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Travel Waiver Petition for Research in Countries with a Travel Warning

Applicant Name:

Penn State College or Campus:

Major: **Date of Graduation:**

Proposed Research Topic:

Location and Dates of Research:

Source/Name of PSU Funding:

Instructions:
In order to comply with Penn State's International Travel Policy for Penn State (Policy R-7 on the AAPM website), students funded by Penn State for research in countries with active U.S. Department of State Travel Warnings are required to submit a petition for a waiver to the Executive Director of Education Abroad and the Standing Advisory Committee on International Student Travel. Submit the completed form to Dr. Barbara Rowe, Executive Director of Education Abroad, (bjr22@psu.edu) and Paul Shaffner (pxs913@psu.edu).

After completing and submitting this petition, Education Abroad will contact the applicant to arrange an interview with the Executive Director before a recommendation is made to the Standing Advisory Committee.

1. Academic Rationale and reason for choosing this destination (250-300 words)
Please provide an outline of the importance and academic relevance for your research, showing compelling reasons for working in this particular country and how your research will fit into your academic plan. Please also include a list of courses you have completed that are related to your planned international research. Finally, please indicate if you will be researching independently or if you will be working with a faculty member (either from Penn State or an institution in the host country).

2. Understanding of the Country Specific Situation (200-250 words)
Describe the country-specific risks/incidents that have occurred in the country where you are proposing research in the last several years. If you have previously traveled to the country, please describe your experiences. The following sources may provide helpful information:

- www.travel.state.gov
- www.osac.gov/
- www.cdc.gov/travel

3. Statement of Risk Assessment and Due Diligence (250-300)
Please explain your own personal emergency action plan focusing on how to prepare for and prevent emergencies and how to respond to emergencies (for example, include measures of precaution you will undertake, contingency plans in case of unforeseen events and your proposed ways of touching base with emergency contacts, purpose and importance of registering with the State Department). Please indicate if you will have any in-country support, such as with a host university or organization, and how you can utilize this support in the case of an emergency.