

**WHEATON COLLEGE
INTERNATIONAL SUMMER FUNDING
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT &
ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE**

I, _____, a student of Wheaton College, am applying to Wheaton College for funding to intern off-campus at the internship site described below.

I have been offered an internship by the internship site, and wish to voluntarily intern at _____
(Organization name and address)

from _____ .
(Start and end dates of internship)

Should I notify Wheaton College of an intention to defer or extend or change the dates of stay at the Internship Site, all parts of this agreement will apply to the actual and full period of participation.

I, along with my parent(s) or legal guardian(s), agree to the terms set forth in this Agreement and recognize that we are bound by these.

A. Relationship between Wheaton College and the Internship Site

“Approval” by Wheaton College of an internship as a result of a review process (a program which the College approves for an individual student by petition) is not an endorsement of any internship site. It is the responsibility of the student to investigate internship sites carefully, to determine which are appropriate given the student’s individual academic needs, interests, and concerns, including but not limited to health and safety considerations. Wheaton College will work with the student to help gather information to assist with this decision. I understand that the College does not make any representation regarding the suitability of any internship for a particular student. I understand that Wheaton College does not represent or act as an agent for, and cannot control the acts or omissions of, any host organization, host family, transportation carrier, hotel, tour organizer or other provider of food, goods or services involved in the internship. I understand that Wheaton College is not responsible for matters that are beyond its control including but not limited to: violence, crime, outbreaks of disease, and/or terrorist attacks which may occur in the country or region in which the Internship is located. I hereby release Wheaton College from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense arising out of any such matters.

B. Student Conduct Abroad

1. Wheaton students who receive summer funding for abroad internships are required to observe the laws of the country in which they will be residing, as well as all academic and disciplinary regulations in effect at the Internship. The student further understands and agrees that while participating in the Internship, the student remains enrolled concurrently as a degree candidate at Wheaton, and as such, must adhere to Wheaton's honor code and behavioral rules. The student's conduct abroad may be subject to judicial proceedings at Wheaton College if the alleged conduct violates the College's expectations for student conduct and academic responsibility.

2. Standards of Conduct. The Student is responsible for his/her personal safety at all times, especially when not at the Internship. The Student recognizes that he/she assumes an important personal obligation to conduct her/himself in a manner compatible with the Internship and its reputation, with local laws and regulations, and with Wheaton College regulations for student conduct. The Student bears the responsibility to become informed of, and abide by, all such laws, regulations and standards. The Student also will comply with Wheaton College's rules, standards and instructions for student behavior. The Student agrees that Wheaton College has the right to enforce the standards of conduct described above, in its sole judgment, and that it will impose sanctions on the Student, including immediate expulsion from the Internship, for violating these standards or for any behavior detrimental to or incompatible with the interest, harmony and welfare of Wheaton College, the Internship or other Internship Site staff. If expelled from the Internship, the Student will be responsible for all expenses incurred up to the time of expulsion and for all expenses incurred in returning to the point of origin. The Student recognizes that, due to the circumstances of foreign internships, procedures for notice, hearing and appeal applicable to student disciplinary proceedings at Wheaton College do not apply.

3. The student's participation in the Internship may be terminated immediately by the Internship Site and/or by Wheaton College if the student engages in conduct that endangers himself/herself or others.

C. Health and Well-being

1. Risks of Interning Abroad

a. There are certain dangers, hazards and risks inherent in international travel, international living, and activities associated with international internships, including but not limited to foreign political, legal, social and economic conditions; different standards of design, safety and maintenance of buildings, public places and conveyances; weather conditions; risks arising from sanitary or health conditions, crime, civil disturbances, terrorism and travel; or other accidents. These dangers, hazards and risks could include serious or even fatal injuries and/or property damage. The student is responsible for informing himself/herself about known dangers, hazards, and risks, including, but not limited to review of any U.S. State Department information

about the country, which is available at <http://travel.state.gov>, and expressly assumes all risks for any loss, injury, death, or damage resulting from his/her decision to intern abroad at the chosen internship site in its particular location, and from any precautions (including recommended or required immunizations) he/she takes or fails to take. The Student agrees to take every precaution to safeguard his/her health and to protect his/her personal belongings from damage or theft. The Student recognizes that Wheaton College recommends that it is unadvisable to travel alone, particularly at night. Being alone, particularly at night, may present additional danger to the Student's safety and well-being.

b. Wheaton College has not made, and does not make, any representations regarding the student's personal safety or the safety of the student's property while participating in the Program.

c. Travel, transition, distance from established support systems, and living in a different culture are all challenging circumstances that can alter previously effective ways of managing medical, physical, or psychological conditions. Wheaton College cannot assure the student of the provision of these supports abroad. If the student informs the College of any supports he/she relies upon in the United States and may need for his/her well being while abroad, the Center for Global Education will offer reasonable assistance in providing information about available options. The student's failure to inform Wheaton College of any special needs he/she may have renders the College unable to offer any such assistance.

