**Virginia Tech Co-Curricular International Program**

**Liability Agreement**

I am a student at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (also known as “Virginia Tech”) and have agreed to participate in a co-curricular international program from program start date until program end date in enter program location. In consideration for being permitted to participate in the Program, I hereby agree and represent that:

1. I have carefully identified, reviewed and considered the risks of travel to my destination(s), including by reading the most recent and relevant travel warnings through: U.S. Department Travel Warning(s) <http://travel.state.gov> (202) 647-5225, Centers for Disease Control <http://www.cdc.gov/travel/default.aspx> (404) 639-3311, World Health Organization <http://www.who.int/en/>. I am participating in the program voluntarily. I understand that there are risks inherent in service immersion and willingly assume all such risk.
2. I hereby assure Virginia Tech and the Partners that I have had the opportunity to consult with a health care provider with regard to my personal medical needs and do further state that there are no health related reasons or problems which preclude my participation in the program. I have considered carefully and take responsibility for any physical or personal limitations that might impact my participation in the Program.
3. In consideration of participation in the Service Immersion Program, I agree on my behalf and on behalf of all my agents, heirs, and assigns to release Virginia Tech, the Commonwealth of Virginia and all of the respective employees, agents, and students of Virginia Tech and the Commonwealth of Virginia from any and all claims, demands, actions and causes of action of every name and nature from which I have or ever had against Virginia Tech or the Commonwealth or their respective employees, agents, and students resulting from participation in the Program.
4. I understand that Virginia Tech and the Partners reserve the right to remove me from the Program at any time should my actions or general behavior, in the sole discretion of Virginia Tech and the Partners, be determined to impede or obstruct the progress of the program in any way. If I voluntarily resign or are dismissed for any reason, Virginia Tech is relieved of any and all responsibility as of the date of resignation or dismissal.
5. Virginia Tech, its employees, the Partners, and their employees hold themselves free of responsibility for any loss, injury, damage to persons, property or otherwise in connection with any accommodations, transportation, or other services resulting, directly or indirectly, from accidents, acts of government or other authorities, de jure or de facto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations or changes in itinerary or schedules or for any loss and damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports or other documents, and other potentially negligent acts or omissions of third parties, and Virginia Tech, its employees, the Partners, and their employees shall not be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liabilities that I may sustain or incur as a result of any of the foregoing causes.
6. I will make arrangements to have emergency funds or credit cards available on short notice for unforeseen events not covered by the basic cost of the program (e.g., airplane transportation home prior to the conclusion of the program, replacement of lost items, loss of personal funds, hotel costs associated with flight delays, etc.). I understand that Virginia Tech and its Partners cannot assume the responsibility for supplying emergency financing of a personal nature.
7. Virginia Tech, its employees, the Partners, and their employees will not be responsible for any injuries, damages or other occurrences related to independent travel.
8. I understand that there are dangers, hazards and risks in travel abroad and in consideration of being permitted to participate in service immersion, I, the undersigned, agree to assume all the risks and responsibilities surrounding my participation, the transportation, and in any independent research or activities undertaken as an adjunct thereto.
9. I understand and agree that Virginia Tech, its employees, the Partners, and their employees assume no responsibility for any injury or damage that might arise out of or in connection with emergency medical treatment.
10. I understand that while I am a visitor in a foreign country, I will be subject to the laws of that country and that any breaches of the local law of the host community or country are punishable by the appropriate local law enforcement authorities.
11. I agree that this Liability Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia notwithstanding conflicts of law provisions. If any term or provision of this Liability Agreement shall be held illegal, unenforceable, or in conflict with any law governing this Liability Agreement the validity of the remaining portions shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect. Any action or claim shall only be brought in a court of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
12. I enter into this Liability Agreement of my own free will and accord, voluntarily and without duress.
13. Program participants are representing Virginia Tech and the Partners on this service immersion experience and are therefore subject to all university policies, including University Policies for Student Life, the appropriate Honor Code and the Virginia Tech Principles of Community.

I have read and understood, and accept the terms stated above. (NOTE: If the participant is under the age of 18 years, the signature of parent or guardian is also required).

Participant’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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