



BRETHREN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP Student Contract

Read these requirements, guidelines, policies, and agreements carefully. By agreeing to them electronically, verbally or on paper, you indicate that you voluntarily agree to follow all policies, rules, instructions (be they written or oral) of Whittier College, the Office of International Programs, or other Whittier College Offices or officers, Global Partners for Development, or other partner organizations. In addition, you voluntarily agree to follow rules, policies, laws, instructions of any third-party providers, as well as those of your destination country. Finally, in some cases, participants are not technically students, but rather volunteers or alum participants. In all cases, whether stated explicitly or not, "student" also means "program participant" and the rules apply to you as well.

HONESTY AND INTEGRITY AGREEMENT

I agree that the statements in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that failure to provide timely accurate information may result in immediate withdrawal from a program and sanction.

WHITTIER COLLEGE AND THIRD-PARTY ACCEPTANCE

I acknowledge and understand that approval by Whittier College to participate in this fellowship/abroad is experience is probationary until the completion of the fellowship and/or trip and that application to a program does not guarantee that I will be accepted by OIP, faculty, Whittier College offices or a program provider (in cases where Whittier is partnering with a third party). Both Whittier College and your program provider, tour operator or similar entities helping to plan and execute the fellowship/abroad experience reserve the right to refuse or rescind the offer of acceptance should I fail to maintain the minimum cumulative GPA required for acceptance to the program, should I not meet the criteria for acceptance into the program, should my behavioral conduct warrant such an action, or should it be deemed unhealthy or unsafe for me to study abroad. In short, I understand that my participation is allowed on probationary basis which shall continue until the completion of the program and all educational, financial, behavioral, health and other requirements are deemed by Whittier College to be satisfactorily met.

CANCELLATION AGREEMENT

Since this is a fellowship, no deposit or funds are due. However, should you wish to withdraw once you have been accepted, you hereby agree to inform ALL parties (e.g., Advisor, OIP, INTEX, GPFD, etc.) of your decision. You also agree to communicate in a timely and professional manner with all parties.

Therefore: I understand that I must communicate my withdrawal from the program in writing. Failure to communicate with the Office of International Programs may result in required payment for my program whether I attend or not.

DISCIPLINARY INFORMATION SHARING AGREEMENT

I understand that approval by faculty leaders and Whittier College (through the Dean of Students Office, OIP, etc.) is required before I can participate in this fellowship/abroad experience. Furthermore, both Whittier College and the faculty leader(s)/partner(s) reserve the right to rescind the offer of acceptance should I fail to maintain the minimum requirements or disciplinary clearance required for acceptance to the program, should my behavioral conduct warrant such an action, or should it be deemed unhealthy or unsafe for me to engage in the fellowship/abroad experience.

I, the undersigned, also hereby voluntarily authorize verbal and written communication between the Whittier College Office of International Programs, Academic Affairs and the Office of Residential Life/Student Conduct and/or the Dean of Students Office or other campus authorities for the purpose of judicial/conduct clearance for the fellowship/abroad experience and formatters of health and well-being.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF STUDENT CONDUCT REQUIREMENTS

Whittier College, through the Office of International Programs, has the authority to establish rules and guidelines necessary for the operation of study abroad/travel programs. Because study abroad participants (including certain fellowships like GPF) are guests in a host country and sometimes in host families, it is essential that all participants understand and respect norms of conduct that may be different from standards at home. In addition, Whittier College students (and/or other program participants) who participate in Whittier sponsored or affiliated Study Abroad Programs will be held responsible for all rules of conduct as outlined in written form in the Whittier College Student Conduct Code in addition to any other policies, laws, verbal or written instructions of the destination country, third-party provider, etc.

Whittier College reserves the right to withdraw any student or participant at any time for reasons including but not limited to inappropriate behavior, danger to self or others, unsatisfactory academic standing, inability or refusal to follow written or oral instructions, academic dishonesty or any violation of the Whittier College Student Conduct Code.

