Winter/Spring 2016

Dear Open House Registrant:

We have received your reservation for our Accepted Student Open House on Saturday, April 2, 2016 and are looking forward to having you on campus. The enclosed schedule outlines the activities we have planned for your visit.

Enclosed you will find a campus map, a visitor parking permit, and directions to RIT. When you arrive on campus, please follow the signs to parking lots D or E, and display your parking permit on the dashboard of your vehicle. Once you park your vehicle, please follow the signs to the lobby of the Gordon Field House (GOR on the enclosed map) where our staff and students will be available to greet you and help you plan your day. Coffee and continental breakfast will be served following Check-In and the Opening Session will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Each College will provide a light or discounted lunch after the formal academic meetings. However, if you would like to have lunch in our student cafeteria, Gracie’s, you are welcome to do so. Lunch passes for Gracie’s can be purchased during Check-In or at the door for $9.00 per person.

A group session regarding financial aid will be held in the afternoon. This session is designed to answer the most frequently asked questions at this point in a student’s college selection process. We have enclosed an overview of the most popular questions we receive. If you have questions that we haven’t answered in our written materials, you are welcome to contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships now.

Since all of our Accepted Student Open House events are optional, we recommend reviewing the enclosed schedule before you arrive. Please contact us in the Admissions Office if you have questions, or if we can assist you with planning your visit. We look forward to having you on campus, and congratulations on your acceptance to RIT!

Sincerely,

Daniel R. Shelley, Ph.D.
Associate Vice President and
Director of Undergraduate Admissions
The Undergraduate Admissions staff will be available from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Gordon Field House & Activities Center (GOR). Please stop by if you have any questions!

A Shuttle Bus will be available from 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., making a continuous loop between the Student Alumni Union Circle (SAU), Grace Watson Hall (GWH), Institute Hall (INS) Lot J, and Barnes & Noble @ RIT.
Check-in/Continental Breakfast  
8:15 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
During this time, you will check-in and receive a complete schedule for the day. If you would like to have lunch in Gracie’s Dining Hall, our main dining facility, you may pre-purchase lunch passes for $9.00 per person. Enjoy some light refreshments and continental breakfast!  
**Gordon Field House (GOR)**

Opening Session  
9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.  
The Associate Vice President and Director of Undergraduate Admissions would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the RIT community and share some insight into the resources that RIT has to offer you! Dismissal for Academic Meetings will take place after the presentation.  
**Gordon Field House (GOR)**

Academic Meetings  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
Representatives from the academic departments will welcome you and discuss curriculum requirements, as well as acclimate you to our state-of-the-art facilities.  
**You will be escorted to your meeting from the Gordon Field House (GOR).**

ROTC Presentation  
12:00 noon - 12:30 p.m.  
Hear from Army and Air Force regarding ROTC programs and scholarship opportunities.  
**Location TBD**

Lunch  
11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
A light or discounted lunch will be provided by your college. If you would like to dine at Gracie’s, our all-you-can-eat dining facility, tickets can be pre-purchased at Check-In or will be sold at the door for $9.00 per person.  

Campus Tours/Student Table  
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Enjoy a student-led, 1-1.5-hour walking tour of the academic side of campus. Tours depart approximately every half hour. Current RIT students will also be on hand to answer your questions and give you an insider’s perspective of life at RIT!  
**Gordon Field House (GOR)**

Residence Hall Tours  
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
A 30-minute walking tour of our residence halls will include a visit to a dorm room and information on our tunnel system, campus safety, meal plans, and services available.  
**Grace Watson Hall (GWH) - Lobby**

Special Interest House Tables  
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Our seven Special Interest Houses are designed for students who like to share their interests! Take this opportunity to meet representatives from these houses and learn more about this housing option!  
**Location TBD**

Activities & Services Fair  
12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.  
Representatives will be available from a number of areas across campus to provide you with information about student clubs, organizations, and support services. Visit our Student Table to meet current RIT students and learn more about life at RIT!  
**Gordon Field House (GOR)**

Financial Aid Presentation  
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Whether or not you have received your financial aid package, Financial Aid representatives will share valuable information on what to expect next, how to interpret your financial aid package, and how to manage your financial aid paperwork. General Q&A time is offered at the end of the presentation, and you’ll have the opportunity to ask counselors individual questions after the presentation as well.  
**Student Alumni Union (SAU) - Ingle Auditorium**

Intercollegiate Athletics Presentation  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Representatives from our Intercollegiate athletics program, including current RIT student-athletes, invite you to attend an information session about RIT Athletics. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our 24 men’s and women’s varsity sports, academic policies required by NCAA regulations and the process for walk-on tryouts. Go Tigers!  
**Location TBD**

