



Josef Korbel School of
International Studies

RISKS, RESPONSIBILITIES AGREEMENT AND RELEASE

*****SIGNATURE REQUIRED ON BOTTOM OF THE FORM**

I have been invited to present at a conference as a Josef Korbel School of International Studies student and am applying to receive conference funding from the Josef Korbel School of International Studies administered by Colorado Seminary, which owns and operates the University of Denver, or any other conference funding sponsor. I understand and acknowledge that my participation in the conference is wholly voluntary. Colorado Seminary (hereafter referred to as "DU") has agreed to approve my request for conference funding and I, in turn, have agreed to the terms of this agreement.

1) Risks of Traveling Abroad

a) I understand and acknowledge that living in and traveling to and within, and returning from a country outside the United States involves inherent risks, dangers, and hazards not generally found at DU or otherwise in the United States, including, but not limited to: (1) air travel and all other types of transportation, including independent travel decisions to and from social, cultural and programmatic events, which could result in damage to property, injury to persons, or death; (2) political, legal, social, and economic conditions that are different than those applicable in the United States and that can change in an unpredictable manner; (3) differing standards of design, safety and maintenance of utilities, including computing facilities, buildings, public places and conveyances; (4) varying quality and availability of sanitation, housing, and medical care; and (5) the potential for loss of property, personal injury, or death due to war, terrorism, crime, civil unrest, kidnapping, illness, public health risks diseases, accidents, and/or violence. In addition, I understand and acknowledge that participation in certain dangerous activities may cause me to face an increased risk of injury or death.

b) I understand that the conditions affecting the risks associated with travel can change on a daily basis. I also understand that it is my own responsibility to keep informed of those conditions as they change from day to day. I am aware that applicable current travel advisories and travelers' health information issued by the U.S. Department of State and the Center for Disease Control information materials can be found at the following Internet site addresses, www.state.gov/travel/ and www.cdc.gov/travel/index.htm, and that I should consult and review this information before departure. Further, I have made my own investigation and I am willing to accept the risks, hazards, and dangers inherent in international travel and the activities included in attending the conference.

c) I understand that I may experience treatment different from what I have experienced in the United States due to the customs and standards of the foreign countries and/or distorted stereotyped images that people of other countries may have acquired. I further understand that such treatment might be unexpected, inappropriate or even illegal if it were to occur in the United States.

d) I understand and acknowledge that DU does not represent nor act as an agent for, and cannot control the acts or omissions of, any sponsoring conference institution, company, organization or agency, host family, transportation carrier, hotel, tour organizer, or other provider of goods or services related to the conference.

2) Conduct While Traveling Abroad

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 behavior. I will become informed of, and will abide by, all such standards and laws for each country to or through which I travel during my participation in the conference. I agree to conduct myself in a manner that is consistent with those standards and that will comply with those laws, along with the regulations and policies of the sponsoring conference institution, company, organization or agency, as well as DU policies and procedures, including but not limited to, the DU Code of Student Conduct.

b) I agree that I will attend to any legal problems I encounter with any foreign nationals or the government of the host country or any country to or through which I travel during my participation in the conference. I understand that DU is not responsible for providing any assistance to me under such circumstances. I also agree to reimburse DU for any expenses incurred or caused by me, including but not limited to expenses arising out of vandalism, damage to property, or theft.

c) I understand that DU may immediately and in its sole discretion discontinue my participation in the conference if my conduct is unacceptable. I also agree that if DU takes such action, I will leave the conference immediately; that I will receive no financial refund for any cost of the conference and; that I will be solely responsible for all costs and expenses for my return travel.

