

**University of Connecticut (“UConn”)  
Pre-College Summer (“Program”)**

**Program Policies, Consents, and Liability Waiver Form 2021**

**ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND PARTICIPANTS:**

**Instructions:**

- As participants are minors, both they and their parents/guardians are responsible for reading this entire document and providing electronic signatures in our online enrollment management system. Your signatures will indicate your understanding and agreement of the contents of this document.

The following sections are included in the Program Policies, Consents, and Liability Waiver Form:

- Participation Agreement (pages 2-5)
- Virtual Participation Agreement (pages 6-7)
- Violation of Rules and Regulations (page 8)
- Consent to Photography (page 9)
- Consent for Athletic/Recreational Activities (page 9)
- Liability Release (pages 10-11)

For questions regarding this form contact the **Pre-College Summer Program**  
at [PCS@uconn.edu](mailto:PCS@uconn.edu).

## **PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

### **Program Regulations**

The following rules and regulations apply to all participants, regardless of age at time of Program attendance. Failure to comply with any of the following will lead to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the Program. Participants (or their parents, guardians or other sponsors or supporters) who are dismissed are not entitled to refunds of any kind from the Program. Participants who opt out of the Program during the duration of the program are also not entitled to a refund.

**Attendance & Participation.** Participants are expected to attend the academic course(s) for which they are enrolled, scheduled mandatory workshops, as well as social and recreational activities of their choosing. Participants are expected to be punctual and to participate in a respectful manner. If for any reason the participant is unable to attend or arrive on time to a course, workshop or activity, the participant must contact a staff member (in most cases, their assigned Community Manager). Recurring tardiness or absenteeism will lead to notification of the parent/guardian and may lead to dismissal from the Program.

Students are expected to sign into their classes and workshops 5-10 minutes early to ensure that technology is working properly and Program staff are able to take attendance and check-in with students before classes and workshops begin.

**Supervision.** The Program is an exploratory academic program for mature, self-motivated high-school students looking to gain a pre-college summer experience. Participants are required to attend all courses and workshops, and are strongly encouraged to engage in social activities. The ability of participants to follow Program and University rules, Federal, State and local laws, and to act independently in a supportive college setting is required.

Although participants will have contact information for Community Managers at all times while participating in the Program, staff and/or faculty supervision is provided during the following scheduled activities: courses, faculty meetings, workshops, and social activities. During free time and social and recreational activities, participants may choose to engage in independent, small, or large group activities of their choosing.

**Harassment, Hazing, Intimidation and/or Bullying.** Participants must show respect for the rights and safety of others in the community and must not engage in any form of harassment, hazing, intimidation or bullying. This includes any behavior, through any medium (e.g. phone calls, video calls, WebEx, texting, chat rooms, social media platforms, video games, etc.), intended to offend or intimidate another person, including participants, staff or faculty.

Participation in any form of harassment, hazing, bullying, or intimidation is grounds for immediate dismissal from the Program. Prohibited conduct includes sexual violence, sexual

harassment, sexual assault, sexually explicit messages (emails, texts, etc.), threats of violence, and cyberbullying. Parents/guardians and participants may familiarize themselves with UConn's Policy Against Discrimination, Harassment, and Related Interpersonal Violence (<https://policy.uconn.edu/2015/12/29/policy-against-discrimination-harassment-and-related-interpersonal-violence/>), by which Program participants and staff abide.

**Alcohol, Drugs, and Illegal/Prohibited Behavior.** Participants must abide by all applicable Federal, State, local laws and UConn policies, codes and procedures (<https://community.uconn.edu/student-behavior/>) as well as all Program rules and regulations. Any participant who endangers their own health or safety or the health or safety of another participant, staff member, or faculty member will be subject to disciplinary action.

Consumption, possession, or being in the presence of alcohol or illegal drugs/substances is grounds for immediate dismissal from the Program, as is possession or use of drugs/vape paraphernalia, firearms, knives, and other weapons.

