

**STUDY ABROAD BEHAVIOUR CONTRACT**

In consideration for being permitted to participate in the **Thompson Rivers University Study Abroad Program** I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name), hereby agree to and understand the following statements:

- My submission of the required application forms is evidence of my commitment to participate in the Study Abroad Program.
- I will accept unconditionally the authority of the designated representative of TRU and/or the foreign host university international office designee throughout participation in the program.
- I understand that I am a representative of TRU, and that my actions and behaviours reflect on TRU and its partner relationships. I am prepared to assume this “Ambassadorial” role and understand my role is to represent TRU honourably and respectfully during each step of the process.
- The Study Abroad office at TRU, in consultation with the appropriate TRU Dean, has the authority to terminate, at any time, my Study Abroad Program participation if my continuation would be detrimental to me, to others, to TRU, or to my host university. The termination decision is made at the sole discretion of the above named employees of TRU and their decision is final. Return travel and any other expenses due to such program termination are my responsibility.
- I understand that attendance at a Study Abroad Risk Management seminar is mandatory prior to my departure from Canada. Failure to attend will automatically cancel my application to Study Abroad.
- I will pay the tuition for the term(s) accepted into the Study Abroad Program to TRU prior to my departure from Canada. In the case of an ISEP application, I will additionally pay the

accommodation and meal costs associated with the program to TRU prior to my departure from Canada.

- For bilateral exchanges, I understand that personnel at the host institution may offer guidance and assistance in securing accommodation, according to their own policies and procedures. For ISEP exchanges, accommodation will be arranged and secured by the host institution. Regardless of the type of exchange, student housing is of differing standards, and may not be similar or comparable to Canadian housing.
- For bilateral exchanges, I agree to make certain that all my accommodation costs are paid in full prior to leaving the host institution, and agree to pay for any damages for which I am responsible.
- I will conduct myself in such a way as to reflect favourably upon TRU and Canada, and to undertake seriously my academic assignments. I recognize that I am required to attend all scheduled classes and course activities associated with my studies at the host institution. It is not permitted, nor accepted, that I consider myself “special” and elect to miss academic obligations for any reason.
- I understand that my behaviour must be in accordance with the laws of the country in which I will reside, the rules and regulations of the host institution, and TRU’s policies.
- International travel and the challenges of adjusting to living in a different country can be stressful. Often, these stresses can escalate existing health problems. I pledge that either I have no serious existing or past medical conditions – or that I have sought medical advice regarding any and all serious medical conditions that impact my health, and have received medical approval to travel.
- I authorize release of medical records held by the TRU Health Service or any hospital, clinic, or doctor to the designated representative of TRU should a medical necessity arise. I, the participant, hereby authorize the designated representative of TRU, at her or his discretion, to notify and make full disclosure to my designated emergency contact. I agree to carry at least \$1,000,000 in Out of Canada medical insurance for the duration of my time out of the country.
- I am aware that there may not be the same type of support structure that is available on the TRU campus at my host university. The Study Abroad Program assumes that students who apply consider themselves to be emotionally mature and aware of what is considered proper behaviour, and, therefore do not need specific rules for every situation but will follow their good judgment and abide by TRU policies.

**Acknowledgement by Participant:**

I have read this Study Abroad Behaviour Contract and fully understand each of the statements contained in this document. I sign this agreement voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.

**The participant must sign this document in the presence of the Study Abroad Manager.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Name (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Student Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
TRU Manager International Student Services  
and Study Abroad - Name (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
TRU Manager International Student Services  
and Study Abroad Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**INFORMED CONSENT for  
Assumption of Risks, Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims,  
Indemnity Agreement, and  
Jurisdiction Agreement**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF  
TRU Study Abroad, Field School and Practicum Students  
WHO ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 19**

By signing this document, you are waiving certain legal rights, including the right to sue. Please read this document carefully

**Please print clearly:**

Name of  
Student  
Participant

Student Number

Parent or  
Guardian  
Name and  
Address

Program  
Description  
and Expected  
Destination

TO: **THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY**  
(Hereinafter referred to as "TRU")

AND TO: **HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**  
(Hereinafter referred to as "THE PROVINCE")

## DEFINITIONS:

In this agreement:

- a) The term "**participant**" shall apply to students who participate in a TRU Study Abroad, Field School or Practicum program.
- b) The term "**international travel**" shall refer to all forms of land, air, and water based travel in and outside of Canada and shall include all activities, services and use of facilities either provided by or arranged by TRU or in any way related to the course activities included in the Study Abroad, Field School or Practicum program.
- c) The term "**transportation**" shall refer to all forms of on and off road transportation, including TRU owned vehicles, leased vehicles, ferries, airplanes, helicopters, sailing vessels, motorized vessels, and non-motorized vessels either provided or arranged by TRU or in any way related to the travel and course activities included in the Study Abroad, Field School or Practicum program.

**IN CONSIDERATION FOR BEING PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STUDY ABROAD, FIELD SCHOOL OR PRACTICUM PROGRAM DESCRIBED ABOVE, I ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING ON BEHALF OF THE ABOVE NAMED STUDENT:**

### INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE

The student is qualified for and desires to participate in the above referenced program. I acknowledge that he or she is not required to participate in the program and is choosing to do so of his or her own free will.

