TRAVEL SIGNATURE REQUEST FORM

Name of Student/Scholar: ___________________________________ UConn ID # (7 digits): ______________________

Choose all that apply: □ I am traveling. □ My dependent/s is/are traveling.

I am traveling to: ___________________________________ (name of country) Visa type (circle one): F-1 J-1

**Please be sure you have the necessary visa for any country you will visit, including layover/transit destinations (i.e. connecting flights in a 3rd country)**

Traveler’s Information (1)

Traveler’s Name:_____________________________________________ □ Self □ Spouse □ Child

Expected departure date from the US: _______________ Expected reentry date to the US: _______________

Passport expiration date: ________ Visa page expiration date: ________ I-20/DS-2019 program end date: ________

My visa is for: □ single entry □ multiple entries

Traveler’s Information (2)

Traveler’s Name:_____________________________________________ □ Self □ Spouse □ Child

Expected departure date from the US: _______________ Expected reentry date to the US: _______________

Passport expiration date: ________ Visa page expiration date: ________ I-20/DS-2019 program end date: ________

My visa is for: □ single entry □ multiple entries

Traveler’s Information (3)

Traveler’s Name:_____________________________________________ □ Self □ Spouse □ Child

Expected departure date from the US: _______________ Expected reentry date to the US: _______________

Passport expiration date: ________ Visa page expiration date: ________ I-20/DS-2019 program end date: ________

My visa is for: □ single entry □ multiple entries

Are you traveling for academic reasons? (E.g. academic research, representing UConn at a conference, UConn-sponsored volunteer trip)? □ Yes □ No

Are you traveling for a UConn Study Abroad program? □ Yes □ No

Has your (or your dependent’s) passport/visa information changed since you last visited International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS)? □ Yes □ No

Do any travelers in this request have an application/petition pending with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services?

□ Yes (1) Specify the type of application/petition (e.g. OPT, change of status to H-1B, etc.): _______________________
(2) Specify the applicant’s name for the above application/petition: _______________________

□ No

ACADEMIC ADVISOR USE ONLY – FOR STUDENTS WHO WILL TRAVEL WHILE SCHOOL IS IN SESSION:

I am the applicant’s academic advisor, and I certify that the absence is approved by the academic school or department, and will not interfere with the applicant’s ability to complete his/her work this academic term. I am aware that the student must maintain full time study toward degree while outside the U.S. in order to be eligible for return with his/her F-1/J-1 visa and we will make effort to accommodate this requirement while the student is outside the U.S. I understand that the student will not be eligible to extend his/her program duration beyond the current I-20/DS-2019 end date to make up work that could not be completed during the absence.

Name __________________________ Signature __________________________ Department __________________________ Date __________

Student’s/Scholar’s Signature: __________________________________________ Date: __________________
When You Return to the U.S.:
You will present the following documents when going through U.S. immigration to return to the U.S.:
- Form I-20/DS-2019 (with valid travel signature)
- Passport w/ valid visa
In addition, carry the following documents in your carry-on:
- Proof of Funding (GA/Scholarship award letter, bank statement)
- SEVIS I-901 Fee receipt (check status or reprint at www.fmjfee.com)
- Enrollment Verification (for F-1/J-1 students only)
- UConn Invitation Letter (for J-1 visiting scholars)
- EAD and employment offer letter (for F-1 students on post-completion OPT)
* CBP officials maintain the right to examine phones, laptops, and other electronic devices to determine your admissibility to the U.S.*

If renewing your visa: Please start the visa renewal process as soon as possible. Visit www.usembassy.gov to find the website for your nearest U.S. embassy for visa renewal instructions. If renewing your visa, you may need to travel with the documents listed above, as well as a full academic transcript. STEM students should bring a study/research plan if renewing the visa.

If carrying money: If you are carrying $10,000 or more of currency into the U.S. you must declare this by completing FinCEN 105. If you are traveling with multiple people and you carry combined $10,000 or more, you must also declare this.

After going through immigration: please make sure your passport is stamped “F-1 (F/2) D/S” or “J-1 (J-2) D/S”. After arriving in the U.S. please remember to print a copies of your new I-94 and bring it to ISSS to scan, or email a copy for your file. You get your most recent I-94 online at https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov If you renewed your passport or visa while you were at home, please bring copies of your new documents to the ISSS.

If you experience problems at reentry:
If immigration needs further evidence to determine your admissibility to the U.S., they will bring you to secondary inspection. If brought to secondary inspection, answer all questions honestly and politely. If the CBP officer needs to verify your status with ISSS, they may call 1-860-486-3855. If it is after-hours, and ISSS cannot be reached, they may also contact UConn Police at 1-860-486-4800. You may report incidents of recurrent trips to secondary inspection through DHS Trip – https://www.dhs.gov/dhs-trip. ACLU information on rights at airport/POE: https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/what-do-when-encountering-law-enforcement-airports-and-other-ports-entry-us

ISSS USE ONLY: Student/Scholar Travel Reminders

Student/Scholar Name: ____________________________ UConn ID: ____________________________ ISSS Advisor: ____________________________

☐ Your passport will not be valid for 6 months from the date that you will reenter the U.S. Please renew it before your return to the U.S.

☐ Your visa will be expiring/has expired on ________________, Please apply for a new F or J visa while you are abroad.

☐ Your most current travel signature on your Form I-20/DS-2019 is still valid. You don’t need a new one this time.

☐ As a reminder for J visa holders, it is your responsibility to have adequate valid health insurance at all times pursuant to 22 CFR 62.14.

☐ Please travel with the new I-20/DS-2019 issued on ________________ from now on and keep your previous I-20’s for your file.

☐ You are required per federal visa regulations to update your “Current Local Address” with ISSS. Visit isss.uconn.edu > UpdateYour Local Address, for instructions on how to update your address.

☐ You may need to register your UConn-affiliated travel with the University. To do this, go to http://abroad.uconn.edu/education-abroad-travel-registration/.

☐ Other: ____________________________