Dear Students,

RIT Global is excited to welcome you to the RIT campus! We hope the information below provides you with additional details of the transfer process and answers any questions you may have in preparation for your time at RIT.

**How are students selected for the program?**

Interested students should first discuss their qualifications with the advisor at their home campus. Upon confirmation, students complete an application form to be sent to RIT along with a copy of the student’s latest unofficial transcripts, copy of the student’s passport bio page, and financial documents as stated on the application. The RIT Academic Department the student is looking into transferring will confirm or deny the student’s acceptance within (at least) four weeks after receiving the student’s file. An RIT program coordinator will be in touch with the home campus and student to assist with course selection, visa processing, housing selection, arrival, and flights.

**How much does the program cost?**

The following are cost estimates and may vary based on student housing availability and student preferences.

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<th>Costs paid by student to RIT</th>
<th>US Dollars</th>
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<td>Global Village Housing (Double Occupancy Suites)*</td>
<td>$3,816</td>
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<td>RIT Meal Plan**</td>
<td>$900</td>
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<td>University Sickness and Accident Plan***</td>
<td>$857</td>
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<td>(health insurance - estimated cost)</td>
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<td>Program Fee (includes orientation, bed linens and activities while in Rochester)</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>$5,873</strong></td>
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<td>SEVIS Fee</td>
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<td>Visa Application Fee + Issuance Fee (this is an estimated cost, varies by Country)</td>
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<td>Vaccinations (dependent on student vaccination history/records)</td>
<td>$285</td>
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<td>Course textbooks (estimate)</td>
<td>$500</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous spending (estimate)</td>
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*Housing assignments and cost is dependent on availability and determined by the RIT Housing Office. Costs for each of the RIT housing furnished facilities ranges from $3,379 - $4,258
https://www.rit.edu/fa/housing/

**This is an estimated amount for food costs based on $8/day. Meal plan options are available ranging from $500 - $2,605/semester: http://www.rit.edu/fa/diningservices/mealplans/1314/residents. Students are encouraged to discuss the options with an RIT Global staff member before selecting a plan.

***All international students on a visa registered at RIT will automatically be enrolled in the RIT Basic Student Accident and Sickness Insurance Policy unless otherwise exempt by RIT. The fee for this plan may vary between Fall and Spring Semester. For additional information on the insurance and waivers, please visit:
http://www.rit.edu/studentaffairs/iss/life-at-rit/health-insurance
**Are all of the program costs listed above required?**

All costs listed in the description above are required for all students selected for an exchange to RIT. The textbook costs and miscellaneous spending are dependent on the RIT course requirements and personal spending decisions made by the student. Students are also responsible for purchasing of their own airline ticket.

**How do I pay for the program?**

Students will continue to pay their regular tuition to their home university. All additional expenses will be paid directly to RIT through the RIT e-services online payment system. Payment options include credit card, bank wire, or check. There is an additional service fee applied to credit card transactions. E-check payments can be made at no additional costs. Please work with the RIT program coordinator to confirm accuracy of you student bill and how to log in to the payment system.

The student will be responsible for the purchase of their course textbooks either from the RIT Bookstore or from an alternate vendor.

**How does the meal plan work?**

Some of the RIT housing furnished facilities will allow you to have access to a kitchen. Students may be able to choose to cook all their meals or eat some or all of their meals in any of the RIT dining facilities. The RIT program coordinator will assist you in choosing a meal plan that is best suited for your needs. The full cost of the meal plan you choose is deposited into a debit account connected with your student RIT ID card. The debit account allows students to make food purchases at any RIT Dining Services areas, plus the Corner Store, Sol’s Underground, The Grind, Beanz, Ben and Jerry’s, Artesano Bakery and Cafe, RIT Inn and Conference Center, or Bytes on the Run. You will receive 8% savings on most on-campus purchases. Use your debit account at Gracie’s and receive a 15% discount. Campus wide food and beverage vending machines also accept this account.

**Can I work while I’m on campus?**

Students are encouraged to focus on their RIT course load and engage in campus activities. There may be limited positions available, for on campus work, that students can apply upon arrival on the RIT campus. Please be aware that the maximum amount of hours you are allowed to work is 20 hrs/week. Students should work with the program coordinator to discuss opportunities during the program orientation at RIT.

**Will I have health insurance?**

All international students are required to have comprehensive health insurance to pay for hospitalizations and other medical services not available on campus. To ensure this, RIT will automatically enroll all students in the exchange program in RIT’s Basic Student Sickness & Accident Plan. Students may qualify for an insurance waiver. If the student is covered by another medical insurance plan with benefits comparable or better than those outlined in RIT’s Basic Student Sickness & Accident Plan for claims processed in the United States, you may be eligible to waive RIT’s insurance. Contact an RIT Global coordinator for more information.

