

DENIAL OF PETITION TO TRAVEL TO A COUNTRY WITH A US DEPARTMENT OF STATE TRAVEL WARNING

I understand the following KUMC policy regarding Travel to Countries with a US DEPARTMENT OF STATE TRAVEL WARNING:

The quality of the educational experiences and the safety of students, faculty, and staff are the first priorities of the University of Kansas Medical Center. Owing to concerns for student, faculty and staff safety, the University of Kansas Medical Center does not support international travel (to include all for-credit and non-credit experiential learning activities) to locations where a U.S. State Department Travel Warning has been issued. Students, faculty and staff will not receive university sponsorship—including funding for research as a faculty, staff or student, credit for academic programs, financial aid and scholarships, or endorsement of co-curricular and extracurricular activities as a student—if traveling to these countries. In addition, KUMC will not supervise, direct or otherwise support a student/faculty or staff at KUMC in a country where a DEPARTMENT OF STATE TRAVEL WARNING is in effect.

However, KUMC recognizes that faculty, staff and graduate students may wish to conduct academic research in countries currently under a U.S. Department of State Travel Warning, and that they have made special provisions to accommodate these needs. Faculty, staff and graduate students who wish to conduct University-sponsored research in dangerous locations should refer to the Faculty, Staff, Post-Doctoral Fellows and Research Scientist TRAVEL WARNING WAIVER or TRAVEL WARNING WAIVER for Graduate Student, as appropriate.

Should a faculty, staff or student wish to travel to an area subject to said warning and receive funding for research as a faculty, staff or student; or to receive academic credit as a graduate student, he/she may petition for an exception to this policy. This petition will be reviewed by a committee comprised of the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, the Vice Chancellor of Student Services, a representative from KUMC Office of General Counsel, a faculty representative and the Director of the Office of International Programs. A faculty, staff or graduate student will be permitted to go to a country with a Travel warning only in very unusual circumstances where the faculty, staff or graduate student is conducting research, and the individual has demonstrated that there are a number of factors mitigating the risk that such travel would otherwise entail.

The petition is submitted to the Office of International Programs and must include:

- Dates of international experience
- Detailed information about the experience including supervision, name and mission of host organization, location
- Why this destination is necessary for the research as opposed to travel to a non-Travel Warning destination
- Housing/accommodation plans
- On ground transportation plans
- Funding
- Explanation of experience/research
- Your support in the country
- Other factors

If the exception is approved for this research and to receive funding or academic credit, a Faculty, Staff, Post-Doctoral Fellows and Research Scientist TRAVEL WARNING WAIVER or TRAVEL WARNING WAIVER for Graduate Student must be signed, notarized and held in the Office of International Programs.

In addition, I understand the following:

- I understand that an exception for my travel to _____ has been **DENIED** by the aforementioned committee, whose decision may not be appealed.
- I understand that I cannot receive funding /credit at KUMC for this experience.
- I understand that if I choose to travel, the travel is not approved by KUMC, and I will be traveling by my own choice and at my own risk.
- I understand that the travel is not required by the University; nor is the travel sanctioned, supervised or otherwise supported by the university.
- I understand that if I choose to travel, I am doing so for personal travel and not as a representative of the University of Kansas Medical Center.

Signature

Date