EPS and ESE Programs and Procedures for Field Activities (2017)

Over the past few years, our departments have partnered with OSAPR and the GSAS Title IX office to provide a number of training events that raise awareness of concerns related to sexual harassment and related issues in our community. As part of these efforts, we have implemented procedures to promote proper conduct during field and related activities. These include:

1) annual training sessions for graduate students and faculty;

2) pre-field trip meetings for participants;

3) targeted discussion sessions for research groups that are heavily engaged in field programs.

Moreover, we require all field trip participants to re-affirm their understanding of our policies and expectations prior to each activity. We have also established procedures for reporting and addressing issues that might arise in the field. This includes designating a field trip co-leader, typically a Preceptor, to serve as a point-of-contact on the trip. We also encourage participants to reach out directly the GSAS Title IX office (https://gsas.harvard.edu/student-life/harvard-resources/title-ix-office) or OSAPR (https://osapr.harvard.edu) if they have further concerns or would benefit from confidential support.

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