UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
OFFICE OF GLOBAL ACTIVITIES
GLOBAL FIELD PLACEMENT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

Name of participant (please print): _______________________________ UM ID#: ________________

Location of field placement: __________________________________________________________________

Start Date: __________________  End Date: ___________________

This form constitutes part of an agreement between the University of Michigan (UM) and the student participating in a global field placement. The student’s participation in a global field placement is contingent on the completion and timely submission to the SSW Office of Global Activities of this essential form. Failure to complete and turn in this form as required will result in the student’s dismissal from the global field placement.

The undersigned agree(s) as follows:

1. In order to participate in a global field placement, I acknowledge I am required to read and agree to the conditions outlined in this Agreement, and affirm my acceptance of those conditions by signing under the italicized statement below. I acknowledge I am also responsible for reading and understanding the information contained in all materials prepared and/or provided to me by the OGA and its partners, including materials on the OGA website. It is my obligation to inform myself about the global field placement I have chosen and the arrangements for my participation.

2. To waive all claims against and release the University of Michigan (UM), and partners, and its employees and agents, and the foreign host institution from any claims for injury, loss, damage or expense resulting from accident, war, natural disaster, sickness, quarantine, terrorism, or government restrictions and regulations while participating in the global field placement. In addition, I agree to waive all claims against and release UM and its employees and agents from all liability for any expenses, property damages, personal injuries and/or death sustained in connection with participation in the global field placement that does not directly result from the negligence of UM and its employees and agents.

3. To indemnify UM, partners, its employees and agents from any financial obligations or liabilities the student may personally incur while participating in the global field placement, including attorney’s fees and court costs resulting from the student’s acts, errors or omissions.

4. In a medical or other emergency, to grant UM, its partners, its employees and agents full authority to seek such medical treatment or other remedy as is deemed necessary during the student’s participation in the global field placement; to release UM, its partners, its agent and principals from liability for the actions taken, and to make immediate repayment at the conclusion of the global field placement for any special expense incurred or advanced for the actions taken.

5. To conform during the global field placement to all reasonable standards of conduct, including
those stipulated in the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities, as promulgated by UM, its partners, its employees or agents to ensure the best interest, harmony, comfort, and welfare of the group and the individuals in that group. To accept termination of participation in the global field placement with no refund of fees and to accept responsibility for transportation costs home if the student fails to maintain those standards.

6. To accept total responsibility for the activities during periods of independent travel and during absence from supervised activities.

7. To accept changes in campus and advisor assignments, programs and itineraries if required by subsequent events.

8. To forfeit all fees owed if the student withdraws from the global field placement for any reason whatsoever after the global field placement has commenced.

9. To obtain all inoculations and provide all medical clearances for participation as may be required, and to provide truthful, complete information and to make decisions in consultation with their health care provider about their ability to participate in the global field placement.

10. To accept that payment for medical expenses may have to be advanced and reimbursement sought later from the insurance provider. The School of Social Work strongly encourages all students to purchase UM Travel Abroad Health Insurance through HTH Worldwide, which provides coverage for a range of conditions that might occur while traveling abroad http://www.uhs.umich.edu/tai/. To accept that UM also requires that students planning to operate a motor vehicle obtain liability and collision insurance that will cover them in the applicable foreign countries. UM also recommends that students insure their property from loss and theft.

11. To the enforcement of this agreement under the laws of the State of Michigan, should any dispute arise.

12. To permit UM to provide information about the student, as appropriate, to appropriate emergency contacts.

13. To register the details of the trip on the University of Michigan Travel Registry (http://globalportal.umich.edu/register-travel.php) before departure and update that information through the trip, as needed.

14. To read any materials prepared and/or provided by the OGA and its partners.

To the Student:

It is your obligation to inform yourself about the global field placement you have chosen and the arrangements for your participation. We urge you to share all the information you receive with your parent(s) or guardian(s) if under 21 years of age; or with another responsible adult if you are 21 years of age or older.

I have read the foregoing Participation Agreement and agree to the conditions outlined above.

Signature of participant: _____________________________ Date: ________________

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