**Will I have health care while at RIT?**

The RIT Student Health Center (SHC) provides comprehensive primary care to students. Physicians, nurse practitioners and a physician assistant are available by appointment for health counseling, evaluation and treatment of common medical problems. Some medical conditions commonly evaluated and treated in the SCH include (but are not limited to): allergy symptoms, back pain, headache, sore throat, stomach problems, sprain and strains, to list a few.

The services offered by the RIT Student Health Center are available to all students. Exchange students will be charged a fee for service at each visit (usually around $35). Payment must be made at the time of visit.
Upon receipt of your application, copy of your passport bio page, and financial documentation, RIT will begin processing the I-20 Certificate of Eligibility. All students will be applying for an F-1 Student Visa. After receiving your 1-20, you should contact the Embassy or Consulate of the United States at which you expect to apply for an F-1 Student Visa, and ask what will be required in the application process. This varies from station to station. You will likely be required to schedule an in-person interview for visa approval. You should be prepared for the visa interview with the following documents:

- Entire I-20 form
- An original letter of acceptance for the exchange to RIT program (provided by the RIT program coordinator)
- An official transcript from your home university showing your past academic record
- Original bank statement showing the amount you or your sponsor is expected to contribute to your expenses at RIT, as shown on your 1-20 ($5,873 USD)
- Letter of support from your sponsor, indicating the amount of funding to be given for your support
- Letter of guarantee from the bank or other agency if a loan is part of your support.

What courses will I take and how will I register for classes?

After acceptance to the Exchange to RIT program, you will receive a list of possible courses. You can also go to http://sis.rit.edu to find a complete list of course offerings at RIT. Simply click under the "Public" section and select Schedule of Courses. From there you can search for Fall or Spring courses. If you click on the course title, the course description will show. For assistance searching for classes, please contact the RIT coordinator.
The RIT program staff will assist you in completing your housing application and work with the RIT Housing Operations office to place all students in either RIT Global Village Suites or the RIT Residence Halls (dorms). Placement is dependent on availability. Preference in Global Village will be given to upper class students. A description of both housing options is included below.

**Global Village** is RIT’s newest residential and commercial complex, providing upper class students a state-of-the-art global living experience and community. In addition to suite-style housing with lounges, community kitchens, meeting spaces and laundry rooms, the complex also features a number of services just a few feet away. These services include the HUB Post Office, Advantage Credit Union, Global Village Cantina and Grille, The Market at Global Village, Shear Global Hair Salon, and Shop One^2 Art Gallery and Fine Art Boutique. Also featured within the Global Village complex is a volleyball court and a mixed-use plaza offering year-round activities including heated outdoor seating, small stage area for concerts and student programming, and fire pit. Students will be sharing a double-occupancy room.

**University Commons** is located on the west side of campus, this complex is just a couple of minutes walk from the heart of campus. It offers furnished and carpeted four bedroom suites with kitchen, living room, two full baths and washer and dryer in each suite.

**The RIT Inn & Conference Center** offers upperclass students a premium living experience and combines hotel amenities with student living accommodations. Located about 6 km away from the main campus, the RIT Inn express shuttle offers convenient shuttle service to and from the RIT Inn to the main campus and operates Monday through Friday from approximately 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 a.m. (schedule varies during break and summer periods). The express shuttle loops every 15-20 minutes providing quick and efficient service to students.

**When should I arrive and how long will I stay at RIT?**

Plan to arrive the Thursday or Friday before classes start for the semester. The Saturday of that same week you must attend a mandatory International Student Orientation on campus. You will stay until the end of the semester and usually will be required to move out of the RIT housing facility the next day after the official end of the semester, usually on a Saturday.

The RIT program coordinator will confirm all dates after your acceptance to the program. Please double check before booking your flights.

**What airport do I fly into?**

Be sure to schedule your flights so that you arrive in Rochester, NY (ROC - Greater Rochester International Airport). We cannot arrange for pick-up from any other airport.

**Who will pick me up at the airport?**

Students will be picked up at the airport by an RIT staff member. Please share your flight information with the RIT program coordinator as soon as possible and she will confirm who will be picking the student up before their departure.
How do I get an RIT computer account and email address?

After acceptance is confirmed, RIT will send an email to the student’s personal email account with set-up instructions. If s/he does not receive this email, the student should contact the RIT coordinator.

Who should I contact with questions?

Any additional questions about the exchange program, please email global@rit.edu