Exclusive and Romantic Relationships Policy

For the sake of the expedition dynamics, JIRP discourages exclusive relationships between any participants. This guideline covers both platonic and romantic relationships that create a group dynamic unwelcoming to other participants. If an exclusive relationship impacts expedition dynamics, the parties involved may be required to discuss the impacts of their behavior with senior staff and/or faculty. The focus of this discussion will be to help the parties involved modify their behavior to better support the expedition as a whole.

Separately from discouraging exclusive relationships for the sake of group dynamics, JIRP explicitly forbids romantic and/or sexual relationships between students and non-students. "Non-students" includes field staff, town staff, field operations and safety staff, facilities staff, teaching faculty, research faculty, medical faculty, senior faculty/academic leads, FGER Board members visiting the program, and any other guest who is not explicitly participating as a "student".

JIRP maintains this policy for the protection of the students' personal lives and academic/professional goals. Consequences for violating the Romantic Relationships Policy may include immediate dismissal from the program and/or not being invited back in subsequent years. Specific consequences will be at the discretion of the Director of Academics and Research, the Director of Operations, the Associate Director of Academics and Research, and the Field Operations and Safety Manager.

Your signature below indicates that you understand and agree to abide by this policy.

Signature:

Printed Name:

Date: