

Field Experience Risk Acknowledgement Form

The public health risk from the novel coronavirus pandemic is real. It is known to spread very quickly via person-to-person transmission. As UMass Amherst continues to respond to this pandemic, we are adhering to federal, state and local regulations and guidelines to minimize the spread of the virus. However, this is a collective and unified effort, with everyone sharing in the obligation to do their part to be, and stay, safe.

UMass students who are interested in pursuing field experience (internship, co-op, practicum, externship, independent study) during this time must be aware of the risks associated with COVID-19 in the workplace and acknowledge their understanding of these risks and agree to being personally responsible for minimizing risks by adhering to federal, state and local guidelines and regulations. In addition, students should be aware of all guidelines mandated by their employer. Massachusetts employers must adhere to the Mandatory Safety Standards for Workplaces set forth by Governor Baker at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-mandatory-safety-standards-for-workplaces>

Students planning to pursue field experience must complete the following Student Acknowledgement Form:

I affirm, acknowledge, and agree that:

- 1) I understand the health risks associated with COVID-19 pandemic and knowingly and voluntarily elect to participate in the field experience despite the risks, including but not limited to the risks associated with contracting COVID-19;**
- 2) I affirm the need to do my part to assist in COVID-19 mitigation efforts by adhering to federal, state and local guidelines and regulations; and**
- 3) I acknowledge the unpredictability of the virus and the possibility of transitioning to remote experience if the circumstances dictate and allow for such remote work.**

Signature: _____

Name (printed):

College:

Major:

Date:

Employer Name:

Employer Location:

Type of experience (internship, co-op, practicum, externship):