



# Application Instructions

SIT Study Abroad considers the admissions process to be an important component of the study abroad experience. We hope that our in-depth application and subsequent conversations will be useful to you as you focus your goals for studying abroad and prepare for a meaningful semester. Please complete and return the following application materials to us, while being sure to **make copies for your records**.

## Application Deadlines

Please note that SIT has a **rolling admissions policy**. This means that **it is important to apply early, as some programs fill prior to their stated deadlines**. You must have completed at least one year of college level course work at the time of application.

Final deadlines for the **Fall semester**:

**May 1** for Brazil, Czech Republic, and Switzerland

**May 15** for all other programs

Final deadlines for the **Spring semester**:

**October 1** for Czech Republic, and Switzerland

**November 1** for all other programs

## Application Materials

Your application will not be reviewed until we receive **all** of the following materials:

- \$50 non-refundable application fee:** Enclose check or money order (payable to World Learning), or pay by MasterCard or Visa by completing the payment portion of the application (page 12).
- Official transcript(s):** Include most recent copies from all post-secondary institutions attended.
- Application** (see checklist on page 10)
- Two (2) Academic References:** Mail to SIT Study Abroad in signed, sealed envelopes with your application, if possible. Academic References should come from a professor or your academic advisor.
- Student Disclosure and Approval of Participation**
- Visa materials and other required materials for some programs** (see page 3, Additional Required Materials)

Mail, fax, or email your application to:

SIT Study Abroad  
1 Kipling Road, PO Box 676  
Brattleboro, Vermont 05302-0676 USA  
Fax 802 258-3296  
Email [studyabroad@sit.edu](mailto:studyabroad@sit.edu)

## Applying for Multiple Programs

If you are applying for two consecutive SIT Study Abroad Semester programs, or if you have previously participated in an SIT Study Abroad program, you will need to submit the following additional materials for your second program:

- Application**—Please write an additional essay for question #1 (page 5), and complete the Independent Study Project Proposal and Homestay Letter, if required for your second program.
- Student Disclosure**
- Approval of Participation**
- Multiple Term Acknowledgment Form**

If you are applying for both a semester and a summer program, you will need to submit along with your semester application:

- Summer Application**
- Multiple Term Acknowledgment Form**

## What Happens Next ...

Once we have received all your application materials, including two academic references and official transcripts, our admissions committee will review your application. You may be contacted by SIT Study Abroad to discuss your application or to request additional information. Offers of admission are generally made within three weeks. You will then have **two weeks** to reserve your space in the program by submitting the appropriate confirmation materials. A list of these items will be provided with your offer of admission and will include medical information, a \$400 non-refundable deposit, visa materials if applicable, and other items specific to your program.

This list is also available at [http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/confirmation\\_materials.cfm](http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/confirmation_materials.cfm)

## Scholarships and Financial Aid

Information about SIT Study Abroad scholarships and other financial aid can be found on the Web at [www.sit.edu/studyabroad/scholarships](http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/scholarships). Scholarship decisions will be made after your program's application deadline. Current program fees are available at [www.sit.edu/studyabroad/program\\_costs.cfm](http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/program_costs.cfm).

### Disabilities/Special Services

Federal law prohibits us from making pre-admission inquiry about disabilities. Any information received regarding disabilities will be kept in strict confidence and will not adversely affect admissions decisions. If you require special services because of a disability, you should notify the SIT Study Abroad office. SIT makes every effort to provide programs that are accessible to all.

Without having such information at least **60 days** prior to the program, we cannot ensure appropriate support services to facilitate your learning.

## Important Reminders

If accepted, you will be required to provide us with the completed medical report form and a copy of your passport.

- **Passport** — Your passport must be valid for **at least six months** after the completion of the program. If yours will expire before this date, or if you do not have a passport, you should apply for a new one immediately. It can take four to six weeks to receive a new passport, so if you are applying close to the SIT application deadline, you will need to expedite your passport. If you are unsure about the need to expedite, please contact SIT.
- **Medical Report** — The medical report must be completed by your physician or medical professional. At minimum, Part 1 of the medical form and a scheduled appointment date with your physician or medical professional must be submitted with your confirmation materials. **To avoid any delays, make an appointment at the time of your application.** If accepted, you will be sent an International Certificate of Vaccination (WHO card) with your offer of admission. If you would like a card prior to this, please contact SIT or an international health clinic in your locality.



