

Agreement for Financial Help

In consideration of financial help for my independent study, I hereby agree as follows:

1. My participation in the above program or activity, which may or may not be administered or operated by Cornell, is entirely voluntary and will require transportation to and habitation in the country or countries of:

_____ and may involve subjection to risks relating to or arising out of the program or activity or the local environment of the host country (including but not limited to health-related issues and endemic diseases, such as SARS);

2. I understand that there are risks inherent in all international travel, and in the particular program or activity described above, and I have been apprised of such risks and agree to assume all said risks and responsibility for my health, safety, and property while participating in this program or activity. I understand that I may be injured, exposed to endemic diseases and other sicknesses, and/or become the victim of a crime, terrorist act, act of war, riot, or other action taken by individuals, groups, or governments over which Cornell University has no control. I have independently investigated the severity of such risks in the country/countries that I am visiting and I have made the decision on my own, without influence from Cornell University, to assume the risks inherent in my travel and activities abroad;

3. I release Cornell University, its officers, agents, and employees from any and all liability, damage or claim of any nature whatsoever arising out of, or in any way related to my participation in this program or activity, including but not limited to acts of God, acts or omissions of any third parties (including but not limited to common carriers, hotels, restaurants, rental car companies, or other firms or agencies), except such as may directly result from the actual negligence of Cornell University, its officers, agents, or employees;

4. I indemnify and hold Cornell University harmless from any damage or liability incurred by Cornell as a result of any illness I may suffer, including the costs of any medical care, or any injury or damage to the person or property of others which I may cause, or from any financial liability or obligation which I may personally incur, while participating in the program or activity;

5. I understand that the University reserves the right to make cancellations, changes or substitutions or to withdraw or restrict the use of University funding in cases of emergency or changed conditions;

6. I understand that Cornell University requires that all students be covered by appropriate accident and medical insurance and that they be financially responsible for such expenses. In addition, I understand that the payment for medical expenses may have to be advanced and reimbursement sought later from the carrier. Cornell University also requires that students planning to operate a motor vehicle obtain liability and collision insurance that will cover them in the applicable foreign countries. It also recommends that students insure their property from loss and theft;

7. I understand that all students are subject to Cornell University regulations (including but not limited to the Code of Academic Integrity and the Cornell University Campus Code of Conduct, including sexual harassment and other policies pertaining to behavior of students, faculty, and staff), the host university's or program's regulations and guidelines, and laws of the host country. Cornell University is not responsible for the defense of a student accused of a violation of the laws of the host country and is not responsible for the payment of any fines or other penalties resulting from such violations;

8. As a student of Cornell University for this independent study, I pledge to conduct myself in a manner that reflects favorably on Cornell University;

9. I understand that the manufacture, distribution, possession, use or sale of controlled substances as defined by New York State or Federal Law, or the laws of my host country is prohibited during my independent study. I understand that I will be directly subject to the laws and legal procedures of my host country as applied to the use, possession and distribution of illegal drugs and these will likely be strictly enforced by local authorities;

10. I further understand that I am solely responsible for ascertaining the lawful age for the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in my host country and for my conduct in compliance with local laws as enforced by local authorities;

11. I certify that I am at least 18 years of age or older.

PRINT NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____