



UT Graduate Students and International Travel

From conferences to dissertation research to internships - graduate students may have multiple opportunities to travel to international locations over the course of their academic career. The UT Student Travel Policy ensures that all UT-affiliated international travel is properly authorized and registered. The International Office is a resource for ensuring that all graduate student travel is in compliance with this policy.

Student Travel Policy for International Locations (STPIL)

All enrolled undergraduate, graduate and professional students participating in UT-affiliated activities or events abroad (whether required or optional) must understand their unique travel authorization requirements under STPIL. **STPIL covers any travel organized and/or sponsored by the University of Texas.** The types of activities and events covered by this policy include:

- trips organized and/or sponsored by The University of Texas at Austin that are part of or contribute to an academic course or degree program including internships, practicum, and research;
- academic-related international service learning, internships, practicum, research, and volunteer opportunities organized and/or sponsored by the University of Texas at Austin;
- travel by members of registered student organizations;
- travel to meetings of academic-related, professional associations including conferences.

Speak to staff members in your Department or College – and visit the Student Travel Policy Webpage:
world.utexas.edu/abroad/itr - to find out how this policy applies to your travel!

Overseas Insurance

- Under STPIL - any student participating in UT-affiliated international activities must be enrolled in Overseas Insurance coverage.
- Students are responsible for paying the charges related to this coverage for their time abroad.
- Students are charged fees at the time their international travel is authorized and registered.
- The only exemption from this coverage (and associated charges) is for students traveling to their home country.

Detailed information about Overseas Insurance enrollment, coverage and fees can be found on the Overseas Insurance Webpage: world.utexas.edu/abroad/health/insurance



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UT Travel Policy to Restricted Regions

Authorization for student travel to countries designated as UT Restricted Regions requires approval by the UT International Oversight Committee (IOC). UT students traveling to Restricted Regions must demonstrate their understanding of the health, safety, and security risks associated with their specific travel. Travel preparation, UT international assistance awareness, and risk mitigation strategies are highlighted in the approval process.

UT reserves the right to withhold reimbursement and/or take other disciplinary actions for noncompliance with the UT Student Travel Policy for travel to Restricted Regions.

More information about Restricted Regions can be found at the Global Risk & Safety Webpage:
world.utexas.edu/risk

Resources for Graduate Study Abroad

Independent Study and Research Program (ISR)

Students may apply for the International Independent Study and Research (ISR) program if they are conducting research or studying **independently** abroad. Enrollment requires the approval of the student's faculty sponsor, graduate adviser and Study Abroad. Students enrolled in ISR pay a flat-rate tuition fee of \$400 (*plus Overseas Insurance fees for their time abroad*), and are considered full-time students by the University. Students who register for ISR are not guaranteed credit for the work completed abroad. Students must consult with the graduate advisor and with the Graduate and International Admissions Center ([GIAC](#)) to determine whether credit will be granted.

ISR Program information can be found at: world.utexas.edu/abroad/programs/isr

IEFS Scholarship

All students participating in UT-affiliated international travel are eligible for the UT International Education Fee Scholarship. Awards range from \$1000 - \$1500. Competition is based on need and merit with more emphasis on need. Students with no need whatsoever can apply but will most likely not be awarded. The application consists of a basic online application, a listing of your honors and awards, a bit of information about your finances and the program you have selected as well as a one page essay.

Scholarship & Funding information can be found at: world.utexas.edu/abroad/funding