In addition to the Student Conduct Code, students are expected to comply with the following regulations in letter and in spirit in the host country as well as when traveling to other countries:

- Students must maintain a satisfactory standard of academic work in the study abroad program and behave responsibly in their living situation and on group excursions or travel.
- Violent behavior, physical or verbal threats, intimidation, coercion, or similar behaviors will result in automatic withdrawal from the study abroad program. Sexual misconduct disruptive to the program or offensive to the host culture similarly merits dismissal.
- Being deemed a threat to oneself or others will result in withdrawal from the study abroad program and a required return home at one's expense.
- Abuse or signs of abuse of alcohol, prescribed medication, or other legal or illegal drugs or medication will result in withdrawal from the study abroad program and a required return home at one's expense.
- The possession, use, sale, distribution or production of narcotics or other illegal drugs, or acting as an accessory, liaison, or facilitator for any of the above will not be tolerated and could result in automatic withdrawal and immediate expulsion from the Program and/or Whittier College. U.S. law states that possession of any drug is illegal and punishable by fine, imprisonment and/or deportation.
- Misuse of prescription drugs such as but not limited to: off-label uses, not following prescriptions, abuse and over-medication, sharing with others, etc., will be treated similar to other abuse or illegal activities and will result suspension from the program and required return home at student's expense.

- Breaches of the local law of the host country are referred to the requisite local law enforcement authority. This provision is applicable to all countries visited by the Study Abroad Participant.
- Misuse of Whittier college funds or fellowship funds that have specific instructions.
- Whittier College will not defend, pay legal fees, or otherwise intervene legally for a student who encounters legal trouble abroad.
- Students in breach of our rules of conduct or other rules or expectations (explicit or implicit, written or oral) may be expelled and sent home at their own expense.

I understand that as a Whittier College student, I will be regarded as a representative of my university and country. It is my intention to act as a goodwill ambassador and conduct myself in an appropriate manner. I have read these rules and agree to abide by these regulations. I also agree to comply with the Student Conduct Code during my period of residence abroad while enrolled as a Whittier College Study Abroad Student. I understand that violation of these policies will lead to academic probation, suspension or expulsion from the program and possibly disciplinary action by Whittier College and/or the host institution/program. Additionally, I understand that if I fail to comply with said policies, upon my return to Whittier College additional disciplinary action by Whittier might be instituted affecting my status as a student.

PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS

A valid passport is required for international travel. A passport that is damaged or expired IS NOT valid.

By signing or acknowledging this agreement, you agree that:

- it is your responsibility to apply for a passport as soon as possible;
- any fees associated with obtaining a passport are your responsibility.
- if you are a non-U.S. citizen, you will also need a passport and will likely have further specialized visa requirements between your country of citizenship and your destination country, and that OIP cannot advise or help in the process of visa acquisition for you. You are personally and wholly responsible for fees, paperwork, travel, or other necessary visa requirements in this case.
- You may also need a visa. It is your responsibility to acquire a visa for your trip.

Any participant who has not provided valid passport information to the Office of International Programs by the relevant program's indicated due date will not be permitted to participate in the faculty-led program.

Cancellation/Withdrawal and Refund policies will apply.

MEDICAL INFORMATION WAIVER

Medical information and records can only be released upon written permission of the specific student/patient or by court order. By agreeing below, you voluntarily authorize the release of your "Medical Record & History" for the duration of your time abroad and certify that you are the student/patient named in this application. You also acknowledge that you understand there may be sensitive information within these records regarding your health and well-being. These records will only be accessed or communicated when it is deemed in the best interest (safety, physical or mental health, etc.) of the student or the travel group.

AGREEMENT: I hereby voluntarily authorize release of my medical record and history during my travel course and forfeit applicable rights.

CELL PHONE COMMUNICATIONS

In some cases it may be necessary to contact students by cell phone. By agreeing below, you agree to accept any charges if contacted by text, sms, phone call, or other means.

BEHAVIORAL CONTRACT AND ADJUDICATION PROCEDURES WHILE ABROAD

Whittier College programs are designed to promote academic excellence through blending experiential and classroom learning; these programs allow you to be immersed in the host country's culture. They are also designed to provide a safe learning environment, one in which all students will grow and learn. When you choose to deviate from the program's rules (written, verbal instructions, etc.), Whittier may act to dismiss you from the program and/or send you home when that is deemed in your best interest.

