

VISA PROCESS ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM



Please return this form acknowledging your understanding of the following information. **SIT will send you visa instructions via email by July/August for Fall programs, by December/January for Spring programs, and by May for Summer programs.** You are solely responsible for submitting all necessary visa and/or pre-visa materials to SIT or relevant embassy/foreign representation in a timely fashion. Failure to do so will delay your visa process and may impact visas for the entire group.

READ EACH POINT CAREFULLY AND CHECK ALL BOXES BELOW

- ☐ I am responsible for sending visa/pre-visa materials to SIT/relevant visa-granting authority within the amount of time specified by my Admissions Counselor. Failure to do so could result in my removal from the program.
- ☐ Failure to obtain the correct visa will result in my administrative withdrawal from the program.
- ☐ Participating in international travel or being without internet access during the four months prior to the start of my program has the potential to prevent me from obtaining my visa. Before planning any pre-program travel, I must consult with my Admissions Counselor to ensure that this is possible. If it interferes with the visa process, I must change my travel plans, or plan to return to the US at the appropriate time in order to be issued a visa.
- ☐ I may be required to be within the United States in order to receive my visa.
Foreign governments, not SIT, determine visa requirements and fees and may change them 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 foreign governments. SIT assumes no responsibility for the application process or if the participant's visa is denied.
- ☐ I understand that SIT has no affiliation with any embassy, consulate, or visa-granting authority.
- ☐ I will read and comply with the visa/pre-visa instructions provided by SIT and I will submit my materials by the deadlines communicated to me by my Admissions Counselor.
- ☐ 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 confirmation visa and/or entry requirements applicable to your country of citizenship and determine next steps while allowing plenty of time to apply.

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

Please upload this form to your application portal or email to studyabroad@sit.edu

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

Name (print): _____

Program Name: _____

Term of study: _____

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

Signature _____ **Date** _____