

## Policy Regarding Summer 2021 University-Sponsored Travel

### Rationale

The health, safety, and well-being of all members of the Boston University community remain the institution's highest priorities. In spring 2020, BU instituted restrictions to University-Sponsored Travel<sup>(1)</sup> of BU faculty, staff, and students. Despite the availability of vaccines and other hopeful signs, the pandemic situation continues to be uncertain. As such, Boston University will extend these travel restrictions until August 20, 2021.

For the fall 2021 semester, Boston University is planning to return to normal operations to the extent possible, including student, faculty, and staff travel, if the pandemic situation allows. The University will continue to monitor the global situation closely and will provide an updated travel policy by August 10, 2021 or earlier as appropriate.

### Scope of Policy

#### **A. Domestic Travel**

**Students:** University-Sponsored Travel for graduate and undergraduate students is generally prohibited. Students may petition their dean for an exemption.

**Faculty and Staff:** University-Sponsored Travel is discouraged and permitted only with the approval of the traveler's dean or vice president. All travel should be arranged through the University's preferred [travel reservation system](#).

#### **B. International Travel**

**Students:** University-Sponsored Travel outside the US is generally prohibited for graduate and undergraduate students. However, with the support of their dean, students may petition the University Provost through [the University's Global Travel Risk Assessment Committee \(GTRAC\) petition process](#) for an exemption. GTRAC can be contacted at [globalhss@bu.edu](mailto:globalhss@bu.edu).

**Faculty and Staff:** University-Sponsored Travel outside the US by faculty members is discouraged and permitted only with approval of the faculty/staff member's dean or vice president. All international travel should be arranged through the University's preferred [travel reservation system](#) or entered directly into the [International Travel Registry](#).

All travelers are subject to federal, state, and local travel restrictions and quarantine requirements (US and international), as well as any applicable University quarantine requirements.

**As noted above, these restrictions on University-Sponsored Travel will be reviewed on an ongoing basis to determine whether they should be modified. If you have any questions, please contact [globalhss@bu.edu](mailto:globalhss@bu.edu).**

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<sup>1</sup> University-Sponsored Travel, as defined by the [International Travel Risk Policy](#), is: academic or business travel undertaken by Boston University faculty, staff, and students and authorized, funded, or administered by the University