

Rutgers Summer in Paris Program

Responsibility Statement Form

It is important that all students participating in a Rutgers Program Abroad, including the Rutgers Summer in Paris Program, and their parents (if under 18) sign and return the following statement.

1. The participant in the Rutgers Summer in Paris Program is personally responsible for complying with all regulations and laws of the host educational institutions, resident accommodations and of the host country itself. While traveling and living abroad, I will be subject to the laws of my host country and I agree to comply with those laws. I understand that I am fully responsible for any consequences of not following those laws. The program can assure no protection to the student on the occasion of an infringement of law.
2. I agree to conduct myself as a responsible member of the Rutgers University community. To that end, I am responsible for reading the Rutgers University [Code of Student Conduct](#) before departure on this program. I agree to observe standards of conduct that support the academic goals of the program including, but not limited to, being respectful of all participants, faculty and staff of the program, as well as others with whom I interact while abroad; refraining from behavior that would jeopardize the health, safety, or welfare of myself or others; and maintaining the cohesion of the program. Within the country and host culture, there will be a set of cultural norms that I must respect and laws I must abide by. While participating in this program, I am responsible for knowing and adhering to all (a) local laws, (b) rules set by the program or faculty director, (c) host or housing facility rules and recommendations (d) terms of this agreement and (e) Rutgers University policies (together, the “Rules”). Any reported violation of any Rule, may result in disciplinary sanction, up to and including immediate dismissal from the program. I understand that such dismissal would result in the loss of all academic credit and would terminate my status as a program participant. I also understand that if dismissed, I will not be allowed to remain in program or university facilities (such as housing), or participate in any program group activities. I also understand that if dismissed from the program, the costs of my departure are my responsibility, and I will not be entitled to any refunds and will remain responsible for costs incurred on my behalf.
3. Participation in the Rutgers Summer in Paris Program, as in any study abroad program, obviously involves travel to and living in a foreign country. I am responsible for my own safety and well-being, including instances during which I am traveling independently. I understand that Rutgers University cannot be held responsible for an illness or injury to my person, or damage or loss of my property. I understand that there are inherent risks associated with living in a foreign country and activities related to international study that may result in injury, illness, or loss including, but not limited to, local and international travel; weather and other natural disasters; medical and healthcare related issues; political, social, and economic instability; and crime and public safety. I agree that I have a personal obligation to take precautions to safeguard my health and safety while abroad. I am responsible for informing the Program Director any independent travel that I undertake during the duration of my program. The program requests notification to the Director whenever the student intends to be absent for more than 24 hours, in order to ensure the effective handling of routine or emergency communications.
4. The Rutgers Summer in Paris Program accepts no responsibility for personal property which must be insured separately if so desired and reserves the right to make any changes necessitated by circumstances. Students will be held financially responsible for any damages they cause to their homestay.
5. I consent to and understand that the Department of French will be sharing information regarding my participation in this program with necessary and appropriate offices, departments, or units on campus,

such as, but not limited to, financial aid, student accounting, student affairs, the Registrar's Office, CAPS, Disability Services, and the Dean of Students. I also consent to and am aware information can be shared with program contacts, faculty directors, and any entity providing services.

6. It is my responsibility to attend all scheduled courses, take all examinations, and complete all coursework required by my program. I am responsible for attending all of my classes and required activities except in the event of illness or extraordinary circumstances beyond my control. I will complete or make-up any coursework I may miss as a result of being absent. Visits from family and friends are not an excuse to miss class. I am to remain in attendance for the duration specified on the program. One of the goals of the program is to immerse students in the French language. For this reason, you will be asked to pledge to speak only French during the entire length of the program.
7. I will have my primary care physician, or a physician utilized through Rutgers Health Services, complete my Physician's Medical Information Form. I understand that I am responsible for ensuring this form is completed and submitted to the Department of French.
8. Possession or use of illegal drugs while abroad is prohibited. I am aware that in many countries, the penalty for the possession or use of illegal drugs can include arrest and/or imprisonment and that drug laws can vary from country to country. In the event I am arrested and/or imprisoned for possessing and/or using illegal drugs, neither Rutgers University, my host, nor the American Embassy will be able to intervene. I agree that I will not buy, sell, or use illegal drugs at any time during my program participation.
9. Rutgers University prohibits the illegal or irresponsible use of alcohol by students. It is my responsibility to know the risks associated with alcohol use and abuse. It is my responsibility to know the local and national laws of the countries where I will live and travel while abroad with respect to the possession, use, and abuse of alcohol, as these laws may differ significantly from those in my home country. If I am of legal age and choose to consume alcohol abroad, I understand that I am expected to behave responsibly. The illegal or excessive consumption of alcohol or misconduct due to alcohol consumption may result in disciplinary action from my program and/or Rutgers University including, but not limited to, dismissal from my program. I am responsible for any expenses incurred from legal ramifications as a result of illegal or excessive alcohol use or misconduct as a result of said use.
10. Though rare, serious illnesses and injuries can occur during participation in international travel. Should I experience illness or injury while abroad, I will obtain appropriate medical care and alert my program director or liaison. Any expenses incurred due to illness or injury are my responsibility. I have noted the section below on International SOS Health Insurance.
11. In the event of a medical emergency, I give the Department of French permission to notify my designated emergency contacts.
12. All students participating in the Rutgers Summer in Paris Program will be covered by International Health Insurance for the duration of the program. I am responsible for familiarizing myself with this insurance and proactively planning for my health and safety while abroad.
13. As a responsible program participant, I will identify and address any medical needs with my home health care team and use the recommendations of I-SOS to establish the continuance of care while abroad.
14. I understand for care and coverage, I must make contact with I-SOS for approved clinics, hospitals, and medical professionals before seeking care. While the medical insurance plan is comprehensive, I understand that in some cases and at some facilities I may need to pay out-of-pocket and seek subsequent

reimbursement, following the procedures and policies outlined by ISOS.

15.I-SOS does not cover any US-based medical needs. I understand that it is strongly recommended that I maintain a US-based health insurance policy while abroad in the event of a major medical emergency.

16.I am responsible for securing appropriate travel arrangements that will allow me to arrive in my host country by the specified program start date.

17.I am responsible for obtaining all documents necessary to successfully travel, study, and live abroad for the entire duration of my program. Travel documents include a valid passport, all applicable entry visas, endorsements, and any other documents that my host country may require. I am aware that the host country may at any time change entry visa requirements and application procedures. I am responsible for obtaining the most up-to-date visa information via the consulate website of my host country.

18.I understand that I am responsible for the full and timely payment of the billable costs for my program. I understand and agree that my participation is contingent upon making all of the necessary payments, and submitting all of the required documentation, by the specified due dates.

Signed: _____

Applicant: _____

Date: _____