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## VISA PROCESS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

## **Federative Republic of Brazil**

Due to the complicated nature of the visa application process for Brazil, please return this form acknowledging your understanding of the following information. SIT will send you visa application instructions during the two months preceding your departure for your program. It can take up to 4 weeks for the Brazilian consulate to process your visa application. Please review the following points and provide all the requested information so that our office may begin preparing your visa documents.

I understand that:

- □ I am responsible for obtaining the appropriate Brazilian visa in order to participate in the SIT program.
- In order to participate in an SIT Brazil program, I must first obtain a VITEM-IV Student Visa; not a tourist visa. Applying for any other type of Brazilian visa could prevent me from participating in the program.
- SIT cannot assist students planning to visit Brazil for periods outside of the SIT program dates.
- Students without a US passport may be subject to additional or different requirements for obtaining a visa or meeting other conditions of entry into the country or countries listed above. Many countries require individuals to apply for visas in person at the relevant embassy or consulate located in their country of citizenship. We strongly recommend that you contact the embassy of each country the program will be traveling to very early in the process to confirm visa and/or entry requirements applicable to your country of citizenship and determine next steps while allowing plenty of time to apply. If the foreign consulate(s) permits non-US passport holders to apply for the required visa from within the United States, applicants are encouraged to contact Travisa Visa Services. As an experienced visa agent working closely with a number of SIT programs, Travisa may be able to assist you in your visa application process. A service discount is available by entering "SIT" as the corporate code in your Travisa online application. It is your responsibility to confirm and complete the visa application process particular to your situation, and to keep your admissions counselor informed. The Brazilian consulates may change visa requirements and fees at any time. Before beginning the visa application process, I must verify the most current requirements and fees.
- Issuance of visas is at the sole discretion of the Brazilian consulates. SIT assumes no responsibility for the application process or if the participant's visa is delayed or denied.
- Participating in international travel during the four months prior to the start of my program has the potential to prevent me from obtaining my visa.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call SIT at: 1-888 272 7881.

## Please return this form by uploading it to your student portal or send it to: SIT

Study Abroad 1 Kipling Road Brattleboro, VT 05302 By providing this information, I confirm my acknowledgement of the aforementioned points and that the information below is current and correct.

Name (print):

**Permanent Mailing Address:** Your permanent address determines which Brazilian consulate will process your visa. **SIT will prepare** visa application supporting documents based on this address, and the consulate will require proof of your residency. We will also mail you your unique visa supporting documents during the two months immediately preceding the start of your program.

Special notes on your individual process (travel plans prior to program, non-US passport, etc.):

**Each parents' FULL name** (What you list here should be the **<u>exact same way</u>** you eventually write it on the visa application):

Skype username required for Brazil Public Health Only

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

Your program title: