

# Participation Agreement

## Albert H. Small Normandy Institute Summer Short-Term Abroad Program

The undersigned (“undersigned” or “participant”) is a participant in the Albert H. Small Normandy Institute (“AHS”) summer short-term abroad program (“program”), which involves travel to France and to the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. AHS is a part of the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences (“CCAS”) of the George Washington University (“GW” or “University”). The undersigned acknowledges that this travel and participation in the program is wholly voluntary. In consideration for being allowed to participate in this program, I, on behalf of myself and my family, personal representatives, executors, administrators, and heirs, agree to the below requirements.

- A. **Program Requirements.** The undersigned acknowledges that they have read and understand the requirements of the program and will complete them to the best of their abilities.
- B. **Behavioral Responsibilities:** As a guest in a foreign country, there are certain behaviors which are considered unacceptable and could lead to possible disruption of the program. The undersigned hereby assures the University that they are aware of the expected behavioral responsibility while traveling internationally and shall conduct themselves in an appropriate manner which does not infringe upon the customs and mores of the country in which the program is being conducted or upon the rights and safety of any participant in the program. In addition, the undersigned must adhere to all program policies, procedures, and expectations communicated to them by the program organizers before and during the program. The undersigned agrees to abide by all applicable policies, rules, and regulations established by GW, CCAS, and AHS, and all applicable laws and regulations of the District of Columbia, the United States of America, and the country or countries visited as a part of the program listed above.
- C. **Travel Advisory:** The undersigned acknowledges that they have read the most recent [US Department of State's Travel Advisory and Country Specific Information](#) for the destination country(ies) for the program, the equivalent country-specific information for the destination country(ies) for the program issued by the country that issued the undersigned's passport if traveling as a non-US passport holder, and [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Country-Specific Traveler Destination page](#) for the destination country(ies) for the program. The undersigned acknowledges that they are aware of the risks inherent in travel to the destination country(ies) for the program and the recommended risk mitigation strategies outlined by these authorities.
- D. **Health/Medical Clearance/Prescription Medication:** The undersigned acknowledges that GW recommends that they only partake in travel if they are in good health and are free from any physical or mental ailment or disability requiring medical, surgical, or other care or treatment which might endanger their health or safety or the health and safety of those with whom they may come in contact during the program. The undersigned also understands that GW recommends that they speak to their physician prior to traveling to the destination country(ies) for the program to obtain medical clearance to travel. If they are prescribed any medication, it is their responsibility to confirm the legality of their medication in their host and transit countries, to bring the necessary quantity of all legal, prescribed medication needed for the duration of their participation in the program and travel to and from the destination country(ies) for the program, and to take said medication as prescribed by their physician.
- E. **Emergency Care Release:** The undersigned hereby releases and discharges GW and its affiliates, employees, and agents from any claim that arises or may hereafter arise due to the provision of any reasonable, incidental and/or emergency medical treatment for the

participant in the event of the participant's illness, injury, or incapacity while in the program. Participant hereby accepts responsibility to pay for such treatment directly or to confirm payment through their insurance provider. The undersigned certifies that they have reviewed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) immunization guidelines and have obtained any and all immunizations required unless contraindicated by a medical condition or guidance from their health care professional.

- F. **Assumption of Risk, Release from Liability, and Waiver:** The undersigned acknowledges that there are certain dangers, hazards, and risks inherent in international travel and the activities included in the program, which could include but are not limited to serious or mortal injuries, accident, sickness, acts of terrorism, government intervention, acts of god, being kidnapped, being held hostage, and property damage. In consideration for being allowed to participate in this program, participant, for themselves and on behalf of participant's family, heirs, executors, administrators, and personal representative(s), hereby agrees to assume all the risks and responsibilities surrounding participant's participation in the program, including but not limited to, travel in and to the destination countr(ies) for the program, and in any activities undertaken as a part of the program. Participant voluntarily and forever discharges, waives, and covenants not to sue GW, its governing board, officers, agents, employees, and any students, from and against any and all liability for any harm, injury, damages, claims, demands, actions, causes of action, costs, and expenses of any nature whatsoever which participant may have or which may hereafter accrue to the participant, arising out of or related to any loss, damage (including property damage), or injury, including, but not limited to suffering and death, that may be sustained by participant or by any property belonging to participant, while in, on, upon, or in transit to or from the countr(ies) where the program occurs or any program adjunct activities occur or are conducted.
- G. **Indemnification:** The undersigned certifies that they are physically, mentally, and emotionally capable of attending and participating in the program; assume all risk and financial responsibility for any loss or injury to the participant or others that may occur as a result of the participant's negligence or misconduct; and indemnify, defend, and hold GW and its trustees, officers, employees, faculty, agents, and students harmless from and against any and all costs, losses, claims, demands, charges, liabilities, damages, expenses, causes of action, obligations, judgments, executions, suits, and actual attorneys' fees incurred or suffered by GW as a result of, or arising out of, the participant's act, failure to act, negligence or misconduct while participating in the program or adjunct activities or traveling to the destination countr(ies) for the program.
- H. **No Agency or Control:** The undersigned acknowledges and understands that GW does not represent or act as an agent for, and cannot control the acts or omissions of, any host institution, host family, transportation carrier, hotel, tour organizer or other provider of goods or services involved in or related to the program. The undersigned understands that GW is not responsible for matters that are beyond its control and releases GW from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense arising out of any such matters.
- I. **Use of Likeness/Promotional Material:** The undersigned grants to GW for any purpose connected with promoting the purposes and goals of GW, but not for commercial exploitation, the right to use the participant's name, voice, and likeness in any writings, photographs, films, and recordings of the participant as a result of participating in the program, and any biographical information submitted by the participant to GW, and to use, reproduce, publish, and distribute the same.

J. **Other Terms:** This Participation Agreement (“Agreement”) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the District of Columbia. All references to GW in this Agreement include GW's agents, officers, employees and representatives. This Agreement shall not be amended, supplemented, or abrogated without the written consent of GW.

I hereby agree to comply with the terms of this Agreement. I certify that I have read this document, understand the provisions thereof, and agree to be bound hereby as my own free act and deed.

GW and the undersigned agree that this Agreement will be executed and delivered by electronic signature and that the undersigned's electronic signature on Agreement is the same as a handwritten signature for the purposes of validity, enforceability and admissibility.

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Participant Signature

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Print Participant Name

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Date

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Address

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City, State, Zip

If the participant is under 18, the participant's parent or legal guardian must sign below:

I represent and warrant to GW that (a) I am the parent or legal guardian of the participant named above; (b) I have the legal right, power, and authority to consent to this Agreement on behalf of the participant and myself; (c) I am at least 18 years of age; and (d) I have read and I understand this Agreement. By signing below, I hereby consent to and approve in all respects the terms and conditions of and the participant's execution of this Agreement and agree that both the participant and I will be bound by all of its terms and conditions.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Print Parent/Guardian Name

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Print Parent/Guardian Name

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Date

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Address

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