

The Two Frontiers Project – Expedition Field Waiver

Please complete this form before participating in any 2FP fieldwork. It outlines important safety, liability, and consent information for your protection and ours. All responses are confidential and securely stored.

1. Full Name

2. Date

Example: January 7, 2019

3. Address

4. Phone Number (with country code)

5. Email

6. Date of Birth

Example: January 7, 2019

7. **Emergency Contact:** Full Name

8. **Emergency Contact:** What is your relationship to your emergency contact?

Mark only one oval.

☐ Parent/Guardian

☐ Sibling

☐ Spouse/Partner

☐ Family Member

☐ Friend

☐ Colleague

☐ Other: _____

9. **Emergency Contact:** Phone Number

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Participation in field research and expeditionary work may involve a variety of risks, including environmental, physical, medical, and travel-related hazards. This section outlines the types of risks you may encounter while involved in 2FP activities. By initialing below, you acknowledge that you understand these risks and voluntarily accept them as a condition of participation. If you have any questions, please email admin@twofrontiers.org

We ask the participant to acknowledge that involvement with 2FP, including but not limited to participation in research activities, fieldwork, workshops, conferences, or other engagements, may involve risks. By participating in 2FP fieldwork, expeditions, or research activities, you may be exposed to a range of risks, including but not limited to:

10. Environmental & Physical Hazards

Includes but is not limited to:

Exposure to extreme temperatures (heat, cold, or sudden weather changes).

Rugged or uneven terrain, including volcanic, coastal, forested, or mountainous areas.

Slips, trips, and falls while hiking, wading, or working in field sites.

Encounters with wildlife or insects (including stings, bites, or allergic reactions).

Contact with sharp objects, coral, or contaminated water.

Please initial to acknowledge and accept the above risks:

11. Travel & Transportation Risks

Includes but is not limited to:

Vehicle or boat accidents during transport to and from field sites.

SCUBA diving- or snorkeling-related injuries (e.g., barotrauma, decompression sickness).

Marine hazards (e.g., strong currents, waves, jellyfish, or boat strikes).

Risks associated with air travel, including delays, lost baggage, or emergency landings.

Please initial to acknowledge and accept the above risks:

12. Health & Medical Risks

Includes but is not limited to:

Limited access to immediate medical care in remote areas.

Illness due to poor sanitation, foodborne pathogens, or waterborne diseases.

Fatigue, dehydration, or heatstroke from long days in the field.

Exacerbation of pre-existing medical conditions.

Please initial to acknowledge and accept the above risks:

13. Lab & Sample Handling Hazards

Includes but is not limited to:

Exposure to chemicals or reagents during sample processing, handling and/or experimental workflow.

Biological risk from handling environmental samples, including unknown microbes.

Accidental cuts or punctures from sharps or glassware.

Please initial to acknowledge and accept the above risks:

**14. The Participant voluntarily assumes all such risks, whether known or unknown.
Please initial to acknowledge and accept the above:**

PARTICIPATION WAIVER AND LEGAL TERMS

The following section outlines important legal and safety terms related to your participation in The Two Frontiers Project's research activities. These terms are designed to clarify expectations, acknowledge potential risks, and ensure that all participants understand their rights and responsibilities. Please read each statement carefully and provide your initials to confirm your understanding and agreement. If you have any questions, please email admin@twofrontiers.org

15. **Liability**

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Participant hereby releases, waives, and discharges 2FP, its directors, officers, employees, affiliates, partners, sponsors, funders, and agents (collectively, the "Released Parties") from any and all claims, liabilities, demands, actions, or causes of action arising from or related to their involvement with 2FP, including but not limited to claims related to personal injury, property damage, financial loss, or any other harm.

Please initial to acknowledge and accept the above:

16. **Medical Fitness**

I certify that I am physically and mentally fit to participate in this expedition. If I have a pre-existing medical condition, I understand that I must obtain written approval from a licensed medical professional before participating. I have disclosed any relevant medical conditions to the organizers and understand that I am responsible for managing my health during the expedition.

Please initial to acknowledge and accept the above:

17. Indemnification

The Participant agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Released Parties from and against any claims, damages, losses, liabilities, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of or related to the Participant's involvement with 2FP.

Please initial to acknowledge and accept the above:

18. Consent to Medical Treatment

I authorize The Two Frontiers Project to provide or arrange for medical treatment deemed necessary during the expedition. I agree to be financially responsible for any medical services provided.

Please initial to acknowledge and accept the above:

19. No Guarantee of Outcome

The Participant acknowledges that 2FP makes no representations or guarantees regarding the outcomes, findings, or benefits of participation. Any research, data, or results derived from 2FP activities are subject to scientific interpretation and external factors beyond 2FP's control.

Please initial to acknowledge and accept the above:

20. No Employment of Compensation Relationship

The Participant understands and agrees that participation in 2FP activities does not create an employment, partnership, or compensation-based relationship. Unless otherwise agreed upon in writing, all contributions to 2FP are voluntary, and no financial compensation will be provided.

Please initial to acknowledge and accept the above:

21. Compliance with Laws and Safety Protocols

The Participant agrees to comply with all applicable laws, safety guidelines, institutional policies, and ethical standards while participating in 2FP activities. Failure to do so may result in termination of involvement with 2FP.

Please initial to acknowledge and accept the above:

22. Consent for Data and Sample Collection

The Participant acknowledges that 2FP may collect environmental and biological samples for research purposes. Any samples or data collected during the expedition become the property of 2FP and may be used for scientific study, publication, or educational purposes. The Participant understands they will not receive compensation for any data or sample contributions.

Please initial to acknowledge and accept the above:

23. Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the countries and/or regions of travel, without regard to its conflict of law provisions.

Please initial to acknowledge and accept the above:

24. Severability

If any provision of this Agreement is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Please initial to acknowledge and accept the above:

25. Acknowledgement and Understanding

I have read this waiver and fully understand its terms. I acknowledge that I am signing it freely and voluntarily and intend my signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability.

Please initial to acknowledge and accept the above:

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