

### Graduate Student Travel to Countries Under a U.S. Department of State Travel Warning and/or a CDC Warning Level 3

Please check that the country to which you wish to travel is currently under a U.S. Department of State Travel Warning or a CDC Warning Level 3:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html>

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>

If the country to which you wish to travel is under either or both of these types of Travel Warnings, you must seek approval for the travel from the Office of International Education, by submitting a petition. Only if the petition is approved may you apply to UGA funding sources, such as the Graduate School, OVPR, and LACSI. **Note that *even if a UGA account is not paying for the trip, a petition to travel must still be submitted.***

Please see the following link for the format of the petition:

<https://fs2.formsite.com/GeneralFormsSite/form101/index.html>.

The petition must be submitted at least 6 weeks prior to the date of travel and supported by a tenured or tenure-track UGA faculty member in your Major. The supporting faculty member must complete the petition, and it will automatically be routed to the OIE Director of Education Abroad and submitted for further consideration by the OIE Risk Management Advisory Committee. Petitions will be approved only upon a unanimous vote of the OIE Risk Management Advisory Committee. The Associate Provost's decision, in consultation with the OIE Risk Management Advisory Committee, is final, and petitions cannot be pursued beyond this point.

The burden is on the graduate student, in conjunction with the supporting faculty member, to demonstrate that all risks will be appropriately managed. Your travel plan must demonstrate awareness of medical risks and steps that you have taken to prevent or respond to illness or injury. A visit to the Health Center Travel Clinic <https://www.uhs.uga.edu/services/travel-clinic> is strongly encouraged. Approval to travel will be granted only in exceptional circumstances. The following are some examples of why approval may be granted:

- Access to unique study materials, e.g. to study a species or geological formation that only exists in one place.
  - Access to specialized or unique research facilities, e.g. a specialized archive or research institute.
- And:
- The intended travel is not to the area affected by the Travel Warning.
  - Graduate student familiarity with the area, e.g. proficiency in the language, previous visits to the affected area, traveling alone versus traveling as part of an organized group.

Previous approvals for travel will be rescinded in the event that a Travel Warning subsequently comes into effect for the destination. In that event, a petition must be submitted and approved before travel may take place.