



## Study Abroad or Graduate Research Abroad *Authorization to Maintain F-1/J-1 Status*

International students sometimes elect to study or conduct research overseas as part of their U.S. academic program. In order to maintain your SEVIS record and eligibility for re-entry in valid F-1 or J-1 status, you must notify the ISO in advance. Students must comply with all University policies regarding activities abroad and may only receive authorization after maintaining full-time enrollment for at least one academic term. Please consult with an ISO Advisor to discuss your plans *before* leaving the U.S. and to request necessary documentation.

**\*\*Absence from the U.S. for 5 months or more where the student is NOT participating full-time in authorized study/research abroad is considered a non-temporary absence and would require a termination of your current SEVIS record. Prior to returning and continuing your studies, you would need a new SEVIS record, new initial attendance I-20, a new visa stamp, and repayment of the SEVIS fee. The clock for eligibility of employment benefits would also be reset.**

During your time overseas, you must maintain communication with the ISO to ensure that your F-1 or J-1 status remains valid and you have necessary documents to resume your studies in Rochester as planned. If your activities abroad will extend beyond one academic term, it may be necessary to issue and coordinate delivery of an updated I-20 while you are gone.

### Procedures to authorize study or graduate research abroad:

- Submit attached form with recommendation from Academic Advisor and UR Dean
- Receive written authorization from the ISO *before* leaving the U.S.
- Maintain required registration at UR and progress towards your degree while abroad
- Obtain updated travel signature prior to re-entry, as needed (signatures valid for 1 year)

### Student Information:

UID: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree/Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of study/research abroad: \_\_\_\_\_ Requested term(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Planned date of departure: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected date of return to U.S.: \_\_\_\_\_

### Recommendation of Academic Advisor: *(Please select the appropriate category for this student.)*

- Student will pursue an authorized study abroad program as part of their full course of study.
- Student will engage in graduate research abroad & maintain progress towards their degree.

Advisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Certification from Dean's Office:

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Grad/Undergrad Dean's Signature	Name (print)	Date