## Additional Required Materials

Some programs, including many in countries that require a lengthy visa process, require additional application materials. Please review the list below to see if you are required to submit any additional materials. All visa forms referenced below can be found on the “Apply Now” page for your program.

### Notes:

- You may submit a black-and-white or color copy of the first two pages of your passport (biodata and signature pages). **Please be sure the passport has been signed.**
- Your passport must be valid for at least six months after the completion of the program.
- If you are in the process of applying for a passport, please submit a copy of the passport application.
- Passport photos must be official size (2” x 2”) and format. They must have a white background and be in color. Please make sure they are cut to size before you mail them. Color copies, scanned photos (even scanned passport photos), or cropped informal photos cannot be accepted for passport photos. **Please write your name, semester, and program on the back of all photos.** Be sure to let the ink dry before you put them together.

### France: Language, Community, and Social Change

- Community Service Project (CSP) Proposal

### Czech Republic: Arts and Social Change

- One (1) photocopy of your passport or passport application

### Mongolia: Nomadic Culture and Globalization

- Four (4) official color passport photos.
- One (1) photocopy of your passport or passport application

### Morocco: Field Studies in Journalism and New Media

- Writing Sample

### Spain: Language, Community, and Social Change

- Community Service Project (CSP) Proposal



# Application

Mail, fax, or email the completed form with the \$50 non-refundable application fee to:

SIT Study Abroad, 1 Kipling Road, PO Box 676, Brattleboro, Vermont 05302-0676 USA; Fax 802 258-3296; studyabroad@sit.edu

## Applicant Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
first middle last nickname

Home college/university \_\_\_\_\_

Current standing  Sophomore  Junior  Senior

Expected date of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_

Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
month/day/year

Social Security number (or International ID number) REQUIRED

Country(ies) of citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
city/state/country

I  do  do not have a passport valid 6 months after my program ends.

## Optional Information

Are you Hispanic/Latino?  Yes  No

Please indicate racial/ethnic background:

- American Indian or Alaska native  Asian  
 Black or African American  White  
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  Decline to answer

## Permanent Address

\_\_\_\_\_ street

\_\_\_\_\_ city state postal code

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
area code

\*Primary (year-round) email \_\_\_\_\_

\*Secondary email \_\_\_\_\_

## Current Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_ street

\_\_\_\_\_ city state postal code

Dates to use this address for mailing \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
area code

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please note that we communicate primarily by email. Set your SPAM filter so you can receive messages from sit.edu and worldlearning.org**

## Program Choice

I am applying for:  One semester  Two semesters  Summer

First Program:  Fall 20\_\_\_\_  Spring 20\_\_\_\_  Summer 20\_\_\_\_

First choice \_\_\_\_\_

Second choice \_\_\_\_\_

Second Program:  Fall 20\_\_\_\_  Spring 20\_\_\_\_  Summer 20\_\_\_\_

First choice \_\_\_\_\_

Second choice \_\_\_\_\_

Please determine the enrollment status of your program at  
[http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/program\\_availability.cfm](http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/program_availability.cfm)

## Parent/Guardian #1

Mr.  Ms.  Mrs.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
first middle last nickname

Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
street

\_\_\_\_\_ city state postal code

Home tel. \_\_\_\_\_  
area code

Bus. tel. \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
area code area code

Place of employment \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please do not send general information about SIT programs to this person.

## Parent/Guardian #2

Mr.  Ms.  Mrs.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
first middle last nickname

Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
street

\_\_\_\_\_ city state postal code

Home tel. \_\_\_\_\_  
area code

Bus. tel. \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
area code area code

Place of employment \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please do not send general information about SIT programs to this person.

For office use only: ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Source code: \_\_\_\_\_



Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_

Have you or any members of your family participated in SIT, The Experiment in International Living, or World Learning programs?  Yes  No

Person's name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_

Program \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about SIT Study Abroad?

Study Abroad office  SIT Study Abroad website  Other website (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Previous student  Study Abroad fair  Contact with SIT Study Abroad staff  Faculty/advisor

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Names and addresses or names and email of people you think would like to receive more information about SIT Study Abroad:

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## Personal Experience and Academic Background

Briefly describe your main academic interests.

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List relevant courses in which you are currently enrolled.

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Briefly describe your family (occupations, interests, etc.).

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Briefly describe your home community.

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Briefly describe your extracurricular activities, major achievements, travel history, and away-from-home living experiences.