2. Independent Activity. Wheaton College is not responsible for any injury or loss the Student may suffer when traveling independently or otherwise separated or absent from any activities sponsored by the Internship.

3. The student authorizes and permits Wheaton College to communicate with the Internship Sponsor and/or the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) about any matters pertaining to the student's participation in the Internship, including but not limited to the student's health, well-being and conduct.

4. The Student is responsible for ensuring that he/she has a valid passport and, if applicable, an appropriate entry visa.

5. The Student understands that he/she is responsible for any legal problems he/she may encounter with any foreign nationals or government of the host country. He/She acknowledges that (i) Wheaton College is not able to assist students who break the law or are accused of breaking the law in a foreign country and is not responsible for legal fees or other costs while attempting to secure the Student's release from foreign custody, and (ii) neither Wheaton College nor the United States government has the ability to protect the Student from punishment with respect to drugs and other criminal offenses.

6. The Student agrees to enroll in such medical insurance coverage program as is designated by Wheaton College for the duration of the Internship, or to provide evidence of equivalent

coverage. The Student certifies that he/she will carry valid and current medical insurance and have a valid insurance identity card to bring. It is the Student's responsibility to determine that this insurance is adequate to cover injuries or illnesses that may be sustained while participating in the Internship, including the expenses of returning to the United States in the event that such action is necessary.

7. The Student hereby certifies that he/she is free of any conditions that would endanger his/her life, health, or well-being while traveling or living abroad, or that would impede his/her ability to fully participate in all aspects of the Internship. The Student recognizes that Wheaton College is not obligated to attend to any of his/her medical or medication needs, and he/she assumes all risk and responsibility therefore. If the Student should require medical treatment or hospital care during the Internship, Wheaton College is not responsible for the cost or quality of such treatment or care. However, Wheaton College and its representatives and designees are authorized (but are not obligated) to take any actions they consider to be warranted under the circumstances regarding the Student's health and safety, including but not limited to, placing him/her under the care of a doctor in a hospital or any place for medical examination and/or treatment or returning him/her to the United States at his/her own expense if such return is deemed appropriate necessary. The Student agrees to pay all expenses relating thereto and release each of such persons from any liability for any such actions. Should the need arise, Wheaton College is authorized to provide any personal information about the Student to any health care provider.

D. Emergency Contact

I have identified the individual listed below as an emergency contact for the duration of my internship abroad. (S)he has agreed to serve as an emergency contact, and I have notified him or her of my travel plans and of the activities I will be undertaking. I understand that my emergency contact may be notified if I am in a situation deemed an emergency by Wheaton College.

Emergency Contact's Name and Relationship to the Student:

Emergency Contact's Home Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact's Work Phone
Number: _____

Emergency Contact's Cell Phone
Number: _____

Emergency Contact's Email

Address: _____

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Assumption of Risk and Release of Claims

This is a release of legal rights. Read and understand before signing.

Knowing the risks described above, and in consideration of being permitted to participate in the Internship, I agree, on behalf of my family, heirs and personal representative(s), to assume all the risks and responsibilities surrounding my participation in the Internship. To the maximum extent permitted by law, I release, hold harmless and agree to indemnify Wheaton College, its Board of Trustees, and its officers, faculty, staff, representatives, volunteers, employees and agents, from and against any present or future claim, loss or liability for injury to person or property which I may suffer, or for which I may suffer, or for which I may be liable to any other person, during my participation in the Internship (including periods in transit to or from any country where the Internship is being conducted), resulting from any cause including but not limited to Wheaton College's, its trustees', officers', faculty, staff, representatives', volunteers', employees' or agents' own passive or active negligence or other acts other than fraud, willful misconduct or violation of law.

This agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which shall be the forum for any lawsuits filed under or incident to this agreement or the Internship.

I have carefully read this Assumption of Risk and Release of Claims before signing it.

I understand the content of this document, and hereby certify that I am at least 18 years of age.

I execute this Release and Waiver of Liability of my own free will and accord.

Signed: _____
(Student)

Date: _____

Signed: _____
(Parent or Guardian)

Date: _____