Pre-Health Professions Studies Information Session  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Stop by to learn more about our pre-medical and pre-health professions advising opportunities.  
**Location TBD**

Pre-Law Studies Information Session  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Stop by to learn more about our pre-law advising opportunities.  
**Location TBD**

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**Barnes & Noble @ RIT:**  
Located at Park Point 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Accepted Open House

Parking in Lots D & E

Gordon Field House:
Check-In & Opening Session, Campus Tours and Student Services & Activities Fair

Grace Watson Hall:
Grace’s Dining Hall & Residence Hall Tours

Shuttle Bus Stops:
11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Student Alumni Union:
Financial Aid Presentation

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UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS
VISITOR PARKING PASS

Undergraduate Admissions
OPEN HOUSE

Parking Lots: D & E

Valid in any General Space.

Not valid in: Handicapped, Short-term 20-minute, or Administration Spaces.

Dates Valid:
Saturday: April 2, 2016
Saturday: April 9, 2016
The RIT campus is located in Rochester, New York. The third largest city in New York State, Rochester is on Lake Ontario, about midway between Niagara Falls and Syracuse and within easy driving distance to Toronto.

The Rochester area is serviced by Greyhound and Trailways bus companies as well as the Amtrak train line. The Greater Rochester International Airport is home to most major airlines, including USAir, United, Delta, American, JetBlue, AirTran and others. Taxis are available at the airport, train and bus stations. RIT is also a stop on Route 24 of the Regional Transit Service, the area's mass transit bus system. RIT's main campus is five miles from both the airport and the NY State Thruway (Interstate 90).

**Directions to RIT:**

**From the Airport:** Turn right onto Brooks Ave., then a quick right onto I-390 South. From 390, take the next exit (Scottsville Rd.) and turn right at the end of the ramp. Drive for approximately three miles, then turn left onto Jefferson Rd. (Route 252). Proceed east a short distance to campus (on the right). Then follow signs for Open House parking in Lots D and G.

**From the NYS Thruway:** Take Exit 46 and proceed North on I-390 to Exit 13 (Hylan Dr.). Take a left onto Hylan Dr. and continue north to Jefferson Rd. (Route 252), then take a left at the Jefferson Rd. intersection. You will travel approximately ½ mile, passing South Town Plaza. *Immediately* after passing the Radisson Hotel, turn left onto Lowenthal Rd. Follow Lowenthal Rd. to the end and take a right onto Andrews Memorial Dr. Follow signs for Open House parking.

**Nearby Accommodations:**

**Accessible within 10 minutes of RIT’s campus:**

- Best Western 940 Jefferson Rd. 585-427-2700
- Comfort Suites 2085 Hylan Drive 585-334-6620
- Country Inn & Suites by Carlson 4635 West Henrietta Rd. (Rte. 15) 585-486-9000
- Courtyard by Marriott 33 Corporate Woods 585-292-1000
- Days Inn 4853 West Henrietta Rd. (Rte. 15) 585-334-9300
- DoubleTree by Hilton 1111 Jefferson Rd. (Rte. 252) 585-475-1510
- Extended Stay America 700 Commons Way 585-427-7580
- Fairfield Inn by Marriott 4695 West Henrietta Rd. (Rte. 15) 585-334-3350
- Hampton Inn & Suites 280 Clay Road 585-475-1300
- Holiday Inn 800 Jefferson Rd. (Rte. 252) 585-475-9190
- Homewood Suites 2095 Hylan Drive 585-334-9150
- Home2 Suites by Hilton 999 Jefferson Rd, Rochester 585-272-0090
- La Quinta Inn & Suites 717 East Henrietta Road 585-272-7800
- Microtel Inn 905 Lehigh Station Rd. (Rte. 253) 585-334-3400
- Radisson Inn (on campus) 175 Jefferson Rd. (Rte. 252) 585-475-1910
- Red Roof Inn 4820 West Henrietta Rd. (Rte. 15) 585-359-1100
- Residence Inn 1300 Jefferson Rd. (Rte. 252) 585-272-8850
- RIT Inn and Conference Center 5257 West Henrietta Rd. (Rte. 15) 585-359-1800
- Super 8 Motel 1000 Lehigh Station Rd. 585-359-1630

**Accessible within 15 minutes of RIT’s campus (Airport Area):**

- Fairfield Inn by Marriott 1200 Brooks Ave. 585-529-5000
- Holiday Inn – Airport 911 Brooks Ave. 585-328-6000
- Quality Inn Rochester Airport 1273 Chili Ave. 585-464-8800
- Staybridge Suites 1000 Genesee Street 585-527-9110

**Downtown Rochester accessible within 15 minutes:**

- Hyatt Regency 125 East Main Street 585-546-1234
- Radisson Hotel Rochester Riverside 120 East Main Street 585-546-6400
- Strathallan (DoubleTree by Hilton) 550 East Avenue 585-461-5010

**Other Rochester area hotels accessible within 20-30 minutes:**

- Brookwood Inn 800 Pittsford-Victor Rd. 585-248-9000
- Woodcliff Hotel & Spa 199 Woodcliff Dr. 585-381-4000

*When making a reservation, mention your visit to RIT since selected hotels offer special rates to RIT visitors.*
Do You Have Financial Aid and Scholarship Questions?

