

## Guidance on travel

Last academic year UBEL DTP advised students against overseas fieldwork and international institutional visits; taking into account the FCDO travel advice against all but essential travel.

UBEL DTP and ESRC recognise that UK government guidance on travel has evolved since then, and a '[red list](#)' of countries is now in place that advises against any travel to red list countries or territories.

As a DTP our students health and safety is a priority and this academic year, we will continue to carefully consider any request for overseas travel whilst the pandemic continues and would encourage caution for students requesting visits to countries currently on the red list.

When considering overseas fieldwork requests for this year students and staff must consider the following:

- Students must follow guidance from the relevant national and regional government.
- Essential travel will only be considered as an exception rather than the norm.
- Students must complete a risk assessment for travel, in line with the guidelines set by their institution. Students must consider personal risk and consider risk to those in the country to which they intend to visit.
- Students should ensure that travel insurance is in place that includes coverage with respect to Covid-19. This will normally be required by your institution prior to travel also.
- The student must follow COVID-19 guidance for the place/area they are living prior to travel and should follow the guidance up to and including the day of departure.
- The student is aware of the rules within the country they are travelling to and will act in accordance with those, and any subsequent changes, as appropriate.
- The student must not travel if they have any symptoms of coronavirus or if they are leaving a local lockdown area.
- The student's host institution is permitting overseas travel for staff and students.
- Travel is essential for research.
- Supervisors keep in close contact with students whilst they are away to provide any support and guidance required.

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