TO: The Princeton University community

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SUBJECT: Revisions to the permissible travel guidelines for the remainder of fall semester and Wintersession

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I am pleased to share with you several revisions to the policies governing University-related travel for the remainder of the fall semester and through Wintersession.

As we have come back together on campus this semester in ways that echo our pre-pandemic rhythms, we understand there is a growing desire to likewise resume our pre-pandemic patterns of travel – particularly abroad. Unfortunately, our hard-earned success here at Princeton has not yet been replicated everywhere across the globe. In a great majority of the world, COVID’s effects continue to disrupt daily life and complicate travel that crosses national borders, even for those who are fully vaccinated. We cannot simply ignore these challenges. At the same time, we are committed to facilitating as much travel by as many of you as can be done safely and practically.

Let me highlight the key changes to our current policies as implemented in the attached guidelines:

Effective immediately

- Through December 5, 2021, all personal international travel by undergraduate students will continue to require approval from the student’s DSL (or Athletics for trips to certain international competitions). However, separate Global Safety & Security (GS&S) review and approval is now only required for trips to a destination subject to a Level 4 travel advisory from the U.S. Department of State and not in the student’s home country. For all other trips, students may travel once they have approval from their DSL (or Athletics) and have completed the online registration in the Enroll My Trip tool.

- University units may arrange and fund international travel to campus for prospective undergraduate and graduate students, under the conditions listed in the attached revised guidelines.
Effective on or after December 6 and through January 24, 2022

- **Graduate student international travel** to locations subject to a Level 3 travel advisory from the U.S. Department of State will no longer require review and approval by GS&S. Students must still obtain approval from their department chair, program director, or dean that the trip is for a critical purpose and is feasible, as defined in the travel guidelines.

- **Graduate student group travel** will be permitted to international destinations subject to a Level 1, 2 or 3 travel advisory from the U.S. Department of State, provided the appropriate department chair, program director, or dean determines the trip is for a critical purpose and is feasible, as defined in the travel guidelines. The guidelines also more fully explain what constitutes group travel.

- **All restrictions on personal international travel by enrolled undergraduates** will be lifted, including the requirement to register such travel in the Enroll My Trip tool.

**Spring Semester and Summer Travel**

We will release fully revised travel guidelines for the spring semester in late November and for the summer term by early March. While it is too early to speculate in detail what travel may be possible beyond January 2022, we are guardedly optimistic that conditions will allow us to continue gradually lifting the last of our pandemic-specific restrictions. We are especially hopeful that the summer months will offer a window for undergraduates to resume some degree of University-sanctioned international travel.

**Travel Registration Reminder**

Please remember that enrolling the details of University-sanctioned travel remains a requirement for everyone (faculty, staff or student). Our online travel registration system, “Enroll My Trip”, makes this process fast and easy.

As always, the Global Safety & Security team is happy to answer your questions related to the permissible travel guidelines and the travel registration process. Please do not hesitate to contact them via email at globalsafety@princeton.edu.

I wish you all a successful and healthy second half of the semester and greatly appreciate your continued cooperation with our travel policies and procedures.