MGB Safe Travels Checklist

Traveling with Biological Materials - Don't!

DO NOT transport biological materials in checked luggage, carry-on luggage, or elsewhere on your person.

Materials must be shipped via a common carrier and packaged in accordance with IATA requirements (IATA Training). A fully executed Material Transfer Agreement is required. An export control review may be required if the recipient institution is outside the U.S.

Documentation

- Carry your documentation with you (both leaving and returning to Boston).
- Make sure your documents are valid.
- If traveling on a MGB sponsored visa, notify the GPS office.
- If traveling for personal reasons, you get 30 international remote work days per rolling calendar year.
- Refer to the following resources:
  - MGB International Work Policy
  - FAQ: Immigration and International Travel



Traveling with Data

DO NOT travel with paper copies of research data. Original data may not be taken from any MGB institution. Copies may be provided to researchers for travel purposes. A travel letter is required to grant authorization. Keep this letter in your possession at all times throughout your trip.

Access to human subject data from outside the U.S. is prohibited for researchers from restricted countries. All researchers - regardless of nationality - may not access human subject data while traveling to a restricted country.

Traveling with Equipment (Laptops, Phones, Tablets, etc.)

Refer to the following resources:

- Information Security International Travel and Devices Guidance
- China Travel (iPhone Guidance)
- China Travel (Android Guidance)

To travel with MGB-owned equipment, a travel letter is required.

Travel to restricted countries with MGB-owned equipment is not permitted when traveling for personal reasons.

Register with Travelsafe

MGB *Travelsafe* is a travel information and assistance program that provides important information while traveling domestically or internationally on business related travel.

Please be aware of the travel restriction, effective June 9, 2025, affecting most nationals from certain restricted countries.

MGB strongly advises that all J-1 visa holders under MGB's sponsorship and their dependents DO NOT travel internationally. All other visa holders under MGB sponsorship who are not directly impacted by the new travel restrictions should avoid nonessential international travel.

Other Resources

- MGB Export Controls Travel Guidance for Researchers
- MGB Research Hub - Foreign Travel
- MGB Transporting and Sharing Research Biological Materials Policy
- MGB Export Controls Policy
- Transporting and Sharing Biological Materials (HealthStream Course)

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