Since failure to comply may result in increased risk for you or the group, and since many of the campus judicial and procedural bodies are not available while abroad, decisions about your behavior or alleged behavior may result in immediate expulsion from the program and its premises. The program leader(s) will usually make this decision while consulting with OIP and campus authorities, but in some instances, this may not be necessary or possible, in which case the study abroad leader(s) have the authority to remove a student from a program at any time.

Not all behavior is an "offense" per se. Rather, this behavior contract concerns any behavior that may diminish the experience of the group, or which indicates what is deemed an existing or potential risk for the individual (you) or the group. Your agreement indicates that you voluntarily agree to these conditions.

Below is a list of some of the attitudes, behaviors or actions which may lead to your dismissal from the program and its premises:

- Misuse of prescription medication
- Failure to follow written or verbal instructions
- Failure to comply
- Straying from group
- Drunk and disorderly conduct
- Repeated use or abuse of alcohol
- Danger to self or others
- Sexual harassment
- Assault
- Making threats
- Theft
- Use of abusive language
- Visiting areas, towns, places (such as specific bars and nightclubs) that you have been warned against for safety reasons
- Failure to inform the appropriate staff regarding travel plans
- Failure to attend classes and other program activities
- Failure to obey guidelines related to housing and home stays
- Any violation of any local law
- Violations of student code of conduct
- Academic violations (cheating, etc.)
- Any behavior that suggests instability, immaturity, moral turpitude, disdain for the well-being or safety of self or others.

Again, because of the need to act quickly for the safety of the group and you, dismissal from a program may occur without access to the usual Whittier College decision-making bodies and without an investigative process.

AGREEMENT: I hereby voluntarily agree to the terms of the above and forfeit all applicable rights.

RISKS OF TRAVEL AND STUDY ABROAD

By agreeing/signing below, you acknowledge that you understand and are willing to take the risks of traveling with this group. These risks include but are not limited to:

- air travel, bus travel; public transportation; four-wheel drive vehicles on unmaintained roads
- acts of terror and threats of terror
- walking in city streets or rural hilly locations;
- lack of physical accommodations for those with mobility challenges;
- site visits to various locations;
- sleeping in hotels, homestays, hostels, or other third-party accommodations;
- physical exertion;
- exposure to parasites such as Malaria, tetanus, typhoid, and/or other viruses or other flora or fauna that may pose health risks;
- exposure to different kinds of foods or unlabeled foods that pose the risk of allergic reaction;
- exposure to different laws, customs, mores and social expectations;
- subjection to different laws, customs, mores and social expectations;
- in some cases, in travel to rural areas, limited to no access to healthcare;
- little to no access mental health support or other support services;
- cultural norms and laws which differ from and/or may not acknowledge/understand mental or physical health issues commonly diagnosed in the U.S.
- etc.

You also agree that it is your responsibility to research health and safety matters of concern to you and that you are mentally and physically able to complete this trip and its required activities. Remember: study abroad is a time of incredible opportunity, learning and fun, but travel is often both physically and mentally stressful and may therefore exacerbate underlying conditions you may have.

I hereby acknowledge and agree to the terms, risks and liabilities of travel related to this course.

TRAVEL RELEASE WAIVER

In consideration of being permitted to participate in any way in the Study Abroad Program sponsored in whole or in part by Whittier College or for which I will receive credit through Whittier College or in which I travel as a guest, hereinafter referred to as the "Travel," I, as Participant, for myself, my heirs, personal representative or assigns, do hereby release, waiver, discharge, and covenant not to bring suit or legal or equitable action against Whittier College, its Trustees, officers, employees, and agents, successors and assigns (hereinafter Whittier) from any and all obligations, liabilities, demands, claims, costs and expenses, including attorney's fees arising out of or in any way connected with the aforementioned travel, said release to include but not be limited to events resulting in personal injury, accident, or illness, including death and property loss arising from participation in the Travel, including those claimed to result from the negligence of the aforementioned parties and which arise out of or are in any way connected with, but not limited to any of the following:

Any change in the published itinerary of the Study Abroad Program, including the cancellation, abandonment or alteration of the Study Abroad Program at any time, or inconveniences thereof of any type or nature.