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Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_

## Language Experience

Indicate your ability in languages other than English.

| Language | Speaking ability   | Comprehension  | Years studied  |
|----------|--|--|----------------|
| _____    | <input type="checkbox"/> Rudimentary <input type="checkbox"/> Functional <input type="checkbox"/> Conversant | <input type="checkbox"/> Rudimentary <input type="checkbox"/> Functional <input type="checkbox"/> Conversant | _____ to _____ |
| _____    | <input type="checkbox"/> Rudimentary <input type="checkbox"/> Functional <input type="checkbox"/> Conversant | <input type="checkbox"/> Rudimentary <input type="checkbox"/> Functional <input type="checkbox"/> Conversant | _____ to _____ |

Please list any coursework or language experience you have had that helps you meet the stated language prerequisite or any other language experience as relevant to your program.

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## Essays

Write two separate essays of 300–500 words each on the following:

1. Articulate your academic and personal reasons for selecting SIT's field-based experiential format and your preferred program location. Demonstrate the connection between your interests and the program's theme and academic content.
2. Describe a significant intercultural experience, issue, or event and its impact on you.

## Writing Sample (Only required for applications to the Morocco: Field Studies in Journalism and New Media program)

Attached with your completed application, please submit a writing sample of over 1,500 words representative of your ability to write cogently but also at a sustained feature length. The submission should demonstrate at least one of the following: Your ability to persuade, your ability to sustain an argument (whether a personal essay, reporting exercise or narrative description), your ability to consider multiple angles when constructing your piece, and/or your ability to write well.

## Housing Placement Information

Please be aware as you answer the following questions that you may be expected to make some adjustments to the cultural practices of the country in which you will be living.

Do you smoke?  yes  no      Are you able to tolerate smoking?  yes  no

Do you have any health concerns of which we should be aware (e.g., allergies, asthma)?  yes  no

If yes, please give details and indicate severity (*remember to include this information on your Medical Form should you be offered conditional acceptance*).

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Do you follow any particular dietary practices (e.g., vegetarianism, keeping kosher) when you are at home? How flexible can you be during the program? (Be as specific as possible)

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If you have other important information related to your homestay placement, contact our office.

## Homestay Letter (Not required for Egypt: Modern Cairo, Urban Development, and Social Change)

On the following page, write a short, friendly letter for your prospective homestay. Thank them for accepting you into their home and tell them about yourself — your community, school, interests, friends, and family. **Please sign your letter. If you have ever studied the language of the country in which you will be living, write your letter in that language, no matter how minimal your grasp of the language.** Please do not have the letter corrected by another person.

**Please note:** Due to varying homestay placement procedures and the unavailability of translators, in some cases, your letter may not be read by your homestay family. There will not be sufficient time for your homestay family to respond to you prior to your participation in the program. We are not able to give out family contact information prior to the program start date.



## Homestay Letter\*

\*Use this space to write a letter to your homestay family (see page 6 for details.)

Program name \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant name \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_

Program name \_\_\_\_\_

## Independent Study Project Proposal

The Independent Study Project (ISP) is a key component of SIT Study Abroad programs. Your ability to propose an appropriate project with a single focus is an important factor in admission. A successful ISP aims to increase knowledge in a field of study that contributes to the host culture. Once on-site, you may develop or change your proposal based on additional knowledge of local realities and resources. Your Academic Director will approve and supervise your final project proposal, and you will identify a local expert to act as your project advisor. The culmination of an ISP is typically a 20–40 page paper and an oral presentation. Your topic should be relevant to the theme of the program and host country.

## Institutional Review Board

Human Subject Review Policy—In keeping with federal regulations, ethical guidelines for scholarly research, and the mission of SIT/World Learning, all SIT Study Abroad student ISP research involving human subjects must receive SIT's Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval and adhere to standards in SIT/World Learning's Human Subjects Review Policy available at [http://www.sit.edu/SSA\\_Other\\_documents/human\\_subjects\\_policy.pdf](http://www.sit.edu/SSA_Other_documents/human_subjects_policy.pdf).

The policy is designed to help students develop and implement ISPs that are ethically grounded, culturally sensitive, and respectful of research participants. This process includes local review boards at program sites, with an additional IRB at SIT's Vermont campus. Both will be available to act on any student ISP proposals that raise concerns or questions that cannot be resolved by the academic director and student together.

