

Education Abroad Ambassador Policies

We are glad to know that you are interested in joining Texas State on our mission to internationalize our campus, by sharing your international experience and promoting international education to your fellow Bobcats.

As an Education Abroad Ambassador, you will encourage other students to participate in Education Abroad programs by creating and actively participating in activities on campus.

Please read the information provided below. It contains important information about the role of an Education Abroad Ambassador and the expectation of this program.

Benefits:

- **Learn More About International Education:**
Education Abroad Ambassador program is a great way to start a career in International Education. You will learn all the ins and outs about Education Abroad.
- **Gain valuable skills and build professional experience:**
You will have the opportunity to sharpen your skills in leadership, teamwork, public speaking, and programming among many others.
- **Certificate of International Engagement upon successful completion:**
Education Abroad Ambassadors will receive a certificate of participation.

Duties:

- Tabling 2 hours per month
 - One Social Media post about your experience per month
 - Attend one General Information Session per month.
 - Participate in semester main events:
 - o October: Education Abroad Fair 10/19/23 (3 hours)
 - o November/December: Ambassadors Panel (TBD) (1 or 2 hours)
 - o January: Ambassador Panel (TBD) (1 or 2 hours)
 - o March: Ready Set Go Abroad (TBD) (3 hours)
 - Participate to one Bobcat Day: 10/7/23, 11/4/23, 2/17/24, 4/20/24.
- Students are expected to attend the mandatory meeting at the beginning of the semester to receive training, updates, and schedule for the semester and farewell event.

Expectations:

Students will be required to electronically sign at the end of the application after review of the policies.

- **Education Abroad Ambassador Program Contract**

As an Education Abroad Ambassador with the Texas State University, I am representing Texas State University at all times. I agree to abide by the Education Abroad Ambassador Contract. I understand and agree that participating in behavior that violates this contract can be subject to release from my role in the Ambassador program. I acknowledge and accept that Texas State has the authority to establish rules of conduct for the Ambassador program, and that I must adhere to the conduct outlined in this contract.

- **Student-Ambassador Life Balance**

My priority should be my education. This role as an Ambassador should not interfere with my academics. My duties as an ambassador should accommodate around my schedule and the needs of Education Abroad. I will not allow Education Abroad Ambassador Program to interfere with my academics, and I will notify Education Abroad if I have difficulties committing time to the program.

- **Training**

I am required to attend all mandatory training hosted by Education Abroad for the Ambassador Program. If I am unable to attend a training session, I must contact Education Abroad and develop an alternate plan.

- **Etiquette:**

I am the on-campus face of Texas State Education Abroad. I will conduct myself in a professional manner when participating in university-related events.

- **Education Abroad Updates**

Education Abroad at Texas State Education Abroad will send updates regarding current programs, closures, and special opportunities, and it is my responsibility to stay well informed. I will remain attentive to Education Abroad updates throughout the term of my Education Abroad Ambassador participation.

- **Communication with Education Abroad**

Monthly check-ins will be scheduled to monitor my Education Abroad Ambassador's engagement. It is required that I keep Education Abroad up to date with my program activities.

RELEASE and INDEMNITY

This is a Release of Liability, Indemnification and Assumption of Risk Agreement. Read it carefully and sign below. Completion of this form is required before you participate in the Activity, as described above. This document cannot be altered or modified by any verbal or written statements.

Releasees: The "Releasees" in this agreement are, The Texas State University System Board of Regents, The Texas State University System, Texas State University, and all regents, directors, employees, agents, and officers and volunteers of such entities.

Assumption of Risks: To the best of my knowledge, I am in good health and have no physical limitations that would preclude or impede my participation in the Activity listed above. I am aware of the risks, perils and hazards connected with the Activity. I acknowledge that loss of property, personal or bodily injury, or death might result from the Activity and/or the acts of others. I elect to participate voluntarily and engage in the Activity knowing that the Activity may be hazardous to my property and me. I voluntarily and expressly agree and promise that I assume full responsibility for property loss or damage, and for personal injury, including death, that I may sustain as a result of being engaged in the Activity, whether or not based on the negligence or other wrongful conduct of the Releasees.

INDEMNIFICATION: I AGREE TO INDEMNIFY, PROTECT, DEFEND (ON DEMAND), AND HOLD HARMLESS THE RELEASEES FROM ANY AND ALL LOSS, LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR COSTS OF ANY NATURE WHATSOEVER, WHETHER NOW EXISTING OR HEREAFTER ARISING, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, COURT COSTS AND ATTORNEY'S FEES, THAT THE RELEASEES MAY INCUR DUE TO MY PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITY, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE. FOR EXAMPLE, I SPECIFICALLY AGREE TO INDEMNIFY, PROTECT, DEFEND (ON DEMAND), AND HOLD HARMLESS THE RELEASEES FROM ANY LOSSES THE RELEASEES MAY INCUR AS A RESULT OF MY LOSS OF PROPERTY, MY PERSONAL OR BODILY INJURY OR DEATH, MY INJURING ANOTHER PERSON AND/OR MY DAMAGING ANOTHER PERSON'S PROPERTY WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITY.

THE INDEMNITY OWED BY ME AS SET FORTH HEREIN IS SPECIFICALLY INTENDED TO INCLUDE CLAIMS CAUSED, OR ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY THE RELEASEES' OWN NEGLIGENCE.

Release: In consideration for facilitating my participation in the Activity described above, I release, discharge, and agree not to sue the Releasees for any claims, demands, actions, and causes of action of any nature whatsoever, including without limitation any claims of negligence, arising out of any loss or damage to my property and/or any personal injury or death, that I may sustain, whether or not caused by the negligence of any of the Releasees, while participating in the Activity, whether supervised or unsupervised, or while in transportation to or from the Activity.

THE RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE SET FORTH HEREIN IS SPECIFICALLY INTENDED TO INCLUDE CLAIMS CAUSED, OR ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY THE RELEASEES' OWN NEGLIGENCE.

Intent: I intend that this Release of Liability, Indemnification and Assumption of Risk Agreement bind not only me, but also the members of my family and my spouse, and my heirs, assigns, and personal representatives. I intend this as a release, discharge, and promise not to sue the Releasees. I further agree that this Release of Liability, Indemnification and Assumption of Risk Agreement should be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.

Free Act: I acknowledge that I have read and understand this Release of Liability, Indemnification and Assumption of Risk Agreement and understand that it is legally binding. I understand it and sign it voluntarily as my own free act.

I certify that I am of lawful age (18 years or older) and legally competent to sign this Agreement.