerary to Education Abroad at Global Affairs once it is finalized.

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1. If you will be working with another organization or institution in the host country, please describe the services that the organization or institution will provide.

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**Student Details**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Major: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Degree Level: Undergraduate OR Graduate E‐Mail:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Local Emergency Contact in the High-Risk Country/Region**

Please provide a local contact for UConn to work with in the event of a crisis in the travel destination:

Name & Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Organization/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers (cell/work/home):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature Section 1**

**Student**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature Section 2**

**For all signatures in this section, you are acknowledging the travel and supporting that it is for a valid university purpose.**

**UConn Department Head of Student’s Primary Major (only if the student travel is for academic/curricular purposes)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**UConn Dean of Student’s School or College (only if the student travel is for academic/curricular purposes)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Representative of the Division of Student Affairs (only if your travel is sponsored and organized by a University-recognized student organization, not through any programs administered by Education Abroad)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature Section 3**

***Submit your completed application, along with the above signatures to*** [***abroad@uconn.edu***](mailto:abroad@uconn.edu)***.***

**Recommendation for APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL by the Global Affairs Travel Advisory Committee (Or attached recommendations as documented by e-mail correspondence)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**APPROVED/DISAPPROVED by Vice President for Global Affairs**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**FOR STUDENTS**

**Informed Consent and Release of Liability for Travel Abroad to**

**High-Risk Countries/Regions**

**Guidelines for Students Planning to Participate in a University-Sponsored or University-Related Program in a High-Risk Country or Region**

The faculty and staff of the University of Connecticut (UConn) are dedicated to the provision of international opportunities for all UConn students. The importance of a global education has never been more evident. UConn recognizes the growing relevance of overseas opportunities and supports students in their plans to study, work, volunteer, and/or conduct research abroad.

At the same time, the University is concerned with the safety and well-being of its student body. We recognize that the United States government has designated certain countries to be dangerous locations for American travelers. Terrorism, war, disease and other risks must be taken seriously, both by the University staff and by individual students and their families.

As permitted under University policy, we allow students to participate in programs and, when appropriate, to receive academic credit for study abroad and internship programs in such countries. However, in such situations, the University observes the following policy: The United States Department of State issues a Travel Advisory for each country of the world detailing varying levels of warning for specific locations or regions within a country. If you are seeking to travel to a Level 3 “Reconsider Travel” or a Level 4 “Do Not Travel” area, you must submit this waiver application to Education Abroad at Global Affairs. If you are traveling to a country identified as Level 2 “Exercise Increased Caution” with specific travel to a location or area listed as “Reconsider Travel” or Do Not Travel,” you must also submit this waiver application for approval. Once approved, you must complete the attached informed consent and release of liability BEFORE you travel.

If you are under 18 years of age, your parent or legal guardian also must sign this informed consent. The informed consent asks you to acknowledge that you are aware of the United States Department of State Travel Advisory and of the risks inherent in travel to your destination. You must accept responsibility for your safety while overseas. <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html/>

By submitting this Waiver application and the informed consent and release liability form, the student expressly understands the risks and has ensured that there are safety and security measures in the high-risk country and region for the planned travel. The student applicant participates in such travel in his/her own volition and thus expressly waives the University’s liability.

Student Initial Parent/Legal Guardian Initial

(if student is under 18 years of age)

**Informed Consent and Release of Liability for Travel Abroad to**

**High-Risk Countries/Regions**

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I have been informed that there are risks involved in travel to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I acknowledge that I have read and understood the United States Department of State Travel Advisory, dated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, regarding travel to and within \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I have also read the *Waiver Application for Education and Activities Abroad Programs in High Risk Countries/Regions and s*ubmitted it to the University of Connecticut. Despite the United States Department of State Travel Advisory, I have decided to pursue my plans to travel abroad as a registered UConn student.

I acknowledge that my participation in this program is voluntary. I know that I am not required to travel to and/or study in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to complete any requirements at the University of Connecticut, and I am aware of the other study options available to me.

I am aware that I may be subject to risks including, but not limited to, terrorism, war, disease, injury, death, property damage and/or other unforeseeable dangers. I voluntarily assume all risks and release and hold harmless the State of Connecticut, the University of Connecticut, and its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims, demands, and causes of actions, and from liability of any kind or nature whatsoever, including but not limited to bodily injury, death, and property damage, arising out of or relating to my participation in this education abroad program. I expressly intend that this release binds me, if I am alive, and my estate, family, heirs, administrators, personal representatives or assigns, if I am deceased. I understand that this release includes all transportation to and from the program and all aspects of my time overseas, whether my activities are directly related to the program or not.

Further, I understand that the University’s ability to award academic credit (if the program offers it) or any financial refund may not be guaranteed if I opt to leave the program early due to security concerns once I am at my foreign destination.

I have read and signed this document with full knowledge of its significance. If I am not 18 years of age, the signature of my parent or legal guardian indicates full agreement with and acceptance of the terms of this release.

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Student Signature Date

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Printed Name of Student

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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian Date

(if student is under 18 years of age)

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Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian Relationship to Student

(if student is under 18 years of age)

***Attach a copy of the current United States Department of State Travel Advisory.***