

Please complete the top section of this form and ask a professor at the college or university level to complete the reference section or attach a letter of reference. Personal references may be submitted only as additional support.

Applicant Information

Name: _____ Gender: _____ Gender Self-Identification: _____
first middle last

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____
number / street

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Program Choice

SIT Study Abroad Program Choice: _____

FALL 20 _____ **SPRING 20** _____ **SUMMER 20** _____

Under Section 438, General Education Provisions Act (Public Law 90-247), you have the right to review materials submitted to World Learning / SIT in connection with your application. This law also allows you to waive this right if you so choose, with the understanding that confidential recommendations are not required in the admissions process. Please check one and sign:

I do waive my right of access to this recommendation.

I do not waive my right of access to this recommendation.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Fax or email to SIT Study Abroad (Fax: 802 258-3296 | Email: studyabroad@sit.edu)

Reference

SIT Study Abroad is a rigorous, interdisciplinary program that expects students to learn from both traditional and field-based academic methods and to synthesize these approaches. SIT Study Abroad asks for references from a professor at the college or university level. Students are involved in challenging cross-cultural situations, both in and out of the classroom. To succeed, the applicant must have a high degree of academic and personal motivation and the ability to adjust to people of different social and cultural backgrounds. We cannot overemphasize, therefore, the value of your candid appraisal in enabling us to determine whether the applicant is appropriate for this kind of program and, if so, to help the applicant obtain the most from the experience. We will be happy to accept a letter in lieu of this form.

Please note: We accept students into programs on a rolling basis. Many programs fill to capacity before the deadline. A space cannot be reserved until all of a student's application materials are received. Since the candidate's application cannot be reviewed until we receive this form, please submit this form in a timely manner to the student or to SIT Study Abroad as indicated by the student above.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Institution: _____ Department: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____
number / street

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

How long and in what capacity (courses taught) have you known this student?

*This form should be returned to the student to be submitted with the rest of the completed application.
If you need to send it separately, please mail, fax, or email it to:*

Applicant Name: _____ Program Name: _____

In comparison with other students you have known, please rate the applicant on the following characteristics:

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Unknown
Writing ability					
Ability to express themselves orally					
Initiative					
Ability to cope with ambiguity					
Ability to adjust to and cope with unusual/uncomfortable situations					
Ability to work with a group of peers					
Common sense and good judgment					

I **would** **would not** expect the student to be appropriate and considerate as a homestay participant.

I **would** **would not** enjoy having the student as a member of a group for which I was responsible.

Please explain:

What are this student's intellectual and/or other strengths relevant to studying abroad?

What are this student's intellectual and/or other weaknesses that might be relevant to studying abroad?

Please comment on the student's motivation for studying abroad. Do they have the ability and maturity to achieve their goals in studying abroad?

Additional comments:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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