**Sexual Activity.** Participants may not engage in any form of sexual activity.

**Property Damage and Intellectual Property.** The parents/guardians of Program participants are financially responsible for any damage or loss suffered by UConn and/or any Program-affiliated locations/events caused by their child/ward. This includes the theft of intellectual property through the non-consensual recording, photographing, screen-grabbing, and downloading of program files and resources.

**Emergency Contact Notification Policy:**

In the event of an emergency, appropriate University personnel will make necessary efforts to contact parents/guardians of Program participants. In the case that contact cannot be made with parents/guardians, Program staff will attempt to contact listed emergency contacts.

In the extreme case that staff cannot contact parents/guardians and/or listed emergency contacts, University/Program staff will make decisions based on the emergency.

**Use of Visual/Audio/Mobile Technology Device Policy.** The Program is committed to providing an environment that is conducive to learning. When participating in an organized Program event/activity participants are expected to utilize only course-related technologies. The use of non-class related websites, cell phones, cameras and other visual or audio devices/platforms is prohibited unless otherwise noted by staff or a course instructor. Participants should be respectful of all individuals, and should ask permission of others prior to taking and/or sharing photos, videos, and other media.

**Computer/Technology Policy.** The use of University-owned computer resources and technology for any purposes other than academic research and instruction is prohibited. The University has security systems in place to help to monitor and track threats in the university environment, but

participants likely do not have many of the same protections available in their home or while travelling. Below are behavioral expectations that will protect participants, the Program, and the University.

Participants should use a screen lock when stepping away from their workspace/computer. Participants should never share their NetID password with anyone. Phishing attempts are on the rise, so participants should be wary of interactions they did not initiate and urgent requests for assistance they receive from anyone not associated with the Program. Participants should only use secure Wi-fi networks. Only use published Wi-Fi networks when travelling or in public. Participants should not leave university equipment (including software) unattended in vehicles or in public spaces.

**Community Expectations.** All participants are expected to be respectful and responsible members of the UConn community. Participants are expected to refrain from actions that prevent individuals from having a safe and respectful community learning experience. Any activity deemed to be a threat to the health and safety of participants is strictly prohibited.

**Security Regulations.** Safety and Security are a shared responsibility of Program staff and participants. Participants should never share their NetID and/or password with anyone but Program staff. Additionally, the sharing of HuskyCt pages, course links, and course materials is strictly prohibited.

**Program Visitation.** Program participants are the only people who should be participating in their scheduled session and may not have guests or visitors of any kind. This means that non-program participants (i.e. family members and friends) should not have access to program materials, course links, and program activities/workshops.

### **Disciplinary Sanctions**

Failure to abide by the Program rules and regulations as well as laws, policies, codes, procedures, or failure to respect the authority of Program staff members in their enforcement, may result in sanctions including but not limited to:

- Parental/Guardian contact
- Limitations on Program events/activities
- Verbal and/or written warnings
- Restitution for property damage
- Dismissal from the Program
  - If dismissal is deemed necessary, the participant’s access to the program will be revoked. No refunds will be issued.

**Interpretation and Additional University Policies.** Any question of interpretation regarding policies included in this document shall be referred to the Director of Pre-College Summer for final determination. For additional information about University policies and codes, please see <http://policy.uconn.edu/> and visit <http://community.uconn.edu/> to review *The Student Code*.



**Virtual Participant Agreement**

The classroom, whether physical or virtual, is intended to be a safe and secure environment for learning. Thus, students are expected to be respectful of all other students, professors, workshop facilitators, and program staff. An online class is an intellectual community formed and sustained by the integrity of the individuals in the virtual space. In an online course, the “classroom” includes learning materials of all kinds (including those created by students and instructors), communications and interactions by faculty and students, and recordings of live class meetings. Because all course meetings, workshops, and social programs will occur virtually, students are expected to have reliable access to computer/laptop and WiFi connection. All classes, social programs, and exploratory workshops will occur live and synchronously.

