

Accreditation Volunteer Deployment and Selection

AACSB attempts to achieve a range of outcomes in deploying volunteers, including enhancement of the volunteer base to expand overall numbers, development of strong regional pools of volunteers, development of a volunteer base that provides mission fit with multiple types of schools, enhancement of the international composition of teams and assurance of quality consistency.

Regarding the selection of peer review team members, team chairs will be agreed upon by the school, AACSB staff and the appropriate committee. Additional team members will be selected based upon eligibility, experience, mission fit and availability. Potential conflicts of interest are also considered. Suggestions for additional team members beyond the chair will be considered but are not guaranteed.

AACSB recognizes that some parts of the world may pose increased risks to an individual's health and safety. When deciding whether to deploy accreditation volunteers to certain regions, AACSB refers to the US Department of State Travel Advisory list, and other similar lists of international agencies, to identify areas of the world that may not be safe to visit. No volunteer is ever required to travel to a part of the world that has been deemed by any of these agencies as unsafe. Since volunteers are issued invitations by AACSB, they can always decline any invitation, and therefore can never be required to travel to parts of the world they deem to be unsafe.

In rare cases, AACSB may allow alternative accreditation visit formats. Examples may include a hybrid in-person visit and virtual visit, where some team members are on-site and others are in a virtual setting. Alternative visits must be approved by AACSB accreditation leadership and the Chair and Vice Chair of the relevant committee (AAC, CIRC, and IAC). Initial accreditation visits are required to have at least one team member physically present at the school. If at the time of the initial accreditation visit it is determined that a team cannot be deployed due to safety concerns, it may be necessary to suspend the initial accreditation visit until conditions change.

AACSB accreditation volunteers traveling internationally are strongly encouraged to purchase travel insurance through AACSB's travel accident policy coverage. Such coverage is reimbursed by the host school. This insurance will cover medical injury and/or illness when traveling outside of the volunteer's home country, as well as emergency medical evacuation and reunion, trip interruption, political evacuation, acts of terrorism, and natural disasters. For more information on this topic, please consult the [*AACSB Travel Guidelines and Duty of Care policy*].