

## Portugal Visa Process Acknowledgement Form

The laws of Portugal require that non-EU passport holders seeking to study in the country must obtain a **Student Visa** prior to their arrival in Portugal. This visa will be obtained through the consulate of Portugal, and students will receive further instructions during the months preceding their semester abroad.

*By completing this form, I affirm my understanding of the following points:*

- ☐ **Students must make an appointment online with the consulate/VFS ASAP! Spots can fill months in advance.**
- ☐ I am aware I will be without my passport for 4-6 weeks while the consulate processes the visa.
- ☐ Before the start of my SIT Portugal program, I am responsible for obtaining a Portuguese **student visa**.
- ☐ The individual Portuguese 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.
- ☐ Visas are issued at the sole discretion of the Portuguese consulates in accordance with legislation and policies from the Portuguese government.
- ☐ Consulates will require an **in-person** appearance as part of the visa process. I will have to make travel plans in order to attend this appointment
- ☐ SIT is not affiliated with the central government of Portugal and cannot waive students' visa requirements.
- ☐ Following their first entry into Portugal with this visa, local laws require that students register with Portuguese immigration authorities. The on-site SIT program staff will assist with that registration process at the start of the semester. Students planning to travel early to Portugal to pursue personal travels must not enter Portuguese territory more than 15 days before the program begins, as arriving too early could cause legal complications with the in-country registration.
- ☐ SIT will send supporting documents for the visa application, which will be delivered during the months preceding the semester, allowing time for me to apply for and obtain my visa before the program start date. Though every effort will be made to deliver these documents as early as possible, SIT cannot make special arrangements to accommodate students' individual pre-program travel plans or other activities which might conflict with the visa application process.
- ☐ 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
- ☐ In case of failure to obtain the student visa, SIT's backup option is for students to arrive under tourist status and stay for only the 90 days allowed to US passport holders for stays without a visa, meaning the student will leave the program early. Should I fail to obtain the student visa, I will inform my school of this option for their approval, and I will inform SIT of any planned travel prior to the program that may interfere with this option. I understand that any travel within the Schengen Area in the 180 days prior to the start of the program will prevent me from using this backup option.

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

Special notes on your individual process: (i.e. pre-program travel plans, non-US passport, etc.)

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### Consular Jurisdiction

*Please note jurisdiction is determined by your home state or the state you attend college.*

**Consulate in Boston Jurisdiction:** Massachusetts, (Boston, Norfolk, Middlesex, Essex, Worcester, Hampden, Franklin, and Berkshire counties), Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont.

**Consulate in New Bedford Jurisdiction:** Massachusetts (Bristol, Plymouth, Dukes, and Nantucket counties), Rhode Island.

**Consulate in Newark Jurisdiction:** Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania.

**Consulate in Washington, DC Jurisdiction:** Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin, District of Columbia.

**Consulate in New York Jurisdiction:** Connecticut, Michigan, New York. Territories of American Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico.

**Consulate in San Francisco Jurisdiction:** Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.