TRAVEL GRANT SCHOOL DISCLAIMER AGREEMENT

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY AND SIGN BELOW.

By providing information about potential summer internships, Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs has not made any determination or recommendation whether a particular country, city or other destination is dangerous or unsafe for its students to travel to and/or work. While an approved summer internship is required, the School does not require students to accept internships in locations that might put the student in harm’s way.

Therefore, the School will approve funding for summer internships with organizations outside of the United States only if the student can certify in writing the following:

1. I have consulted the U.S. Department of State’s Public Announcements and Travel Warnings (https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html) and have seriously weighed the possible risks involved in my travel before making an informed decision to accept the internship for which I seek a travel grant.

2. I have reviewed the U.S. Department of State’s Background Notes (http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn) on the country in which the internship will be performed and am informed about the current political situation in that location.

3. I have consulted the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s web site (http://www.cdc.gov) and have become acquainted with immunizations and other precautions necessary for travel in my internship location. I understand that Columbia University Health Center can provide immunizations and medications and information on travel precautions.

4. I am aware that there are inherent risks in travel and work in international settings, particularly in developing countries. I understand that political, environmental, and cultural situations in my internship location may differ from those in the US and that these situations are unpredictable and may become volatile and dangerous, often within a very short period of time.

5. I understand that I should avoid situations that have the potential for becoming politically volatile or otherwise dangerous and I understand there are health risks and travel risks, including risks associated with motor vehicles and poor driving conditions.

6. I conclude that the risks are acceptable and are outweighed by my desire to participate in this internship and that participation is voluntary and IS NOT required as part of my education at Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs.

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