The SIT IRB has been registered with the Office of Human Research Protections of the US Department of Health and Human Services.

**Students should be sure to understand the parameters of their home school's transfer requirements early in the ISP planning stages. We strongly encourage students to also discuss any IRB/Human Subjects Review requirements that the home school may implement for credit transfer, especially if they hope to use their ISP research for future projects.**

**\*Note: You do not need to propose an Independent Study Project** if you are applying to France: Language, Community, and Social Change; Morocco: Field Studies in Journalism and New Media ; Spain: Language, Community, and Social Change; Uganda: Development Studies; Uganda: Microfinance and Entrepreneurship.

*As you develop your Independent Study Project Proposal, please take into consideration the following:*

- *a one-month time frame*
- *the theme and location of your selected program*
- *the field-based nature of the project*
- *the potential of the project to expand the knowledge base of a particular field of study*

What focused question would you like to explore? (Your scope should be narrow so as to allow in-depth study.)

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What methods would you use to gather information from local sources?

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What previous coursework or experience has prepared you for this project? Please include previous research experience.

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Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_

Program name \_\_\_\_\_

## Community Service Project Proposal

**PLEASE READ:** This page is required **ONLY** for students applying to France: Language, Community, and Social Change, or Spain: Language, Community, and Social Change. All students applying to these two aforementioned programs must complete the CSP proposal.

The objective of the **Community Service Project (CSP)** is to conduct field-based research while immersing in and participating with the host culture. This demands a high level of interaction in the target language. Students planning to complete a CSP should choose a community or volunteer activity that is of real interest to them; one, which they can be committed to for the length of the program. Your ability to propose an appropriate project and setting that allows you to discover an aspect of the host society is an important factor in admission. A successful CSP aims to expand your language immersion and knowledge of community involvement while giving back to the host community. Once on-site, you may develop or change your proposal based on additional knowledge of local realities and resources. Your Academic Director will approve and supervise your final project, and you will have weekly or bi-weekly assignments to keep you on track, including pre-scheduled advising meetings with your Academic Director. The culmination of an CSP is a 6-page paper and an oral presentation in the target language. Your project should be relevant to the theme of the program and host country.

\*Note: SIT will assist students with setting up their CSP, but cannot guarantee placements in all areas of specific interest.

*As you develop your Community Service Project Proposal, please take into consideration the following:*

- *the CSP is a semester-long project*
- *the theme and location of your selected program*
- *the field-based nature of the project*
- *the potential of the project to expand your experience and knowledge of the host community and the target language, while giving back to the community*

Why would you like to engage in a community service project?

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What experience and skills do you offer and what would you hope to learn?

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On what type of projects would you be most interested in working?

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If you are applying to **France: Language, Community, and Social Change**, please rank your top three:

English teaching assistance    
  Environment/sustainable development    
  Immigration/integration issues    
  Religion  
 Social care    
  Urban cultures    
  Gender issues    
  Occitania    
  French gastronomy



## Student Disclosure and Approval of Participation

### To be completed by applicant:

1. Please review the following statements very carefully, check the boxes to indicate your agreement, and sign at the bottom of this section.

- I have spoken with my study abroad advisor academic advisor, and/or dean about my plan to participate in an SIT Study Abroad program.
- I am aware of my home institution's policy on transferring credit for this study abroad program.
- I understand that I am expected to participate fully in all program lectures and activities while enrolled in SIT Study Abroad regardless of whether my home institution will be transferring credit for the program. I understand that if I do not participate fully, I may be put on academic probation or be required to leave the program.
- I authorize World Learning/SIT and my home institution to release my educational records to each other. Credits earned at World Learning/SIT are transferable only at the discretion of the receiving school.
- I understand that World Learning/SIT will place a hold on the release of my transcript should I fail to complete and submit the Final Program Evaluation.

2. World Learning/SIT should send transcript and related materials to: [This is usually your college registrar or study abroad office. Each student receives a separate grade report at his or her permanent address.]

