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Welcome to the summer 2023 Beyond-Bridges: Israel-Palestine (BBIP) program! We are excited to re-establish this incredibly powerful and transformative summer study abroad program, run in partnership between the University of San Francisco (USF) and the Center for Transformative Education (CTE).

Below you will find a list of items you need to complete as part of the application process, as well as a few important considerations regarding the program. Please take the time to review this information carefully. Do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Application

In order to submit a BBIP S23 application, please visit the link for "Beyond Bridges: Israel-Palestine" here, click the "APPLY NOW" button, and use your myUSF credentials to login. You will then need to complete all of the forms listed under "Application Questionnaire(s)," "Material Submissions," and "Signature Documents." See the image found below.

The screenshot shows a user interface for the BBIP application process. The user's name is Aaron J Hahn Tapper. The program is Beyond Bridges: Israel-Palestine, for Summer 2023, with a deadline of 03/01/2023 and dates from 05/22/2023 to 06/06/2023. The user's status is Accepted. The interface includes sections for Commitment to Participate, Application Questionnaire(s), Material Submissions, and Signature Documents. The Application Questionnaire(s) section lists items like Domestic Health Insurance Information, Emergency Contact Information, Passport Information, and Upload receipt of deposit. The Material Submissions section lists ST Waiver of Liability. The Signature Documents section lists BBIP Confirmation of Enrollment, Behavior Contract, Disciplinary Clearance Form, Information Affirmation, and Trip Cancellation & Interruption Protection Plan.

Title	Received
Domestic Health Insurance Information	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency Contact Information	<input type="checkbox"/>
Passport Information	<input type="checkbox"/>
Upload receipt of deposit	<input type="checkbox"/>

Title	Received
ST Waiver of Liability	<input type="checkbox"/>

Title	Received
BBIP Confirmation of Enrollment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Behavior Contract	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disciplinary Clearance Form - Office of Student Conduct, Rights and Responsibilities (OSCRP)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information Affirmation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trip Cancellation & Interruption Protection Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Note that completed applications will be reviewed in the order they are received — on a rolling basis — until we have a maximum of 16 students.

Deposit

In terms of “upload receipt of deposit” (see image above under “Application Questionnaire(s)”), all participants must indicate their commitment to BBIP S23 by submitting a \$500 non-refundable check made payable to the “University of San Francisco.” Students can either visit Student Financial Services, located on USF’s Main campus, Lone Mountain, Room 203, to make payment or mail checks to USF Student Accounts, LM 200, 2130 Fulton St., San Francisco, CA 94117. Make sure to put your student ID number and “Summer 2023 Study Abroad – BBIP” on the memo line of the check. If you have questions regarding making payment, please contact the Office of Student Accounts at 415.422.2571 or StudentAccounts@usfca.edu.

Security, visa, and other important travel considerations

- Student participants must read all of the information found on the webpage of the U.S. Department of State — [here](#) — including all relevant links.
- All travelers seeking to enter or depart Israel are subject to strict immigration and security screening. This may include prolonged questioning and physical searches. Ultimately, travelers may be denied entry or exit. All student participants should read the “Entry, Exit, and Visa requirements” on the [U.S. State Department website](#) to familiarize themselves with the complexities of entry and exit into Israel. If you have questions or concerns about visa requirements, please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss your individual circumstances.

NOTE:

- Those holding United States citizenship will receive a visa to Israel upon arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV).
- Non-U.S. citizens must check with the appropriate embassy/consulate for visa requirements and, if required, apply as soon as possible. F-1 students must obtain a Travel Signature from USF’s International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) before leaving the U.S.
- The University of San Francisco is not responsible for any decisions made by foreign embassies or consulates regarding approval/denial of visa documentation and/or immigration clearance.
- Please ensure that your passport has at least six months validity from the date of travel (i.e., May 22, 2023); in other words, one’s passport should be valid through at least November 22, 2023. Although the Israeli government does not require that a passport be valid for six months from the date of entry, airlines routinely do check this and have declined boarding to travelers on this basis. *If your passport is set to expire prior to November 1, 2023, begin the passport renewal process immediately.*



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Other important information

- All accepted students will need to attend two pre-program orientation meetings to be held on the USF campus in March/April 2023. This is a mandatory requirement. No exceptions will be made.
- As is the case with the location of many “study abroad” programs, the situation in Israel and Palestine can change quickly. USF and CTE will monitor the situation together with International SOS (an international health and security risk management firm with whom USF consults on international travel). We will keep participants up to date on any changes that might affect the trip and will not hesitate to cancel the program if the security situation changes. The health and safety of our participants is our top priority. CTE will abide by the decision/s made by USF.
- We strongly recommend that students purchase travel insurance to cover the costs of a potential cancellation or withdrawal from the program for any reason whatsoever (e.g., unforeseen financial hardship, family emergencies, new job opportunities, illness, visa denial, or any other extenuating circumstances beyond your control). To address the financial risk, the most comprehensive trip cancellation benefits are found in a policy that provides coverage for “Trip Cancellation “and “Trip Interruption for Any Reason.” Typically, such protection plan coverage must be purchased within 15 days of placing your non-refundable deposit on your Program and confirming your enrollment. For quotes or to purchase a Trip Cancellation Protection Plan you may use a provider of your choice. One option can be found [here](#). You are not required to purchase this or any other travel insurance plan; yet we strongly encourage you to do so.

Once you have completed your application, you will be contacted by BBIP Director Oren Kroll-Zeldin (omkrollzeldin@usfca.edu) to schedule an in-person interview, which is the final component of the application process. Additional information about the program can be found in the “Information Packet” found on the CTE website – [here](#).

We look forward to seeing your application soon!

In peace,

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