



## SAME CITY PETITION

TCU Programs are carefully developed and monitored by TCU in order to ensure a quality experience for students while abroad. Students may not apply to programs in cities where a TCU program exists, unless they can demonstrate compelling academic reasons why they are not applying to the TCU program, such as:

- A student's academic objectives cannot be accommodated by a TCU Program
- The student does not meet the requirements for a TCU Program

If a same-city program is approved, the student will be given a letter of permission and will then be allowed to apply directly to the host program under the guidance of the Center for International Studies. If approved, students pay TCU tuition plus a program fee. If a student applies to a program without official approval from TCU, the credits from the program will not be accepted by TCU.

Under no circumstances may a student study, enroll or register independently at an *institution* where a TCU program currently exists. If a student does study, enroll or register at one of these institutions, he/she will receive no credit in any subject for the coursework.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Study Abroad Term: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Study Abroad Program (Sponsor and Location): \_\_\_\_\_

1. On a separate page, indicate the reason(s) you are proposing to study on this program, in particular addressing how the proposed program is a better fit for you than the existing TCU Program.
2. TCU uses the following criteria to evaluate programs, so please provide information on the following. (You may submit copies of the program's brochure, website, handbooks, or emails from the program staff, but please highlight the requested information on the page.)
  - Student housing:** where are you housed, who are you housed with, and how is safety of the housing determined? (*For example, are you housed in dorms, apartments, or host families? Does the program conduct periodic quality reviews, or allow you to move?*)
  - Health, safety, and emergency planning:** how does the program prepare you for health, safety, and emergency issues, and how do they respond to situations while abroad? (*For example, what health, safety and emergency issues are covered in the handbook and orientation? Is there a 24-hour number you can call in case of emergency?*)
  - Pre-departure advising and on-site orientation:** what advising and assistance is available to you prior to going and while abroad? (*For example, will you work with a program advisor to answer your questions before you go? What topics are covered during orientation? Are there on-site staff available to help with your adjustment?*)
  - Intercultural integration / immersion:** how does the program promote intercultural learning and immersion? (*For example, are there clubs and activities for meeting locals? Are there site-enhanced learning activities?*)
  - Visas:** Does the program assist you in getting a visa? (*For example, do they have written instructions or advice on how to do it yourself? Do they offer group batch applications?*)

Submit to the Center for International Studies, TCU Box 297725, Rickel 246 no later than the fall, spring, or summer TCU Center application deadline, along with a completed Credit Approval Form.