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/state/postal code \_\_\_\_\_

3. Have you ever been on academic or disciplinary probation?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain and attach official documentation, including dates of probation and details of circumstances:

4. I certify that the information disclosed in this SIT Study Abroad application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Country/program \_\_\_\_\_ Term  Spring  Fall  Summer 20 \_\_\_\_\_

### Study Abroad Professional or Dean:

This student has applied to the SIT Study Abroad program indicated, offered by World Learning/SIT, a private college accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. **SIT has a rolling admissions policy, and many programs fill before the deadlines. This candidate's application cannot be reviewed until we receive this form.**

SIT will grant credit upon successful completion of the program. Please see the SIT Study Abroad catalog or Web site for credit distribution by course. *The above-named student's application has the approval of this institution. Following his or her return, and upon receipt of the SIT transcript, the credits earned will be evaluated and considered for transfer credit and/or toward the fulfillment of graduation requirements at this institution in the following manner:*

I have verified the institutional address above where the transcript should be sent.

Transfer credit will be evaluated upon return.

I understand that World Learning/SIT will place a hold on the release of the student's transcript should he/she fail to complete Final Program Evaluation.

| Course                              | Possible no. of credits | Comments |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Language Study                      | _____                   | _____    |
| Thematic Seminar                    | _____                   | _____    |
| [Environmental] Field Study Seminar | _____                   | _____    |
| Independent Study Project           | _____                   | _____    |
| Other                               | _____                   | _____    |

To the best of your knowledge, has this student ever been on academic or disciplinary probation?  Yes  No

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Name and title \_\_\_\_\_

Name of institution \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

**In the event of a student/program emergency, please specify the name and contact information of the most appropriate institutional contact:**

Name and title \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

World Learning/SIT will provide your institution with a transcript with letter grades and a narrative evaluation for the Independent Study Project, when applicable.

**This form should be returned to the student to be submitted with the rest of the completed application.**

**If you need to send it separately, please mail, fax, or email it to:**

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Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_

## Application Checklist

Prior to sending in your application, please double check that you have completed the following components.

- Applicant and Parent/Guardian Information
- Personal Experience and Academic Background
- Language Experience
- Essays 1 and 2
- Housing Information and Homestay Letter
- Independent Study Project Proposal
- Student Disclosure and Approval of Participation (with signatures)
- \$50 Application Fee
- Transcript
- Two Academic References
- Visa materials for some programs (see page 3)

## Payment of Application Fee

For payment of the \$50 non-refundable application fee:

- My check/money order is enclosed (payable to World Learning)
- Please charge my credit card as specified below.

## Credit Card Information

I hereby authorize World Learning to charge the \$50 application fee to my credit card.

Name on credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address \_\_\_\_\_

Type of card  VISA  MasterCard  American Express

Card number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_ 3-digit security code \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized signature \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

## Connecting with other accepted students prior to departure

Many students like to connect with other accepted students in their program. Unless otherwise notified, we will share your information with other accepted students. It is SIT Study Abroad's normal practice to share your contact information with other accepted students. If you do not wish your contact information to be shared please opt out of this pre-departure service below. SIT will make your name, home, college/university, primary email address, telephone and state (associated with permanent of address) available to other students on your program upon request.

You may opt out of this service by checking the box below:

- I do not want my directory information to be shared with other accepted students to the SIT Study Abroad Program.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you choose to opt out of this service, directory information will still appear on the final group list. SIT Study Abroad does not provide the formal group list until all admitted and confirmed students have gone through and passed the final medical approval process, usually 1 or 2 weeks prior to your departure.

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# Academic Reference Form

## Applicant:

Please complete the top section of this form and ask a professor or academic advisor at the college or university level to complete the reference section or attach a letter of reference. You must submit two academic references. Personal references may be submitted only as additional support.

## Applicant Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
first middle last nickname

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ street

\_\_\_\_\_ city state postal code

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
area code

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Under Section 438, General Education Provisions Act (Public Law 90-247), you have the right to review materials submitted to World Learning/SIT in connection with your application. This law also allows you to waive this right if you so choose, with the understanding that confidential recommendations are not required in the admissions process. Please check one and sign:

I do waive my right of access to this recommendation.

I do **not** waive my right of access to this recommendation.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Return to the applicant in a sealed envelope. (Sign over the seal.)

Mail, fax, or email to SIT Study Abroad:

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**1 Kipling Road, PO Box 676**  
**Brattleboro, Vermont 05302-0676 USA**  
**Fax 802 258-3296 | Email studyabroad@sit.edu**

## Reference:

SIT Study Abroad is a rigorous interdisciplinary program that expects students to learn from both traditional and field-based academic methods and to synthesize these approaches. SIT Study Abroad asks for references from a professor or academic advisor at the college or university level. Students are involved in challenging cross-cultural situations, both in and out of the classroom. To succeed, the applicant must have a high degree of academic and personal motivation and the ability to adjust to people of different social and cultural backgrounds. We cannot overemphasize, therefore, the value of your candid appraisal in enabling us to determine whether the applicant is appropriate for this kind of program and, if so, to help him or her obtain the most from the experience. We will be happy to accept a letter in lieu of this form.

