



## MERIT360 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By signing up or Merit360 you are agreeing with the Terms and Conditions. The binding commitment comes at the point of signing the commitment document on your Merit Panel. However, you should note that any deposits made are non-refundable even before signing of the commitments.

### 1) The programme fees shall be as published on [www.merit360.org](http://www.merit360.org)

2018 Merit360 Philippines Participants:

a) This donation shall be payable by way of:

- i. Deposit of £120 paid once approved for the program.
- ii. The cost of operating Merit360 is £2000 per person. We require you to fundraise a minimum of £975 towards this, at which point you will be confirmed your place at the Merit360 gathering in the Philippines.
- iii. The minimum £975 to be paid in full before the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March or as otherwise agreed by the Merit360 Team with you in writing.

b) To be accepted on the program you must have gone through all applications, received your confirmation email, official acceptance letter and signed the commitment agreement.

c) Fees are non-refundable as set out in the 'Refund and Cancellation Policy' section below.

d) Fundraising will be conducted through your Merit Panel and World Merit CIO will receive all of the money directly minus and transaction fees. If you have funds readily available to cover your fee, you can personally make a donation through this site to contribute to your minimum fee following the closing date of the application process.

2) **Additional Costs:** By participating in the programme you will acknowledge the need to pay **additional costs, not covered by World Merit**, for services completed by third parties. Fees are set at the discretion of the third party who completes that service and may vary depending on time of booking. These additional fees may include (but are not limited to):

- Visa's for the Philippines – It is your responsibility to obtain a visa for any countries you may travel to whilst on Merit360, World Merit will not cover any visa costs.
- Though Merit360 operates within the visitor regulations of host countries, entry to those countries can be denied by that countries border agency, at their discretion. There will be no refund in this circumstance.
- Return flights the Philippines – We advise you not to book your flight until you have received confirmation of your visa.
- Medical insurance – You are required to have medical insurance before you leave your own country. World Merit will not cover any medical costs incurred.
- Travel insurance – World Merit takes no responsibility for loss or damage to your personal belongings
- Any travel expenses to the Embassy/Consulate
- Any travel expenses incurred in your own country
- Any travel expenses incurred outside of the Merit360 programming dates



- Expenses taken outside organised schedule of Merit360, this includes any additional food, travel and leisure expenses.

You agree to pay these additional fees as they arise. Failure on your part to do this will result in your application being withdrawn from the programme.

### 3) Services you are entitled too.

(a) Once you have paid the £120 deposit you will be entitled to:

- Customer service and support with your application before you leave your home country
- A profile of your application
- A PDF document version of your application that you can use to promote your place on the program
- Fundraising Pack which will guide you in your fundraising experience
- Sponsorship Pack which you can take to potential sponsors and supporters

(b) Once you have paid your £975 fee you will be entitled to the following whilst in the host cities in the Philippines:

- Food: Organized breakfast, lunch and dinner each day during the program, choice of dining is the sole discretion of the Merit360 Team. If the Participant requires additional food or meals, then the Participant will be responsible for the entire additional charges.
- Accommodation will be provided on a shared basis. The choice of accommodation is the sole discretion of the Merit360 Team.
- Communication: World Merit collateral, support documents and Merit360 hand-outs will be provided by the Merit360 Team.
- Transport to and from all official activities/engagements and venues as arranged by the Merit360 Team. If the Participant misses provided transportation or does not want to take the provided transportation, then the Participant will be responsible for the entire additional charges.

### 4) For your application to be complete and ready for you to start the program in, you must complete all of the below:

a) Complete the online application form;

b) Accept this Programme Agreement;

c) Accept the Commitment agreement:

d) Provide us with any documents we require, this includes but is not limited to, proof of visa, passport copy, proof of medical insurance, flight itinerary, dietary requirements.

Failure to supply us with the correct documentation may result in your place on the program being terminated.



**5) You must inform the Merit360 Team of any changes** in contact information, availability, health, criminal background, or any other pertinent changes regarding your application and ability to participate in the programme. If any changes made after acceptance make you ineligible for the program, the Merit360 Team reserves the right to withdraw you from the programme and any refund given will be at the absolute discretion of World Merit.

**6) You must be completely honest with World Merit throughout the application process and all information contained on any form completed must be accurate.** Any false, deceptive or withheld information on your application or documentation, or any behaviour (including that presented through your social media accounts) deemed by World Merit as inappropriate or prejudicial, during, or after, your acceptance to the programme may be grounds for immediate cancellation from the programme with, or without, refund of fees, all at the absolute discretion of World Merit.

**7) It is agreed and understood that nothing in these Terms and Conditions guarantees you a place on Merit360.**

#### **8) Refund and Cancellation Policy**

- a) The £120 deposit is non-refundable.
- b) You are entitled to defer your application and funds raised only to only the following year subject to approval in writing from World Merit.
- c) All donations are to World Merit CIO and are non-refundable.
- d) Though World Merit operates within the visitor regulations of host countries, entry to those countries can be denied by that countries border agency, at their discretion. There will be no refund in this circumstance.

**9) It is your responsibility to fully commit to the program, this includes but it not limited to:**

- Commit to attending all the sessions that will be carried out during the Merit360, both in person meetings and virtual;
- Represent World Merit, Merit360 and our Partners at events including mixers, press conferences and other designated events.
- Ensure access to the appropriate broadband & computer facilities or seek support in advance of the meetings;
- Commit to fulfil all obligations to your Merit360 peers throughout the duration of the program to both support their learning and deliver a successful project.
- Maintain regular contact with the Merit360 Team.
- Participate in filming, photography, and voice recordings for the purpose of promoting World Merit, the Merit360 and our Partners.
- Appropriately update your social media networks with your experiences at least once per day or when asked by the Merit360 Team, including links to any relevant sponsors.

**10) Some of your data may be shared with potential World Merit approved funders, we will not share:**

- Your Email Address
  - Your Telephone number
  - Any other contact information you share with us
- We will not share your information with any third party organisation.

**11) Failure to meet any of the terms above may result in your place on the Merit360 being terminated.**