JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY
UNDERGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL
ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND GENERAL WAIVER FORM
NEPAL (2019)

This Assumption of Risk, General Waiver and Release is executed in favor of the Johns Hopkins University, its affiliated organizations, trustees, officers, employees, and agents (hereinafter referred to jointly as JHU).

I, _______________________, am an undergraduate at the Johns Hopkins University in the School of Arts & Sciences/School of Engineering.

I acknowledge that I am over the age of eighteen years. I am participating in an international activity which is organized and sponsored by ____________________________________________________ (faculty sponsor and department, office, student organization, or university sponsor).

I am participating in this international activity from _______________ to _______________ (Dates of Attendance) in _______________ (City), Nepal.

For the purposes of this document, an “international activity” may be defined as study abroad, research, academic projects, internships, field work, conferences, volunteer work or any other international activity funded, sponsored, or endorsed by JHU.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read this entire document and agree to the terms below:

I understand that I am not required by JHU to participate in this international activity as a condition of receiving my degree.

I understand that the above-described activities and international travel involve risks not found in activities at JHU. These may include, but may not be limited to, traveling to and within, and returning from, international locations; foreign political, legal, medical, social and economic conditions; different standards of design, safety and maintenance of building, public places and conveyances; living conditions, social practices, values, and attitude toward foreigners different from those in my home country and culture. I acknowledge that I may be traveling to and from locations that pose risks of terrorism, war, insurrection, or criminal activities.
I represent that I have read and understand the Department of State Country Information Advisory and Centers for Disease Control Recommendations for Nepal and any other the country (ies) in which my international activity takes place. I acknowledge that I have been informed of these recommendations and that it is my responsibility to comply with these recommendations.

I agree to obtain the appropriate visa for my international activity in Nepal. I understand that I must have a valid visa at the time of departure from Nepal. I understand that Nepal’s Department of Immigration considers volunteering as work and requires volunteers to obtain work visas. I acknowledge that volunteering on a tourist visa is illegal and may result in detention by immigration authorities.

I acknowledge that I have been informed that federal travel advisories for Nepal recommend that travelers exercise increased caution due to the potential for isolated political violence. I know that the U.S. Embassy in Kathmandu discourages U.S. citizens from solo trekking in Nepal. I understand that general strikes are a common form of political agitation in Nepal, and that they may disrupt businesses or traffic. In the event of a demonstration, I agree to follow the instructions of local authorities including movement restrictions related to ongoing police actions. I agree to monitor local media for breaking events and to adjust my plans based on new information. I agree to avoid demonstrations. I understand that the majority of crimes directed against foreign visitors involve pick-pocketing, ATM scamming, vehicle and residential break-ins, bicycle theft, and other forms of theft. I understand that Nepali police may have limited resources to deter and investigate crimes, and that many cases reported to the police remain unsolved.

Although JHU is funding, sponsoring or endorsing this international activity, I acknowledge that JHU is not responsible for my individual decisions including but not limited to travel or activities outside the scope of my affiliated activity, during my free time, or prior to or after the start of my affiliated activity.

I understand that JHU is does not represent or act as an agent for, and cannot control the acts or omissions of any host, employer, transportation carrier, hotel, tour organizer or other provider of food, goods, or services involved in this international activity. I understand that JHU is not responsible for matters that are beyond its control, and that it cannot warrant the safety or convenience of the circumstances under which I will be living or working.

I am voluntarily accepting the risks associated with participating in this international activity and agree to cooperate with and abide by the guidelines and procedures established by JHU for this international activity. I further acknowledge that neither the University nor any of its employees, agents or students can absolutely guarantee my safety in every situation. I release JHU, if affiliated organizations, trustees, officers, employees, and agents from all liability for injury, illness, death, monetary loss or property damage resulting from my participation in this international activity, including, without limitation, any claim whatsoever which arises or may hereafter arise on account of any first-aid treatment or other medical services rendered to me in connection with an emergency or health problem during my participation.

I understand and agree that if, during my participation in this activity, JHU learns that I am experiencing serious health problems, have suffered an injury, or am otherwise in a situation that raises significant health and safety concerns, JHU may contact my parents and any other person whose name I have provided as my “emergency contact.”
I represent that I am covered for the duration of this international activity and throughout my absence from the United States by a policy of comprehensive health and accident insurance which provides coverage for illnesses or injuries I may sustain or experience while abroad. I understand that JHU assumes no responsibility for or obligation to provide financial assistance or other assistance, in the event of injury, illness, death, accident, monetary loss or property damage.

I am aware that, during my participation in this international activity, I will be enrolled in the Johns Hopkins International Travel Registry.

I agree that this Assumption of Risk, General Waiver and Release Form is to be construed in accordance with the law of the State of Maryland, and that if any portion of this agreement is held invalid by a competent court of jurisdiction, the remainder of the agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

I acknowledge that I have read this entire document and, that in exchange for JHU’s agreement to my participation, I agree to its terms.

**Student:** Name (please print) _______________________________________

Signature _________________________________________________________

Date _____________________________________________________________