**Please note: We accept students into programs on a rolling basis.** Many programs fill to capacity before the deadline. A space cannot be reserved until all of a student's application materials are received. Since the candidate's application cannot be reviewed until we receive this form, please submit this form in a timely manner to the student or to SIT Study Abroad as indicated by the student above.

How long and in what capacity have you known this student? \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
street

\_\_\_\_\_ city state postal code

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
area code

Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_



## Academic Reference Form (continued)

In comparison with other students you have known, please rate the applicant on the following characteristics:

|   | Excellent                | Good                     | Average                  | Poor                     | Unknown                  |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Writing ability   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ability to express himself or herself orally                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Initiative  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ability to cope with ambiguity                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ability to adjust to and cope with unusual/uncomfortable situations | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ability to work with a group of peers                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Common sense and good judgment                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

I  would  would not expect the student to be appropriate and considerate as a homestay participant.

I  would  would not enjoy having the student as a member of a group for which I was responsible.

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

What are this student's intellectual and/or other strengths relevant to studying abroad?

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What are this student's intellectual and/or other weaknesses that might be relevant to studying abroad?

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Please comment on the student's motivation for studying abroad. Does he or she have the ability and maturity to achieve his or her goals in studying abroad?

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Academic Reference Form

## Applicant:

Please complete the top section of this form and ask a professor or academic advisor at the college or university level to complete the reference section or attach a letter of reference. You must submit two academic references. Personal references may be submitted only as additional support.

## Applicant Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
first middle last nickname

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ street

\_\_\_\_\_ city state postal code

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
area code

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Under Section 438, General Education Provisions Act (Public Law 90-247), you have the right to review materials submitted to World Learning/SIT in connection with your application. This law also allows you to waive this right if you so choose, with the understanding that confidential recommendations are not required in the admissions process. Please check one and sign:

I do waive my right of access to this recommendation.

I do **not** waive my right of access to this recommendation.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Return to the applicant in a sealed envelope. (Sign over the seal.)

Mail, fax, or email to SIT Study Abroad:

**SIT Study Abroad**  
**1 Kipling Road, PO Box 676**  
**Brattleboro, Vermont 05302-0676 USA**  
**Fax 802 258-3296 | Email studyabroad@sit.edu**

## Reference:

SIT Study Abroad is a rigorous interdisciplinary program that expects students to learn from both traditional and field-based academic methods and to synthesize these approaches. SIT Study Abroad asks for references from a professor or academic advisor at the college or university level. Students are involved in challenging cross-cultural situations, both in and out of the classroom. To succeed, the applicant must have a high degree of academic and personal motivation and the ability to adjust to people of different social and cultural backgrounds. We cannot overemphasize, therefore, the value of your candid appraisal in enabling us to determine whether the applicant is appropriate for this kind of program and, if so, to help him or her obtain the most from the experience. We will be happy to accept a letter in lieu of this form.

**Please note: We accept students into programs on a rolling basis.** Many programs fill to capacity before the deadline. A space cannot be reserved until all of a student's application materials are received. Since the candidate's application cannot be reviewed until we receive this form, please submit this form in a timely manner to the student or to SIT Study Abroad as indicated by the student above.

How long and in what capacity have you known this student? \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
street

\_\_\_\_\_ city state postal code

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
area code

Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_



**Academic Reference Form** (continued)

In comparison with other students you have known, please rate the applicant on the following characteristics:

|   | Excellent                | Good                     | Average                  | Poor                     | Unknown                  |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Writing ability   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ability to express himself or herself orally                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Initiative  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ability to cope with ambiguity                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ability to adjust to and cope with unusual/uncomfortable situations | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ability to work with a group of peers                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Common sense and good judgment                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

I  would  would not expect the student to be appropriate and considerate as a homestay participant.

I  would  would not enjoy having the student as a member of a group for which I was responsible.

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

What are this student's intellectual and/or other strengths relevant to studying abroad?

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What are this student's intellectual and/or other weaknesses that might be relevant to studying abroad?

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Additional comments

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_