Checklist for Students with Disabilities: Preparing for an NUin Experience

**Selecting a site:** Before selecting a site for the NUin experience, it’s important to explore your options and select a site that aligns with supports to meet your needs. Use the checklist below as a guide for researching possible sites.

- **Identify your accommodations and supports**
  - Accommodations
    - What academic accommodations are you requesting?
    - Which accommodations do you use regularly?
    - What residential accommodations are you requesting?
  - Supports
    - What other supports did you rely on in high school? Examples could include academic coaching, tutoring or therapy.

- **Evaluate the Site**
  - Review site requirements
    - What are the programs physical and mobility requirements? Will there be extensive travel or physical activity involved throughout the program? What are options for transportation?
    - What are the program’s dining and housing options? Are there alternative options for dietary restrictions?
  - Are there guidelines for what medications you may bring in to or have shipped to the country?
  - If you need additional equipment, such as for storing medical supplies, is that equipment readily available?

- **Select a program that supports your profile and is compatible with your major**
  - Are your accommodations available to use at the site?
  - Will you be able to access the supports you need throughout your program? For example, if you regularly see a therapist, will you be able to keep regular appointments?
  - Will you be able to carry and/or receive necessary medication while in the country?
  - Will housing and dining options be adequate to meet your needs?
  - Will you need to explore additional supports for transportation?

**Preparing for departure:** Once you’ve selected a site, begin preparing for the experience well in advance of your departure by doing the following

- **Connect with the DRC:**
  - Discuss how your accommodations requests can be submitted.
For guidelines for documentation for specific disabilities, please see:
https://drc.sites.northeastern.edu/incoming-and-unregistered-students/

☐ Request your accommodations for your NUin experience:
  o Determine what documentation you will need to submit to your host site
  o Some sites will accept the DRC’s approval for accommodations, some will perform their review of your documentation. Determine which requirement you need to meet. Considerations: deadlines for submission, differences in types of accommodations.

Helpful Websites

US Department of State Information for Travelers with Disabilities:

TSA Information on Traveling with Disabilities and Medication Conditions:
https://www.tsa.gov/travel/special-procedures

https://drc.sites.northeastern.edu/