FACULTY-LED STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

Program Guests

In order to ensure that the program objectives and student health and safety remains the top priority for faculty-leaders and to mitigate potential risks, we have outlined the following policy relating to guests. Failure to comply may result in the inability to lead future programs.

TEMPORARY UPDATED POLICIES

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and to ensure the safety and health of all participants, temporary COVID Faculty-led Guidelines were implemented on September 21, 2021 in conjunction with RIT Education Abroad, Risk Management, Legal and the Provost’s office:

COVID GUEST POLICY

All guests, including spouse, children, family, professional guests/alumni are not permitted to travel with or participate in the program. This does not apply to local partners in country helping to deliver program content and logistics.

This policy supersedes the normal policies outlined below. The policy will be updated if/when there are any changes to the COVID Faculty-led Guidelines.

Family Guests

Spouses, partners, and children are permitted to join the faculty member for part or all of program provided that their involvement does not distract the faculty member from fully executing the program or compromise student health, safety or experience. These family members may stay in faculty accommodations. Family members should limit participation in program activities. If they participate in cultural activities or if their involvement changes cost of accommodation, etc. these expenses will be paid for by the faculty member. We do not recommend that faculty bring young children without an accompanying guardian. Students will be made aware in advance if any family guests will be accompanying the faculty member.

Professional Guests/Alumni

Guest lecturers, content experts or professional alumni whose participation is necessary to deliver important course related material may join the program for relevant parts of the program including any excursions or cultural events related to their professional role. Professional guests are preferably identified prior to departure and the costs for their participation will be built into program budget or covered by themselves. Students will be made aware in advance if any professional guests will be accompanying the group on related activities.

Accessibility Professionals

Personal care attendants, sighted guides, interpreters or other guests who are on the program to support the unique needs of participants are welcome and permitted to attend all program-related activities. Please communicate needs with RIT Global well in advance of departure so that the appropriate travel logistics can be arranged to accommodate these guests.

Other Friends/Guests

No other friends/guests are permitted to participate in RIT faculty-led programs. Any engagement with other friends/guests in country should take place independent of program duties/activities.

All guest requests must be communicated to the RIT Global team on the Phase 1 Proposal Form and to any global campus partners in country when confirmed.