

**RISK ASSESSMENT AND RELEASE
FOR THE GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL FUND PROGRAM
& STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

For the consideration granted to me by the University for financial assistance from the Graduate Student Travel Fund I agree to the following. I, _____ understand that my request for assistance under George Mason University, Graduate Student Travel Fund does not establish any employee, agent, or volunteer relationship for my travel to _____ on _____. I also understand that my travel is entirely voluntary and that any travel involves some element of risk. Further, I understand that I will assume the risk in recognition and appreciation of the dangers, hazards, and risks of domestic and foreign travel, which dangers include but are not limited to transportation delays and accidents; inadequate housing; foreign laws that are more rigidly enforced than in the United States; contracting serious or deadly indigenous diseases such as Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Typhoid Fever, HIV and AIDS, Malaria, and Yellow Fever, being a victim during a civil disorder or terrorist attack; natural disasters such as earthquakes, hurricanes and tropical storms, mud slides, flooding, and volcanic eruptions which could include serious or even mortal injuries and property damage. I further understand, that it is my responsibility to review travel warnings and other information posted on the Department of State website (http://www.travel.state.gov/travel_warnings) or by calling 1-888-407-4747 for the location in which I will be traveling.

I understand that I am fully responsible for all medical expenses incurred while on travel and will have adequate medical insurance, which in some cases includes medical evacuation coverage for travel abroad. Note: George Mason University, Center for Global Education (703 993-2154) may be able to assist you in purchasing medical evacuation coverage for foreign travel. In the event of an emergency while off campus, I understand that I should notify the GMU Police Department at (703) 993-2810.

By signing this form, you are acknowledging that you have been informed about certain risks, your responsibilities involved in domestic and foreign travel, and that you are knowingly and voluntarily assuming them.

By signing this form you also agree, for yourself, your heirs and assigns, to release and hold harmless George Mason University, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and their officers, employees and agents from any legal claim, damage, liability, injury, expense or loss, including defense costs and attorney's fees, arising from your activities under this agreement.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

If the participant is under 18, a parent or legal guardian must also sign.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

****Signatures must be original. Faxes and Photocopies will not be accepted.***