### ASSUMPTION OF RISKS

I understand and agree that there are hazards and risks inherent in international travel and the activities included in the above referenced program, including but not limited to: foreign political, social and economic conditions which are different than Canada and which can change in an unpredictable manner; kidnapping; differing standards of design, safety and maintenance of buildings, public spaces and transportation; varying quality of available medical treatment and differing health, safety, legal, cultural and religious beliefs and conditions, all of which could cause serious personal injury or loss of life to the student and/or loss or damage to him or her or their property. I agree to assume all risk for any such personal injury, loss of life, or property loss or damage. Communication and facilities in international locations may be difficult and in the event of an accident, rescue and medical treatment may not be available. Local conditions may be unpredictable and can change rapidly and without warning, making travel or assistance by any means hazardous.

I acknowledge and accept that TRU and their staff may be unable to predict whether the foreign location used is safe for travel. I understand that human error, a failure to forecast or recognize a hazardous situation, and/or the negligence of other travelers or local residents may occur. **I understand that it is not possible for TRU or its EMPLOYEES TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT THE STUDENT FROM RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR LOSS RESULTING THEREFROM.**

### HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

I assure TRU that the student will be covered by appropriate health, hospitalization and accident insurance providing coverage for medical treatment, medical evacuation and repatriation valid for all countries in which they intend to travel. I acknowledge that TRU does not have medical personnel available at the location of the program, cannot provide emergency transportation in the foreign countries being visited, and is not responsible for any medical expense the student may incur while abroad. TRU may take any action it considers to be warranted under emergency circumstances regarding the student's health and safety. I agree to release TRU from any liability in connection with such action.

## **ITINERARY CHANGES**

I agree TRU may, in its sole discretion, make any change in the itinerary or to any part of the program it deems necessary. I understand and acknowledge that TRU is not responsible for any disruption in travel arrangements, or any consequent additional expenses that may be incurred because of such changes.

## **INDEPENDENT TRAVEL**

I agree that TRU is not responsible for any personal injury, loss of life, or property loss or damage the student may suffer while traveling independently before or after the program or during free time.

## **ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF OTHERS**

I understand and agree that TRU does not represent or serve as an agent for and cannot control the acts or omissions of other institutions, transportation carriers, hotels and other suppliers of goods and/or services connected with the program. I agree TRU is not responsible for any personal injury, loss of life to the student or loss or damage to property that may be caused or contributed to by the act or omission of another institution or any of the suppliers of goods and/or services in connection with the program.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

The student will agree to abide by all TRU policies and understand that TRU has the right to enforce these policies. TRU may impose disciplinary action in accordance with such policies. If the student is expelled from the program, I agree that he or she will be sent home at their expense with no refund of fees.

## **RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

In consideration of **TRU** and **THE PROVINCE** allowing the student to participate in this program, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, I hereby agree as follows:

1. **TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS** that I have or may have in the future against TRU and THE PROVINCE and their directors, officers, employees, instructors, agents, independent contractors, representatives, successors and assigns (all of whom are hereinafter referred to as the "RELEASEES") and **TO RELEASE THE RELEASEES** from any and all liability for any loss, damage, expense or injury including death that the student may suffer or that their next of kin may suffer as a result of their participation in this program DUE TO ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, OR BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE, AND INCLUDING THE FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT THE STUDENT FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, AND TRANSPORTATION REFERRED TO ABOVE;
2. **TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASEES** from any and all liability for any property damage or personal injury to any third party resulting from the student's participation in the program;
3. **TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASEES** from any and all liability for all costs that may incur for medical expenses, search and rescue, evacuation and litigation resulting from participation in the program;
4. That this Agreement shall be effective and binding upon the parents, heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives, in the event of the student's death or incapacity;
5. This Agreement and any rights, duties and obligations as between the parties to this Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and no other jurisdiction, and
6. Any litigation involving the parties to this Agreement shall be brought solely within the Province of British Columbia and shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of the Province of British Columbia.



In entering into this Agreement I am not relying on any oral or written representations or statements made by the Releasees with respect to the safety of the Study Abroad, Field School or Practicum program other than what is set forth in this Agreement.

I, the undersigned, am the legal guardian of the child named above as the Participant ("my child"), and understand and agree that I am aware that there are risks associated with my child's participation in the above noted event.

**I CONFIRM THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS AGREEMENT PRIOR TO SIGNING IT, AND I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH I OR MY HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, ASSIGNS AND REPRESENTATIVES MAY HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASEES.**

**(The parent or guardian must first initial each page in the box near the bottom as well as sign this in front of the Witness. The Witness must then sign verifying the parent or guardian's initials and signature.)**

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name Clearly \_\_\_\_\_

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

Signature of Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name Clearly \_\_\_\_\_

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_



**STUDENT NAME**

**STUDENT NUMBER**

**1<sup>ST</sup> CHOICE HOST INSTITUTION**

**SEMESTERS**

**BILATERAL EXCHANGE CHECKLIST:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I attended a Study Abroad Presentation \_\_\_\_\_ (month/year)

\_\_\_\_\_ I have had an interview with Jan Petrar \_\_\_\_\_ (month/year)

\_\_\_\_\_ Application completed in full

\_\_\_\_\_ Application for 1<sup>st</sup> choice Host Institution with all required forms completed

\_\_\_\_\_ Course List Request for 1<sup>st</sup> choice Host Institution

\_\_\_\_\_ Personal Statement

\_\_\_\_\_ Official Transcripts \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Academic Reference #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Academic Reference #2 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Legible copy of identification page of passport

\_\_\_\_\_ Liability Waiver **OR** Informed Consent if under 19

\_\_\_\_\_ Freedom of Information Consent

\_\_\_\_\_ Media Consent

\_\_\_\_\_ Behavioural Contract

\_\_\_\_\_ Copy of entire application package (will be returned to student)

**Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_

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