

### Smith College Travel Advisory Exception:

#### Acknowledgment of Risk Required to Study Abroad in Russia 2018-2019

In addition to the terms and conditions set forth in the Study Abroad Participation Agreement and the Study Abroad Acknowledgement of Risk, Release, Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement, I agree to the following supplemental terms and conditions as follows:

- I hereby acknowledge that I am aware of and accept the risks of international travel generally. I also acknowledge that I have read and understand the [U.S. Department of State Travel Advisory](#) regarding travel to and in Russia by United States citizens dated January 10, 2018 and that, in spite of such advisory and the College's clear recommendation against electing to study in Russia at this time, I have made the decision to travel to Russia to study abroad during fall 2018, spring 2019, or the 2018-19 academic year. **(Please circle the term that applies.)**
- I also acknowledge that I am aware that there are risks associated with foreign travel, that the U.S. Department of State considers these risks to be high in the site of this program, and that my participation in the program and travel in Russia may expose me to significant risks, including, but not limited to, terrorism, war, kidnapping, detention by a foreign government, serious bodily injury including loss of limbs, sight, hearing, and the ability to care for myself, death, property damage and other risks that may not be foreseeable. I understand that Smith College is not responsible for my safety or my decision and I assume full responsibility for all risks associated with my study and travel in Russia.
- I know that I am not required to study in Russia to satisfy any College requirement and I am aware of other options for study abroad. No College faculty or staff member or other agent of the College has counseled me that I am required study in Russia and none of them has pressured me into believing I should or must study in Russia.
- I understand that, should I decide to leave Russia before the end of my program because of security or other concerns, there is no guarantee that I will receive academic credit or that I will be able to return to the College until a new semester begins.
- I also understand that the Smith College emergency medical assistance benefit through AIG TravelGuard does not include evacuation for political reasons (including collapse of a government, war, terrorism, or similar armed action) or evacuation as a result of a natural disaster. While Smith and AIG TravelGuard would assist in such an evacuation, the expense would be billed to you/your family.

The signature of parent(s)/guardian(s) is required on the attached page even if a student is over 18, unless the student has sole financial responsibility for her Smith College tuition and fees and meets federal requirements for financial independence. If this is the case, please attach an explanatory note.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Student Name Printed

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Witness to signature

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Date

### Parent/ Guardian Acknowledgement and Release for Study in Russia

By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read the “Acknowledgment of Risk Required to Study Abroad in Russia” and other documents related to Study Abroad at Smith College that have been signed by my child and I understand their meaning and effect. Further, I acknowledge that my child is planning a course of study in Russia with my full knowledge.

In consideration of my/our child being permitted to participate in study abroad programs, through Smith College we do hereby release and discharge Smith College and all of its employees, officers, trustees and agents, and their representatives, of and from all claims, liabilities, demands and damages whether known or unknown, which we now have or may have against any one of them arising out of or in any way related to my/our child’s participation in the study abroad in Russia.

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Parent Name Printed

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Witness to signature

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Parent Name Printed

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(Both parents, even if living apart, are required to sign this form. A separate note of explanation should accompany any form not signed by two parents.)