Students are expected to take special care to protect the privacy of this community from unintentional harms as well as external interference. Moreover, University faculty (or, under certain circumstances, the University itself) retain intellectual property rights to any learning materials (e.g., videos, exams, problem sets, case studies, etc.) shared with or made available to UConn Pre-College Summer students. Accordingly, Pre-College Summer students should not distribute any such learning materials outside the program, whether such distribution occurs online, electronically, or otherwise, without first obtaining the instructor’s written permission.

UConn Pre-College Summer classes, workshops, and social programs will be facilitated via Cisco WebEx, a third-party web-based video conferencing service. Students will be provided with links to WebEx meeting rooms to access all UConn Pre-College Summer program components listed above. Students are expected to click on the link and enter the WebEx “Waiting Room” ten minutes prior to the designated start time of the class, workshop, or social program. Students are expected to contact their Community Manager if they are not able to do so. This window of time will be used to ensure that all students are present and that no technology issues will inhibit participation.

In consideration for, and as a condition of, \_\_\_\_\_ ‘s (*Student name*) participation in UConn Pre-College Summer, I hereby agree to the following (check each box and provide an electronic signature at the bottom of this form):

I understand that I am expected to have a reliable computer/laptop and WiFi connection for successful and enjoyable participation in the program.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree.

I understand that any type of disrespectful, exclusionary, discriminatory, threatening, aggressive, or abusive behavior or language is strictly prohibited, and will be grounds for dismissal from the Program.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree.

I will not photograph, videotape and/or audiotape professors, workshop presenters, program staff or other participants at any time during the duration of the program. This includes the nonconsensual use and/or distribution of course materials and intellectual property.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree.

UConn Pre-College Summer uses a web-based service operated by third party, Cisco WebEx, for all course meetings, workshops, and social programs. I hereby grant my permission for UConn Pre-College Summer to provide limited personal identifying information to Cisco WebEx required for utilization of the platform.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree.

I understand that all classes, social programs, and exploratory workshops will occur live and synchronously.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree.

I will log in ten minutes before the designated start time of all classes, workshops, and social programming. If I am unable to do so, I will contact my Community Manager to let them know.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree.

### Violations of Rules and Regulations

The following behaviors will be deemed as unfavorable acts per Program policy, and will result in an **automatic dismissal** from the Program. These behaviors include but are not limited to:

- Possession or consumption of illegal drugs or substances including marijuana, alcohol, and any vaporizer or vape-related product, e-cigarette, or any vaporizer/vape paraphernalia
- Violent and/or dangerous actions that pose a threat to oneself or others
- The non-consensual use or distribution of program and course materials as well as university/instructor intellectual property
- Hazing, harassment, bullying (in-person, in groups, cyber-bullying or using social media) or intimidation of others (see Harassment, Hazing, Intimidation and/or Bullying policy above in Program Regulations section)
- Possession or use of weapons and dangerous devices including knives, BB guns, etc.
- Engaging in sexual activity
- Sexual violence, harassment and/or assault
- Taking and/or sharing sexually explicit images and other media

The following behaviors will be deemed as unfavorable acts per Program policy, and will result in **potential dismissal** from the Program. These behaviors include but are not limited to:

- Providing access to program courses/activities to non-UConn Pre-College Summer participants
- The use of computer resources and technology for inappropriate purposes as deemed by the Program staff
- Continually impeding the learning of others, interrupting instructors and facilitators, and/or disrupting shared program spaces during social programs and Program workshops
- Unexcused class or workshop absences
- The destruction of any university property, including the theft of intellectual property through the non-consensual recording, photographing, screen-grabbing, and downloading of program files and resources
- Disorderly conduct as deemed inappropriate by the Program staff
- Disrespectful conduct and unwillingness to follow directions during any event/activity sponsored by the Program
- Verbal aggression and/or threats towards participants, staff, or others



### **CONSENT TO PHOTOGRAPHY**

I, the parent/guardian, authorize the University and its partners to take, use or distribute any photographs, videos, audiotapes, or any other medium that may be collected during my child/ward's participation in the Program.