Any and all claims of whatever nature for any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay, irregularity or expense arising from the use of any vehicle or other mode of transportation or services, strikes, war, weather, sickness, quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, or from any act or omission of any steamship, airline, railroad, bus transportation, sightseeing, hotel or any other service or transporting company, firm, individual or agency, or for any other cause whatsoever in connection therewith.

Any intentional or unintentional injury, whether or not resulting in death, to the student or to any other person or persons caused in whole or part by the student or any other student(s), whether alone or together with or in association with others.

Any loss or intentional or unintentional injury or damage to property, whether personal, real or mixed, owned or in the custody or possession of the student or any other person caused in whole or in part by the student, whether alone or together with or in association with others. Any fares or expenses paid or to be paid by the student or on behalf of the student pursuant to the passage ticket contract for the Study Abroad Program.

Any financial or other obligations or liabilities incurred by the student during the Study Abroad Program.

Assumption of Risks: Participation in the Travel carries with it certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid same. I hereby acknowledge my awareness that my participation in this Travel may expose me to the risk of personal bodily injury and/or property damage, including injury that may prove fatal. I acknowledge that the Study Abroad Program may involve travel to or through locations or countries engaged in civil insurrection, rebellion or war. I further understand that the risks that I may encounter include but are not limited to, pedestrian, airplane crashes, car, van, bus, boat, ferry, other transportation-related accidents, and drowning; animal bites, white-water rafting, snorkeling, hiking, and horseback riding accidents; political unrest; international or domestic terrorist incidents including bombings.

Consular Information Sheet: I herein acknowledge that I have read and understand the proposed itinerary for the trip and have reviewed (or agree to review) the Consular Information Sheet produced by the United States Department of State (<http://www.travel.state.gov/>) if any, as may be applicable. I hereby accept that participation is strictly voluntary, and that by signing this document I knowingly assume all such risks.

Rules Associated with the Travel: I agree to follow any and all rules, regulations, or other protocol, policy or procedure promulgated for this Travel whether developed by Whittier College or other entity or individual associated with the Travel. I will comply with the Whittier College conduct regulations for students throughout the duration of my participation in the Travel, as well as the standards of conduct of any host institution. I agree that Whittier College or a Program Director shall have the right to enforce appropriate standards of behavior and that I may be dismissed from the Travel at any time for failure to comply with such standards.

American Citizen in Foreign Country (as applicable): I understand that as an American citizen in a foreign country, I will be subject to the laws of that country. I agree to comply with those laws, as well as with the regulations of any host institution, including refraining from using, possessing or selling any illegal drugs. I understand that possession of any illegal drugs is grounds for immediate expulsion from the program, without refund. In addition, I understand that should I have any legal problems in any host country that I will be responsible for any legal costs incurred as a result. Whittier College cannot and will not provide legal counsel in such circumstance.

Political Activities: I understand that engaging in political activity in any host country, including but not limited to joining political parties or unions, participating in demonstrations, soliciting political material or picketing may be dangerous or illegal. If I have legal problems because of such activities, I understand that Whittier College cannot and will not provide legal counsel.

Motor Vehicles: The College strongly recommends against owning or operating motor vehicles (including motorcycles, mopeds, and all other motorized vehicles, as well as cars) while participating in travel or study abroad, due to the inherent dangers of driving in a country with different traffic laws, driving habits, and regulations relating to insurance. If, however, I decide to operate a motor vehicle while abroad, I recognize that Whittier College or its agents or employees assume no responsibility for my safety or for costs or difficulties that I may incur, and that I participate in these activities at my own risk.

Recreational Activities: I understand that if I engage in recreational activities, sports, tours, travel, or any other activities during free time and outside of organized Whittier College Study Abroad program activities that Whittier College or its agents or employees assume no responsibility for my safety or any liability for costs or difficulties that I may incur, and that I participate in these activities at my own risk.

Separation from Group: I agree that in the event that I become separated from the group due to failure to meet the group at an assigned time, I will bear all responsibility to seek out, contact, and reach the group at its next available destination, and I understand that I will bear all the costs involved in contacting and reaching the group.

