

BRIEFING ON SAFETY ABROAD

Global Exchange Program / PROMOS-Scholarship Program

In order to participate in the Global Exchange Program or receive a PROMOS-scholarship, you must agree to the following briefing, which includes a power of attorney. Please read this document thoroughly and then confirm your compliance with all sections listed below:

- 1) **I am aware of the fact that I undertake my project/semester(s) abroad at my own request and risk.**
- 2) Before as well as during my stay abroad, I will regularly check on the current security situation in my target region. To do this, I will use the website of the Federal Foreign Office which publishes up-to-date travel and safety information as well as (partial) travel warnings (see overview and definitions [here](#), only available in German) and/or the Federal Foreign Office's "travel app". If the security situation or the current travel warnings issued by the Federal Foreign Office with regard to my target region change, I will notify the University of Bonn immediately.
- 3) Furthermore, I am aware that all German citizens, regardless of their destination and length of stay, are advised to register with the Federal Foreign Office's [ELEFAND](#) crisis prevention list.
- 4) The offer of a study placement or scholarship made to me by the University of Bonn is conditional on there being no travel warning for my destination country or partial travel warning for my target region at the start of the project as well as throughout the entire project period. This may exclude short-term (partial) travel warnings issued, for example, due to a natural disaster.
- 5) If there is a (partial) travel warning at the beginning of my project, I will not be able to go abroad as planned. Should it not be possible to postpone, the University of Bonn will revoke my offer and I will have to repay any funds already paid out to me.
- 6) If a (partial) travel warning is issued after I have started my project abroad, I will follow the safety instructions issued by the local authorities as well as the Federal Foreign Office and contact the International Office of my home institution immediately to discuss how to proceed. I am aware that the funding provided to me by the University of Bonn – should I have received a PROMOS-scholarship or GEP-subsidy – will end with immediate effect in the event of a (partial) travel warning unless it is possible to pause and resume the project at a later date. If, after consultation with the International Office, the termination of my project is unavoidable and the purpose of the scholarship has not yet been fulfilled at the time of its premature conclusion, the funds already paid out to me must be returned.
- 7) If I remain in the country despite the Federal Foreign Office's or some other competent authority's explicit recommendation against doing so, I will do so at my own risk.

- 8) The University of Bonn cannot cover cancellation fees or other expenses I have already incurred. Should the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in rare cases agree to reimburse recipients of a PROMOS-scholarship or GEP-subsidy for (some of) the above-mentioned costs, the International Office will notify me accordingly.
- 9) I am aware that I should take out adequate insurance cover (especially in regards to health insurance, more information on this in the preparation workshop). Additionally, I know that I am solely responsible for ensuring such insurance coverage for the time period of my project and that the University of Bonn cannot provide any financial support in this matter.
- 10) I authorize the University of Bonn to discuss matters normally subject to data protection laws with the emergency contact provided in my application, should an emergency situation arise. Furthermore, I grant this person comprehensive power of attorney in an emergency to communicate with the University of Bonn on my behalf. At the same time, I confirm that I am authorized to pass on their contact information.
- 11) I will inform the International Office immediately of any changes to my contact details before and during my stay abroad.