



Rensselaer

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York
Rensselaer Hartford Graduate Center, Inc. (dba Rensselaer@Hartford)

Student Name: RIN

Program:
Duration:

Education Abroad: Consents & Assumption of Responsibility

This is a legal and binding agreement which when signed will permanently limit your ability to recover from the parties indicated below for injuries or losses you may sustain as a result of participating in education abroad. It also binds the participant to the following consents, understandings, and assumptions. *Please initial next to each section and sign the completed agreement.*

____ **Consent to Participate:** I consent to participation in the program and acknowledge that I fully understand my participation may involve risk, including losses which may result not only from my own actions, inactions or negligence, but also from the actions, inactions or negligence of others, the conditions of the facilities, equipment or areas where the program is being conducted, and/or the rules of the program. I freely choose to travel, study, volunteer, or intern at the organization or location indicated above, for the purposes of study, developing personal, business and or social service skills and or personal experience as may be applicable and freely accept all the risks associated with the program.

I expressly agree that I am not an employee of Rensselaer or Rensselaer@Hartford, and have no employee rights or benefits including, without limitation, any workers' compensation benefits.

I understand that if I have any risk concerns, I should discuss the risks associated with my participation with the program coordinators and event staff, before I sign this document and before the program begins.

____ **Consent to Use of Personal Likeness:** I agree that photographs, pictures, slides, movies, video, or other media coverage of me may be taken in connection with my participation in the program without compensation from the Institute, and consent to the use of photographs, pictures, slides, movies, videos, or other media coverage for any legal purpose.

____ **Consent to Responsible Conduct:** I understand that as a visitor in a foreign country, I will be subject to the laws of that country, and that I may not enjoy the same legal privileges afforded in the United States. I agree to conduct myself in a manner that will comply with the regulations of Rensselaer (and Rensselaer@Hartford) and of my host university. I understand that illegal or otherwise inappropriate behavior is cause for my dismissal from the program by officials of Rensselaer or my host university. I understand that such behavior may also subject me to the Rensselaer judicial process upon my return.

____ **Understanding of Independent Travel:** "Independent Travel" is that which a student may elect outside of the usual program parameters, including before and after the program and during free time provided by the program. I agree to inform a program supervising faculty member of my Independent Travel plans. I understand that, as within the program parameters, the Institute is not responsible for me or my safety during such Independent Travel.

____ **Understanding of Responsibility Regarding Obtaining Documentation for Travel:** The Institute and Rensselaer@Hartford do not guarantee that Program participants will be able to obtain documentation required for any portion of their Program-related travel. I understand that I am solely responsible for obtaining all documentation necessary for my travel in the Program including, but not limited to, obtaining a passport and any required visas. I further understand that, in the event my citizenship status requires me to obtain a visa or other documentation prior to reentry into the United States after traveling abroad, that I bear the sole risk and responsibility for obtaining such documentation; further, I agree to hold the Institute harmless if I am unable to obtain such required documentation and, as a result, am denied reentry into the United States.

____ **Assumption of Financial Responsibility:** I agree to pay tuition and/or other associated fees for study for the program in which I have been selected to participate. I understand that I am obligated to pay these fees for the full period even in the case of my voluntary or involuntary withdrawal from the program. I understand that these fees cannot be refunded or used to cover the cost of classes for which I register at the Institute unless appropriate officials at the Institute determine that my withdrawal is due to exceptional circumstances beyond my control and that a refund will result in no financial loss by the Institute or my host institution.

____ **Certification of Health Status, Consent to Emergency Treatment:** I certify that I am in good health and have no physical condition that would prevent participation in the program; any medical or health-related problems have been explicitly described and documented to the program director. I acknowledge that the Institute strongly encourages vaccinations recommended for travel to the country(ies) of my Program and that illness due to failure or refusal to do so is my responsibility. I consent to the giving of such medical and/or surgical care as may become necessary for my well being, should the need arise, and I understand that the cost thereof will be my sole responsibility. I agree to use my personal medical insurance as a primary medical coverage payment if accident or injury occurs. I understand that most host universities will require students to purchase the health insurance through their university or provider. I agree to maintain accident, health, medical evacuation and repatriation of remains insurance in force and effect for the duration of my participation in the Program.

Participant signature

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Assumption of Risk

Knowing and understanding the risks involved with participation in the program, I hereby voluntarily and willingly assume responsibility for all risks and dangers associated with my participation in the program. I agree that my safety is primarily dependent upon my taking proper care of myself and avoiding any activity or behavior which might harm myself or others. I agree to observe the rules and practices that may be posted or advised by Rensselaer and Rensselaer@Hartford, the host institution, program director, or sponsor. I agree that if I fail to act in accordance with this agreement I may be dismissed from the program.

Despite precautions, accidents and injuries can occur. Therefore, I assume all risks related to the program including but not limited to:

- Theft or loss of personal property during the program or any program related travel
- Alteration including delay, extension or cancellation of the program due to natural disaster, civil unrest, war, medical quarantine, terrorist attack, or any other disturbances or causes
- Loss or injury as a result of a crime or criminal act by third parties, civil unrest, riot, terrorism, war, detention by a foreign government arrest, or other act of any government or authority
- Loss or injury, temporary or permanent, or death, as a result of any natural disaster or event, or extreme weather conditions or events, or that may occur as a result of participating in the program

Release and Waiver

In consideration of my participation in the program, I hereby waive all claims or causes of action against Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and its affiliated institutions. I hereby release, hold harmless, and discharge Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and the Rensselaer Hartford Graduate Center, Inc. from all liability in connection therewith except such loss or damage which was caused by *the sole negligence or willful misconduct* of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute or Rensselaer Hartford Graduate Center, Inc., and the officers, employees, and agents of each of them.

Neither Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute nor Rensselaer Hartford Graduate Center, Inc., their Trustees, nor any of their employees nor any other persons, parties, organizations or agencies collaborating with them is or shall be responsible or liable for injury, loss, damage, deviation, delay or curtailment, however caused, or the consequences thereof which may be occurring during any of the travel or programs. Rensselaer and Rensselaer@ Hartford reserve the right to cancel, alter or amend any part of the programs.

I have read this release and hold harmless agreement and understand the terms used in it and their legal significance of it. This waiver and release is freely and voluntarily given with the understanding that right to legal recourse against Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Rensselaer Hartford Graduate Center, Inc. , and the officers, employees, and agents of each of them is knowingly given up in return for allowing my participation in the program. My signature on this document is intended to bind not only myself but also my successors, heirs, representatives, administrators, and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ___ day of _____, 200 __ .
(Notary Required)

Participant signature

Address, City, State, Zip Code

Country

Date of Birth