I further agree to allow the Program to use these materials obtained during my child/ward's Program involvement for promotional or archival activities, including brochures, websites, and social media. In the event that my child/ward agrees to participate in a video interview, I provide advanced consent to their participation in a video interview, and consent to the use of their name, voice, and hometown in connection with such recordings.

### **CONSENT FOR ATHLETIC/RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

As the parent/guardian, I give the Program permission for my child/ward to participate in optional athletic and recreational activities made available by the Program. These athletic and recreational activities may include strenuous physical activities. I understand that participation in athletic and recreational activities carries with it certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries.

**I, the parent/guardian, have read these statements of consent (Photography and Athletic/Recreational), and I fully understand and agree to them.**

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## **LIABILITY RELEASE**

This is a legally binding Release made by Student Participant/Releasor:

To: The University of Connecticut (“**University**”, “**UConn**”).

I fully recognize that there are dangers and risks to which I may be exposed by participating in the UConn Pre-College Summer Program (“**Program**”).

### **Description of Program Activities (“Activities”)**

I understand and acknowledge that my participation will consist of virtually attending session(s) offered as part of the Program by the University during the summer of 2021. Such sessions may include courses, workshops, social programs, recreational/athletic activities, seminars, and debates. Additionally, participation may consist of performing laboratory research under the overall supervision of a University faculty member, graduate assistant, and/or staff member.

I further understand that if conducting lab research, I will be exposed to laboratory equipment previously stored in environments containing hazardous chemicals. I understand that this equipment, if used improperly, could cause injury. Course materials that are mailed to participants are included in the Program definition of laboratory equipment and the laboratory environment. Please refer to the lab safety policies and procedures provided by faculty and/or in the [HuskyCT Environmental Health and Safety trainings](#) (requires UConn NetID and password which will be provided after enrollment).

I also understand that the Program does not provide round-the-clock supervision. Supervision will only be provided during the following scheduled activities: classes, office hours, study groups, workshops, social and recreational activities. Program accommodations do not include a computer, cell phone, and/or access to reliable internet. To fully participate in the Program, participants are expected to have reliable access to a computer/laptop and WiFi connection.

### **Risks and Dangers Associated with Participation**

The following are examples of specific, significant, non-obvious dangers and risks associated with participating in the Program: loss or damage to property, physical injury or illness including, but not limited to, bodily injury, disease, strains, fractures, partial and/or total paralysis, death or other ailments that could cause serious disability.

**Release**

I understand that the University does not require me to participate in this Program, but I voluntarily choose to do so, despite the possible dangers and risks and despite this Release.

I therefore agree, in consideration of and in return for the services, facilities, and other assistance provided to me by the University in this Program, to release the University (and its Board of Trustees, officers, employees, and agents) from any and all liability, claims and actions that may arise from injury or harm to me, from my death or from the loss or damage to my property in connection with my participation in this Program. I understand that this release covers liability, claims and actions caused entirely or in part by any acts or failures to act of the University (or its Trustees, employees, or agents), including but not limited to negligence, mistake, or failure to supervise by the University.

Additionally, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the State of Connecticut, as well as its officers and employees, from any and all loss, damage, cost, expense, claims, liability, and causes of action whatsoever arising out of any Program provided by the University of Connecticut.

I recognize that this release means I am giving up, among other things, rights to sue the University, its Trustees, employees, and agents for injuries, damages, or losses I may incur. I also understand that this Release binds my heirs, executors, administrators, and assignees, as well as myself.

**I have read this entire LIABILITY RELEASE, I fully understand it and I agree to be legally bound by it.**

**THIS IS A RELEASE OF YOUR RIGHTS.**

**READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING THE SIGNATURES PAGE (PAGE 11).**

