

Education Abroad Ambassador Policies

We are glad to know that you are interested in joining Texas State in our mission to internalize 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.

QUALIFICATIONS

- **Education Abroad Alumni:** Participation in faculty-led, summer hub, exchange, or affiliated programs.
- **Minimum GPA:** A cumulative **GPA of 2.5** at Texas State University at the time of application.
- **Volunteer Commitment:** Willingness to volunteer **at least 12 hours per semester** for the Education Abroad Office's promotional and recruitment efforts.
- **Mandatory Training:** Attend the mandatory one-hour in person session at the beginning of the semester for training, updates, and scheduling.

BENEFITS

- **Professional Experience and Networking:** Gain valuable feedback and connect with TXST community members and beyond.
- **Skill Development:** Enhance leadership, public speaking, peer mentoring, and cross-cultural communication skills.
- **Certificate of Participation:** Receive a certificate upon successful completion of required hours.
- **LinkedIn Recommendation:** Obtain a recommendation letter highlighting volunteer hours and activities.
- **Skill Endorsements on LinkedIn:** Receive endorsements for leadership, communication, cross-cultural communication, mentoring, and peer advising skills.
- **Upon Completion Certificate**
 - **Maroon Ambassador:** 12-15 hours per semester.
 - **Gold Ambassador:** 16+ hours per semester.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT

- **Education Abroad Events:** Up to 4 hours per event (e.g., Education Abroad Fair, Ready Set Go Abroad, Bobcat Days).
- **Presentations:** 1 hour per session (classroom/general information sessions, TXST club/resident hall presentations).
- **Peer Advising Sessions:** 1 hour per session, guiding students interested in Education Abroad programs.

- **Tabling Sessions:** 1-2 hours per session, promoting Education Abroad Programs.
 - **Poster Displays:** 1 hour per 4 posters, distributing approved posters.
- Note: All documentation on activities with reports and photos will be uploaded to the Canvas site.*

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 the Education Abroad Office

I must keep the Education Abroad Office updated on my completed activities by submitting time/project reports within one week of each activity. Failure to submit reports in a timely manner may result in my activities not being counted toward my hours and potential release from the program. Additionally, monthly check-ins will be scheduled to monitor my Education Abroad Ambassador's engagement.

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. This document cannot be altered or modified by any verbal or written statements.

RELEASEES: The Board of Regents, The Texas State University System, Texas State University, and all regents, employees, agents, and officers for these 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 this Activity. I am aware of the risks and hazards connected with the Activity, and I elect to participate voluntarily and engage in this 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 this Activity, whether or not based on the negligence or other wrongful conduct of Releasees.

INDEMNIFICATION: I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the releasees from any and all loss, liability, damage, or costs of any nature whatsoever, including court costs and attorney fees, that they may incur due to my participation in this activity whether caused by the negligence of releasees or otherwise. For example, I specifically agree to indemnify and hold harmless the releasees from losses they may incur as a result of my injuries and my injuring another person or damaging another person's property while participating in the activity.

RELEASE: In consideration for facilitating my participation in the Activity described above (hereafter Activity), I release, discharge, and agree not to sue Releasees for any claims, demands, actions, and causes of action of any nature whatsoever including a claim of negligence, arising out of any loss or damage to my property and any injury, including death, that I may sustain whether or not caused by the negligence of the Releasees, while participating in the Activity, supervised or unsupervised, or while in transportation to and from the Activity.

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

I agree with the policies indicated in this contract.

Name: _____ Date: _____