

## Iceland Visa Process Acknowledgement Form

Due to the processing time length of the Iceland residence permit you will need in order to participate on the program, SIT asks you to return this form acknowledging your understanding of the following information. SIT will send you visa application instructions at the beginning of May for Fall programs and beginning of October for Spring programs. You are solely responsible for submitting all necessary pre-visa materials to SIT in a timely fashion to start the visa process. Failure to do so will delay the visa process not only for you, but for the entire group. Visa processing can take up to 90 days.

**Name (print):** \_\_\_\_\_

For all travelers, I understand that:

- I alone am responsible for obtaining the appropriate visa to participate on my SIT program. I am expected to obtain the necessary visa before I depart for the program and understand that failure to obtain the required visa before the program may result in my inability to participate in the program.
- Applying for another type of visa other than what was instructed by SIT could prevent me from participating in the program.
- SIT cannot assist students planning to remain in any country for periods longer than the SIT program dates nor can it assist with pre or post program travel.
- The Icelandic Directorate of Immigration may change visa requirements and fees at any time. Before beginning the visa application process, I must verify the current required documents and fees requested by the Directorate as they may differ.
- Issuance of visas is at the sole discretion of the Directorate of Immigration. 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 required visa and is strongly discouraged due to the lengthy nature of the Icelandic visa process which may take right up to 90 days to process.
- I understand that my enrollment will be withdrawn and I will not be allowed to participate in the program if I have not obtained the required visa prior to arriving on the program.

For non-US passport holders, I knowledge that:

- It is my responsibility to make myself aware of the requirements pertaining to traveling on a non-US passport. Students traveling on a non-US passport may be subject to different or additional requirements and/or fees for obtaining a visa or meeting other conditions of entry into the country during your program. I will contact the embassy of the country shortly after being offered admissions to the program to confirm visa and/or entry requirements applicable to my country of citizenship and determine next steps while allowing plenty of time to apply.
- I am responsible for making sure I obtain a transit visa for any of the countries that I have layover(s) in.
- Non US passport holders requiring supplemental supporting documents are responsible for notifying their admissions counselor of those needs in a timely fashion.

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- Many countries require individuals to apply for visas in person at the relevant embassy or consulate located in their country of citizenship, though not always.
- It is your responsibility to confirm and complete the visa application process particular to your situation, and to keep your admissions counselor informed.

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

**Please complete both sides of this form and return to SIT through the student portal or via email to your Admissions Counselor.**

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

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By providing this information, I confirm my acknowledgement of the aforementioned points and that the information below is current and correct.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_