

**AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FOR PARTICIPATION IN  
IGL-SPONSORED RESEARCH TRIP**

**TUFTS UNIVERSITY  
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Notice: **This is a three-page document. All pages contain important terms and conditions which affect your legal rights. READ ALL PAGES CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.**

1. I, \_\_\_\_\_ (student's name), am participating in a Tufts University Institute of Global Leadership \_\_\_\_\_ (date) research trip. I understand that the research trip includes traveling, visiting and studying in \_\_\_\_\_ (name of country), which is/is not (circle one) currently subject to a U.S. Department of State Travel Warning. I have read the Travel Warning. I understand that travel to \_\_\_\_\_ (name of country) can involve risk of kidnapping/confinement as a hostage, violent injury or death, loss of, or damage to, personal property, accident, delay and expense resulting from participation in the research trip, including, but not limited to, the use of any vehicle, the occurrence of strikes, war, terrorism, insurrection, crime, political unrest or instability, governmental restrictions or regulations, religious or ethnic harassment or persecution, disease or infection, weather conditions, limited medical care, the acts or omissions of any water carrier, airline, railroad, bus company, taxi service, hotel, restaurant, school, university, or any other firm, agency. I further understand that \_\_\_\_\_ (name of country) has its own laws and standards of acceptable conduct, including dress, manners, morals, politics, drug use and behavior. I recognize that behavior violating those laws or standards could endanger my health and safety.

2. I have weighed the dangers inherent in travel and study in \_\_\_\_\_ (name of country), the risks presented to my own health and well being, and my personal desire to further my educational experiences by traveling and studying in a foreign country. I have concluded that the risks are acceptable and are outweighed by my desire to participate in the research trip.

3. In consideration of Tufts University ("hereinafter "Tufts") permitting me to participate in, and providing partial funding for, the research trip, I hereby waive and release any rights against Tufts, its trustees, agents, employees and representatives to file a claim, demand, lawsuit or cause of action of any kind or nature whatsoever related to or arising out of my participation in the research trip and I further agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Tufts, its trustees, agents, employees and representatives from any obligations or liabilities for which Tufts may become liable as the result of damage, death or injury to the person or property of others while participating in the research trip.

4. During my participation in the research trip, I hereby grant Tufts, its employees and agents full authority to take whatever actions they may consider to be warranted under the circumstances regarding the protection of my health and safety, and I hereby release each of them from any liability, claims, demands, lawsuits or causes of action of any kind or nature

whatsoever, arising or resulting from any such decisions, actions or omissions. The authority granted in the preceding sentence shall include the right to place me, at my own expense, and without further consent, in a hospital, within or outside the United States, for medical services and treatment, or if no hospital is readily accessible, to place me in the hands of a local medical doctor for treatment. If it is deemed necessary or desirable by Tufts, its employees or agents, I authorize them to transport me back to the United States, by commercial airline or otherwise, at my own expense, for medical treatment. I have arranged, through insurance or otherwise, to meet any and all needs for payment of medical costs while I participate in the research trip.

5. In the event that Tufts, its employees or agents shall advance or loan any monies to me or shall incur expenses on my behalf, while I am a participant in the research trip, I hereby agree to repay any such advances, loans or expenses immediately upon my return to the United States.

6. I hereby agree to comply with all rules, standards and instructions relating to student behavior, which are promulgated by Tufts. I will not put myself in dangerous or reckless situations, will not travel alone or unsupervised, and will not get involved in political activities. I agree that Tufts, its employees and agents shall have the right to enforce appropriate standards of conduct, and that Tufts may, at any time, terminate my participation in the research trip in the event of any failure to abide by any such standard of conduct. If my participation in the research trip is so terminated, I agree to return to the United States immediately thereafter, at my own expense, and Tufts shall be under no obligation to refund any portion of the fees and other charges which have already been paid or to afford me any credit against fees and charges which have accrued but have not then been paid.

7. When participating in group tours or other activities arranged by Tufts, I agree to accept the will of the majority whenever a matter of choice is presented to the group. I will also accept in good faith the supervision and instructions of Tufts or their agents in all matters relating to the research trip including the personal conduct of Initiative participants.

8. I understand that, from time to time, Tufts' publicity materials may include statements by and/or photographs of research trip participants and I hereby consent to such use of my comments and photographic likeness.

9. I hereby acknowledge that Tufts reserves the right to make cancellations, substitutions, or changes in the research trip. In addition, I understand that Tufts' fees are based upon costs currently in force and are subject to change. I agree that, if I leave the research trip for any reason after the research trip has begun, there will be no refund of any fees or charges already paid or any credit for fees and charges accrued but not paid.

10. All references to Tufts in this agreement shall include the trustees, officers, directors, staff members, campus directors, chaperons, group leaders, employees, agents and affiliates of Tufts, as the case may be.

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12. The Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Signed on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Participant (please print)

#### CONSENT OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

I certify that I am the parent/legal guardian of the applicant, that I have read the foregoing Release and Agreement for Participation in \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_ (country) research trip, and the U.S. State Department information, including any recent travel warnings regarding \_\_\_\_\_ (name of country), and I hereby join in the agreements of the applicant contained in the foregoing, and agree to be bound by all of the obligations of the applicant thereunder as if I were a party thereto.

Signed on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian