

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS

THE FOLLOWING IS A RELEASE OF LEGAL RIGHTS – READ AND UNDERSTAND BEFORE SIGNING:

By my signature below, I hereby acknowledge, understand, and agree as follows:

1. **Risk of an International Experience.** I understand that participation in an international experience involves risks not found in study at Brigham Young University’s campus in Provo, Utah. These risks include, but are not limited to, risks involved in traveling to and within, and returning from, one or more foreign countries; foreign political, legal, social, and economic conditions; different standards of design, safety, security, and maintenance of buildings, public places, and conveyances; local health, medical, and weather conditions; and natural disasters. I represent that I have made my own investigation of these risks and am willing to accept these risks.
2. **Specific Risk of Illness. I acknowledge and understand** that there is an increased risk of certain illnesses in the country or countries to which I am traveling. **I further understand and acknowledge** that the mosquito-borne virus known as the Zika virus has been found present in the country or countries to which I am traveling, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have issued a travel notice regarding the Zika virus. **I further understand and acknowledge** that the Zika virus may be transmitted through mosquito bites, blood transfusions, and sexual contact with an infected person, and that an infected person may be capable of transmitting the virus even without having any symptoms of illness. I have been informed of the increased health risks associated with becoming infected by the Zika virus. If I am pregnant, may become pregnant, or planning to become pregnant, **I further acknowledge and understand** that there are additional risks to my unborn child or children if I am infected with the Zika virus while pregnant and that it is recommended that I postpone my travel.
3. **Assumption of Risk and Release of Claims.** Knowing the risks and responsibilities described above, and in consideration of being permitted to participate in a Brigham Young University international program, I hereby agree, on behalf of myself and my family, heirs, and personal representative(s), to assume all the risks and responsibilities surrounding my participation. To the maximum extent permitted by law, I hereby release, waive, covenant not to sue, indemnify, and hold harmless Brigham Young University and its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any present or future claim, loss, or liability for injury to any person, including but not limited to an unborn child or children, or damage to property, which I may suffer, or for which I may be liable to any other person, arising from my participation in the international program, or arising from any negligence by Brigham Young University connected therewith, including periods in transit to or from any country or countries where the international program is being conducted.

I have carefully read this Acknowledgement and Release of Claims before signing it. No written or oral representations, statements, or inducements relating to the subject matter hereof, apart from the foregoing written statement, have been made. This Agreement shall become effective upon my signature below and shall be governed by the laws of the state of Utah, which shall be the forum for any lawsuits filed under or incident to this Acknowledgement and Release of Claims or to the program.

Name (Printed)

BYU ID# (if applicable)

Signature

Date

Name of Program

Destination Country