3) Health and Safety While Abroad

a) I understand that medical care available in countries outside the United States may not be equivalent to care to which I am accustomed and which is generally available to me. I have assessed my own medical needs and have made my own investigation into the medical care available at the location of the conference and in countries through which I may travel while I am participating in the conference. I represent and warrant that the medical care available is adequate to meet my needs and I am willing to accept any increased risks, hazards, and dangers to me in this regard.

b) I represent and warrant that I am and will be covered throughout the conference by a policy of comprehensive health and accident insurance, which provides insurance for injuries and illnesses I may sustain or experience in my travels, and, more specifically, in the country that I will be living and/or traveling while on the conference. This coverage includes hospitalization, medical evacuation and repatriation. I agree to purchase an International Student Identity Card (ISIC), which will be in effect during the entire length of the internship. ISIC insurance is considered supplemental and should not take the place of other insurance. I understand that should I be found to lack the necessary insurance coverage, any conference funding will automatically be revoked.

c) I understand and acknowledge that DU is not obligated to attend to any of my medical or medication needs, and I assume and accept all such risks and responsibility. Should I request assistance from DU in these matters while participating in the conference, DU may impose reasonable charges for such services.

d) In the event of a medical emergency where I am physically or mentally incapable of consenting to medical attention, I authorize DU to take any action deems reasonably necessary to protect my mental or physical health and safety, including but not limited to, placing me under the care of a doctor or in a hospital or any place for medical examination and/or treatment or returning me to the United States or to my home outside the United States, if such return is deemed necessary after consultation with medical authorities, and in such a situation. Should the need arise; DU is authorized to provide any personal and medical information of me to any health care provider. I agree to pay all expenses I may incur related to medical care, release, and return to my home; and I further discharge DU and its representatives from any liability for any such actions, including the cost and quality of such medical treatment and care.

e) I have reviewed the International SOS program and have taken the necessary steps to familiarize myself with this program and its benefits (international only).

International SOS

The University of Denver has contracted with International SOS to provide 24-hour worldwide emergency medical and evacuation assistance to faculty, staff, and students traveling on University-related activities. We strongly encourage all international travelers to create a Personal Travel Record and Emergency Contact Record via the International SOS webpage: www.internationalsos.com. International SOS is NOT a form of medical insurance coverage, but they will coordinate with care providers abroad and your insurance back in the U.S. to help you find the right providers and make sure you have proper proof of payment. International SOS is like a concierge service that will help you get the information and care you need to stay safe and healthy while abroad.

4) General Provisions

a) As part of the requirement for receiving funding to help reimburse my participation in the conference, I agree to attend an orientation workshop prior to my departure.

b) I have read and understand the policies and procedures for the following program: Josef Korbel School of International Studies' GSA Conference Funding.

c) I understand that, for any time I spend away from the conference or participating in any travel or activity that is not a part of the conference, I am responsible for my own safety, and I assume all risk and responsibility for such activities.

d) I understand that DU may cancel the approval of the conference funding or any aspect thereof prior to departure; and, in DU's sole discretion to cancel the internship or any aspect thereof after departure, requiring that all participants return to the United States or to their home outside the United States, if DU determines or believes that any person is or will be in danger if the internship or any aspect thereof is continued.

5) Release of Liability and Indemnification

a) I understand and acknowledge that DU is neither responsible nor accepts liability for matters that are beyond its control. Accordingly, I understand, agree, and acknowledge that DU is not responsible or liable, in whole or in part, for those matters, outside of its control, including but not limited to war, quarantine, civil unrest, criminal activity, public health risks, terrorism, weather, strikes, acts of God, bankruptcies of service and transportation providers, mechanical defects, and cessation of operations, which results in (1) sickness, disease, injuries (including death), accident; (2) losses, damages, expense, or damage to and lost property; (3) fare changes, dishonors of hotel, airline or vehicle rental reservations; (4) any delays or missed transportation connections; and (5) any other expense arising out of such matters.

b) I agree to indemnify and hold harmless DU, its Board of Trustees, its Josef Korbel School of International Studies Office of Graduate Admissions, its agents, affiliates, officers and employees, from any and all judgments, orders, awards, claims, causes of actions, damages, injuries, losses, costs and expenses, including, but not limited to, court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, brought by or on behalf of me or any third party for damage to or loss of property, personal illness or injury, or death arising out of travel or my participation in the conference, and which are not the result of the negligence or intentional acts of any of the released parties.

I have read and understand the above provisions and agree to be bound thereby. By signing, I certify that I am over the age of 18 years old and if not, I will immediately contact the staff member to which I am submitting this form.

Student Participant Signature

Student Participant Print Name

Date

Please review, sign and return this form to:

**Josef Korbel School of International Studies
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