Many of the frequently asked questions we receive from families are addressed below. Every student has a financial aid counselor, who will be happy to answer any questions we have not answered either here or in the materials that accompany financial aid award notifications.

Q: Once I receive my financial aid award notification, what should I do next?
   A: Review the award and the materials enclosed with your award. Log on to RIT eServices at www.rit.edu/eservices to accept your award. You may also decline or reduce your loans if you choose.

   Check Financial Aid Self-Service to read detailed explanations of each type of aid offered, and then check for and complete any missing or incomplete documents. You can also calculate your anticipated cost of attendance and grant access to a parent or other third party so that they can also view your financial aid award.

Q: How does the Federal Work-Study Program Work?
   A: Review your fall class schedule to determine your availability outside of class/lab time for a part-time job. Positions for the fall semester will be posted closer to the start of the semester, and are posted through the Student Employment Office (SEO) website at www.rit.edu/seo. RIT does not assign or guarantee a part-time job, but the SEO will help facilitate the job search process. Students are paid bi-weekly through a payroll check and your earnings can be used for personal expenses throughout the year.

Q: How do I pay for the remaining balance?
   A: There are several financing options available. First, review the payment options available through Student Financial Services. They can be found under Tuition and Fees at www.rit.edu/fa/sfs/

   The federal PLUS loan is a loan that the parent borrows on the student’s behalf. Additional information about the PLUS loan can be found on the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships web site and in the materials enclosed with your award letter. To begin the 2016-2017 PLUS loan application process, complete both the Parent PLUS Loan application and the separate Promissory Note online after April 1st at www.studentloans.gov. As a Parent Borrower, you (the parent) will use your Federal Student Aid ID as your electronic signature for both the application and the promissory note.

   Alternative (or non-Federal) loans are private loans in the student’s name with a co-signer. We encourage students and families to use alternative loans as a last option after first pursuing all federal loan options. Alternative loans may have variable interest rates and interest begins accruing once the loan is disbursed. Actual repayment on the loans usually begins 6 months after the student is no longer enrolled. Students may use any lender they choose for an alternative loan. Advice on how to evaluate alternative loans can be found at www.rit.edu/emcs/financialaid/responsible_borrowing.html.

Information accurate as of December 2015
Q: My financial situation has changed. What should I do?
A: You should submit a letter to the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships describing the change. We will review the new information and recalculate your financial aid eligibility. You should also provide documentation of the change (e.g. termination letter, copies of medical bills) as well as specific dollar amounts (e.g. amount paid out in medical/dental expenses, projected amount of decrease in annual income). A change in a family’s financial situation can be reviewed any time during the academic year. Please note that we must receive this information in writing in order to properly document a change in your financial situation.

Q: Can you explain the loans on the Award Letter?
A: There are full descriptions of the loans in the Understanding Your Undergraduate Financial Aid Award booklet. Here is a brief overview:

**Subsidized Direct Loan:** This is a federal loan and the student is the borrower. The government pays the interest while the student is in school. Repayment begins 6 months after the student leaves school or ceases to be enrolled at least half-time. The federal government assesses an origination fee.

**Unsubsidized Direct Loan:** This is a federal loan and the student is the borrower. The interest begins accruing while the student is in school. Students will have the option to pay the interest while in school or to defer both interest and principle payments until 6 months after they drop below half-time enrollment (capitalize the interest). The federal government assesses an origination fee.

Q: Are there any other scholarships that I can apply for through RIT?
A: We encourage students to seek out additional scholarships. Our website [www.rit.edu/financialaid](http://www.rit.edu/financialaid) provides links to many free, reputable scholarship search engines. Please let the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships know if you have obtained additional scholarships so we may reflect it accurately on your Award Letter.

Q: Will my aid change if I live at home instead of RIT housing?
A: Your award(s) may be adjusted if you live at home and are not charged for housing and meals by RIT. Please contact our office if you would like to have your award recalculated because of your change in housing status.

Q: I have read all of the materials and I still have questions. Should I wait until I’m at the Open House to ask those questions?
A: No! Take care of your questions now so you have more time to explore RIT during Open House. Every student has a financial aid counselor who is happy to answer any questions we have not answered in our written materials. Financial aid counselors are listed on our web page, along with their email addresses. Additional contact information is below:

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