Health Risks: I understand and acknowledge that there are inherent health risks associated with traveling abroad. I understand that medical and hospital treatment in the countries I will visit during the Study Abroad Program may not be equivalent to the standards of such treatment in the United States. I agree that I am personally responsible for obtaining all health information, instruction, medical procedures, immunizations, and medications appropriate to my intended travel. I recognize that the College is not responsible for any of my medical or medication needs, and I assume all risk and responsibility therefore.

Representations Concerning Health: With full knowledge of the risks, I represent myself to be in good health and do not have any condition which will interfere with my ability to participate in the Travel or endanger my health or safety or the health or safety of other participants. I have valid and current insurance to cover any injury or damage I may cause or suffer while participating in the Travel or I otherwise agree to personally bear the costs of such injury or damage.

Medical Authorization: I, the undersigned, without establishing obligation, hereby give my permission and full authority to Whittier College and any of its officers, employees, or agents to take whatever action they deem warranted under the circumstances and to act as my agent regarding my health and safety. This includes permission to render or have rendered medical treatment, including the giving of antibiotics or other medication, and to consent to any examinations, x-rays, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment and hospital care if and when deemed necessary at the treating physician's reasonable discretion whether such treatment is rendered at the offices of such physicians or at a hospital. This authority will permit Whittier College, its officers, employees, or agents at their discretion to place me at my own expense, in the hospital at any point for medical services and treatment or, if no hospital is available or if the attending physician deems appropriate, to place me in the hands of a local physician for treatment. I acknowledge that this authorization is not given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment or hospital care. However, it is given to provide authority and power on the part of the aforesaid agents to give specific consent to any and all such diagnosis, treatment or hospital care which the aforementioned physician in the exercise of his/her best judgment may deem advisable with respect to my personal health and safety. If I become ill or incapacitated, Whittier College or its aforementioned agents may take such actions as they consider necessary under the circumstances, including securing medical treatment and transporting me home at my own expense using commercial or private air transportation as may be indicated. I agree that I will be fully responsible for any and all expenses, including transportation costs,

associated with or in any way related to my medical care; I agree to reimburse Whittier College for any such expenses incurred by me and paid by Whittier College, and I further agree to hold harmless and indemnify Whittier for any and all actions taken to provide necessary emergency medical care that occurs during the Travel. The undersigned releases Whittier College and its aforesaid agents from all liability related to such decisions or actions as may be taken in connection therewith. If I designate a person below to contact in the event of a medical emergency, I hereby authorize Whittier College to make such contact as deemed necessary.

Transcripts: If applicable, I give permission to Whittier College to request official transcripts on my behalf and to send transcripts to any destination which is the subject of this Agreement or others that I may request. I understand that I will have to pay a transaction fee for each transcript request.

Cancellations and Changes: I understand that the College reserves the right to make cancellations, changes or substitutions or abandonment in the Travel itinerary, hotels, means of transportation and for other reasons at any time because of emergency, changed conditions or the Program Director's determination that such changes or substitutions are in the best interest of the Program or its participants. I understand that the College is not responsible for the cost of replacing airline or other tickets if the carrier goes into bankruptcy or is otherwise unable to perform.

Removal from Program: I understand that if my participation in the Program is terminated by Whittier College or the Program Director, I will be sent home with no refund of fees. If I am sent home before completion of the Program, I agree that I will be responsible for any and all costs and expenses associated with my return home. I also understand that if I leave the Program voluntarily for any reason, including illness, I will be responsible for any and all costs and expenses associated with my return home and that there will be no refund of any fees.

Indemnification and Hold Harmless: I agree to INDEMNIFY and HOLD Whittier College and its Trustees, officers, employees and agents HARMLESS from any and all claims, actions, suits, procedures, costs, expenses, damages, and liabilities, including attorney's fees brought as a result in my involvement in the Travel, including transportation, and to reimburse them for any such expenses incurred.

Severability: The undersigned further expressly agrees that the foregoing waiver and assumption of risks agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the law of the State of California and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

Acknowledgement of Understanding: I have read all of the above including this waiver of liability, assumption of risk, and indemnity agreement, fully understand its terms, and understand that I am giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue. I acknowledge that I am signing the agreement freely and voluntarily and intend by my signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability as relates to the Travel to the greatest extent allowed by law.

Emergency Contact Information

Name:		Relationship:	
Phone:		Email:	

Fellow Signature: _____

Date: _____