R·I·T Ph.D. Candidates

RIT has its own, university specific, doctoral regalia.

This regalia is available for all eligible Ph.D. candidates to rent for their respective ceremonies.

RIT pays for your rental, however you are responsible for any damages &/or replacement costs.

An Academic Regalia Rental Agreement must be filled out, & signed before your rented regalia will be released to you (or whomever you designate to pick up your regalia for you); so please plan your time accordingly.

Important Dates:

Friday, February 16, 2018:
Cut-off date for ordering your gown, & tam for Academic Convocation & Commencement.
Any orders placed after this date are considered Late Orders.

Friday, March 9, 2018:
Cut-off date for Late Orders.
RIT’s Ph.D. regalia is a custom design, & we cannot guarantee any orders placed after this date.

Saturday, March 10, 2018:
If you are trying to rent your RIT Ph.D. gown, & tam after the Late Order cut-off (March 9), you will need to contact your advisor.

Monday, April 30, 2018:
Regalia distribution begins.

Saturday, May 12, 2018:
Regalia distribution ends at 7:30 pm.

Wednesday, May 16, 2018:
Last day to return your rented gown, & tam to the bookstore.

The special RIT Ph.D. hood is a gift to you from the university, & is yours to keep.

How Much Does My Regalia Cost?
NOTHING! RIT allows you to borrow the special RIT Ph.D. gown, & tam for your ceremonies.

However, there are replacement fees for regalia that is returned damaged, or not returned at all.

More information at: www.rit.edu/commencement

How Do I Order My Rental Regalia?

Go to: www.rit.edu/commencement.
Select Faculty & Staff from the menu bar at the top of the page.
Select Academic Regalia from the drop-down menu.
Enter your RIT login credentials.
Follow the prompts to get to your profile page.

Where Do I Return My Regalia?

The special RIT Ph.D. hood is yours to keep.
Options for returning your RIT Ph.D. gown, & tam:

Easiest:
Return your regalia after your last ceremony at the following locations (look for the Faculty Regalia Drop-Off signs):

- Gordon Field House: Return regalia to the Student Life Center (adjacent to the Field House), room 1329.
- Gene Polisseni Center: Return regalia to the tables in the east hallway (near the SpiRIT store, across from concessions).

Alternate:
If you wish to have professional portraits taken in your regalia you may also return your regalia to the Textbook Information desk on the 2nd floor of the bookstore, Barnes & Noble @ RIT, anytime during store hours.

Return all rented regalia no later than Wednesday, May 16, 2018.

If you are unable to return your regalia in person, a friend or relative may do so for you.
However, keep in mind that you will be financially responsible for all rented regalia that is returned damaged, or not returned at all.

What If I Will Not Be In Town To Pick Up My Regalia?
If you cannot pick up your regalia in person, a friend or relative may pick up your regalia for you.

They will need to know your:
First, & Last name
College you are graduating from (e.g., CAST, CLA, etc.)

Due to the high cost/long turnaround time for RIT’s Ph.D. regalia, we are NOT able to ship your regalia to you.

More information at: www.rit.edu/commencement
Undergraduate & Graduate Candidates
(Certificate, Associate’s, Bachelor’s, Advanced Certificate, & Master’s)

Important Dates:

Monday, April 23, 2018:
Regalia distribution begins.

Friday, April 27, 2018:
Last day to submit a request to have your regalia shipped to you (details further in this brochure).

Saturday, May 12, 2018:
Regalia distribution ends at 7:30 pm.

How Do I Order My Regalia?
Submit your Application for Graduation in SIS.
You do NOT need to be measured.
Gowns will be available for you to try on at the store.*

What If I Will Not Be In Town To Pick Up My Regalia?
If you cannot pick up your regalia in person, you have two options.
A friend or relative may pick up your regalia for you.
They will need to know your:
First & Last name
Height
Approximate weight
College(s) you are graduating from (e.g., CAST, CLA, etc.)
Type of degree(s) you are receiving.
If you are graduating with honors.*
You may contact the bookstore’s regalia team at regalia@rit.edu to arrange for shipping (they will email an order form to you).
Your order must be received by the regalia team no later than Friday, April 27, 2018 to ensure it arrives in time for graduation.
There is NO CHARGE for your regalia. However, there is a shipping fee of $8.10 to ship to the lower 48 states (shipping outside the lower 48 requires a price quote).

More information at: www.rit.edu/commencement

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How Much Does My Regalia Cost?
NOTHING! It is included as part of your tuition.

Where & When Do I Return My Regalia?
It’s yours to keep!
If you do not wish to keep your regalia, you may recycle it in any recycling bin that accepts plastic water bottles.

Study Abroad, Honor Societies, Etc. Regalia

All regalia (cords, stoles, sashes, etc.) representing anything other than academic honors are distributed through the awarding department or organization.
Ex.: Study Abroad stoles are ordered through/distributed from the RIT Global offices.

Graduate Candidates Only
(Advanced Certificate, & Master’s)

Do Graduate Candidates Receive Honor Cords?
RIT does not designate academic honors at the university level for graduate students per Policy D05.1 (Academic Actions & Regulations - https://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/policiesmanual/d051).

HOWEVER
If you are also eligible to walk for an undergraduate level degree during the same year’s ceremonies as your graduate level degree.

AND
Your undergraduate GPA meets the requirements for graduating with honors.*
You will be permitted to wear Honor Cords in addition to your graduate regalia.

Note: Candidates graduating with ONLY an Advanced Certificate will receive a graduate gown, cap, & tassel.
Hoods are for master’s degree holders only.