



**Consent Form and Release from Liability for Department of Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy**

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

All students participating in research abroad through Department of Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy 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 research abroad 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 Department of Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy 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).



**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.

**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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Date

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Signature of Safety Abroad Office



### Terms for Participation in International Fieldwork Placement

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of program: \_\_\_\_\_

Before participating in International Fieldwork Placement, the undersigned (hereafter referred to as STUDENT), must agree to the following terms and conditions:

#### Registration/Academic Regulations

- While participating in International Fieldwork Placement administered by the School of Graduate Studies, STUDENT will be subject University of Toronto academic and non-academic regulations and policies, such as the Code of Student Conduct and the Harassment Policy.
- The Department of Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy 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;
- follow 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;
- Abide by local holiday and work schedules, not those of my home city/province/country.
- Make contact with the University of Toronto Fieldwork Coordinator upon arrival at the location of the placement to indicate safe arrival; at mid-term to give a brief update on the placement to that point; and upon return to home to indicate safe return.
- 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;

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**I have read and understood the above conditions related to participation in the exchange 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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Date