

**Policy on Student Travel to Countries with a State Department Travel Warning
Boston University School of Medicine
International Health Program**

Boston University School of Medicine International Health Program will not give academic credit for, pay for, supervise, direct, or otherwise support a medical student in a country where a Department of State Travel Warning is in effect.

Should a student wish to travel to an area subject to a Travel Warning and receive funding and/or academic credit, he/she may petition for an exception to this policy. This petition will be reviewed by BUSM faculty and other University officials, including The Office of the General Counsel and Risk Management. A student will be permitted to go to a country with a Travel Warning only in very unusual circumstances where the student has demonstrated that there are a number of factors mitigating the risk that such travel would otherwise entail. The petition is submitted to the BUSM Office of Enrichment and must include:

- Dates of rotation
- Information about the experience, including level of supervision, name and mission of host organization, and location
- What this experience has to offer over similar alternative rotations in non-Travel Warning countries
- Housing plans
- Funding (if using personal funds please indicate)
- Your role (i.e. what you will be doing there)
- Your resources in the country (family, language, etc)
- Other factors decreasing personal risk

All Boston University medical students who receive credit and/or funding for their international rotations are required to sign a form acknowledging the risks associated with their participation in the elective and releasing the University from all liability.