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The CAS Study Away Office continues to monitor the COVID-19 worldwide pandemic. As we navigate through these unprecedented times, we would like to provide the following information to assist with questions students or parents may have due to the evolving COVID-19 (Coronavirus) situation as it pertains to study away programs.

Additional information about the University of Redlands' response to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic can be found here: <https://www.redlands.edu/coronavirus-resources/>.

Updates for Fall 2021 Study Away Programs

Our office looks forward to working with students throughout the study away planning process. The following is important information regarding next steps and Covid 19. While we are optimistic about our upcoming Fall '21 programs, we want to give you all of the information that we have regarding how we are planning to move forward should things change. If Covid has taught us anything, it is that we always need to expect the unexpected! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the CAS Study Away Office at CASStudyAway@redlands.edu.

On June 1st, the difficult decision was made to cancel study away programs in the following countries for fall 2021:

Chile
China
Japan
Taiwan

Our office is working with students affected by this decision to help them find another program or defer their study away until spring 2022.

For all other fall 2021 study away students, the following message was sent on June 1:

The University has been continuously monitoring the pandemic and assessing many factors when making decisions regarding fall study away programs. We are happy to inform you that we have made the decision to move forward with your study away program for the fall; however, it is important to know that conditions could change that may result in suspension of the program, either by the University of Redlands or the study away program prior to the start of the fall semester. Your study away program and the CAS Study Away Office will continue to monitor the pandemic and communicate any updates in the coming months.

Please read this entire email and all future communications thoroughly for important information about how we will proceed and your next steps.

Next Steps: Students

The University is requiring that all students complete the following two items to be eligible to study away fall 2021 by the dates outlined below. Failure to complete both items by the given deadlines will result in withdrawal from fall 2021 study away.

1. Complete the Fall 2021 Study Away Supplementary Waiver. *You must log into the Study Away Portal (Studyabroad.redlands.edu – waiver can be found under signature documents), read and digitally sign the Fall 2021 Study Away Supplementary Student Waiver by June 15th.* Read the Next Steps: CAS Study Away Office section of this email before digitally signing this waiver, as it outlines how your fall registration, billing and housing will be affected once you sign this document and move forward with your plans to study away this fall.
2. Provide documentation of having a full course of COVID 19 vaccinations (a full course of COVID 19 vaccinations means having two doses of the Pfizer vaccine, two doses of the Moderna vaccine or one dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine) by **July 1st**. *You must log into the Study Away Portal (Studyabroad.redlands.edu – under application questionnaires) and upload a copy of your vaccination record.* Students with a possible medical/ADA exemption from the COVID vaccination(s) must [schedule a conversation](#) with the CAS Study Away Director, Andrea Muilenburg, before **June 15th**.

Next Steps: CAS Study Away Office

After June 15th, the CAS Study Away Office will do the following for students who have submitted their signed the Fall 2021 Study Away Supplementary Student Waivers:

1. Begin enrollment for all fall study away students in the SPRO study away course placeholder/Salzburg courses. **This will un-enroll you from your fall U of R on-campus courses.**
2. Notify Student Financial Services of the study away fees to be charged to a student's account (U of R tuition, U of R double room, U of R 14 meals/week plan, and ASUR fee).

3. Enroll students in iNext health insurance and charge student account, if applicable. **Once enrolled, parts of the insurance fees are non-refundable.**
4. Update Residence Life and Housing with list of who will be studying abroad in the fall; **this will remove fall study away students from on-campus housing placements for fall.**

In situations where a student withdraws from study away after June 15th (or is withdrawn from study away for not providing documentation of having a full course of COVID 19 vaccinations by July 1st or a student's program is canceled after June 15th), students will need to re-register for fall U of R campus courses and work with Residence Life and Housing to inquire about housing options for fall. In the case of a student withdrawing, there may be some unrecoverable program costs that will be billed to a student, depending on the date of withdrawal and the study away program.

Booking Flights and Student Visas

Students are responsible for making their own travel arrangements to and from their program. It is important to follow the instructions provided by your program regarding arrival and departure dates and when the program recommends purchasing airfare. Students should purchase refundable tickets or travel insurance for their airfare as the University of Redlands is not able to reimburse students for any money expended on travel arrangements should their program be suspended prior to the start date of the program.

For most programs, students will need to obtain a student visa to be able to study away. Students should follow the detailed information from their program on how to apply for a student visa. Students are responsible for the costs of student visas and should know that the fees paid to consulates are non-refundable.

Important considerations to be aware of as you continue to make plans for the fall.

- **Students are expected to adhere to all airline, in-country, program/university and U of R protocols and regulations.** This could include providing a negative COVID test to be able to travel, mandatory quarantines, possible regular on-site COVID testing, local curfews or restrictions on travel,

University of Redlands Code of Community Standards and University of Redlands COVID Vaccination Policy. It is important to adhere to all instructions given to you by your program or the University of Redlands.

- **Program logistics and details may change at any time.** Students need to be flexible as things like courses may need to be moved online for a period of time, the city may go on lockdown, borders closures or increased COVID rates may prohibit travel, excursion dates/locations may change.
- **Travel may be restricted during your program.** Border closings and quarantines may prevent students from leaving their host country or limit the amount of travel that can be done during the semester.

Please let us know if you have any questions about the above information or about how to proceed in your study away planning. Alternatively, if you have changed your mind and no longer plan to study away this fall, please complete this [form](#) and the CAS Study Away Office will work with you to either defer your program to spring 2022 or withdraw you from study away. The CAS Study Away staff are here to help you navigate this process in these uncertain times; you can schedule a [virtual appointment](#) to discuss your options.