

RIT Faculty-Led Programs

Student Application Checklist



Note: Application deadlines will vary per program. Please adhere to the deadlines outlined by the Faculty Director. It is recommended that you also watch a short application tutorial - [click here](#).

To Apply Complete these steps by the application deadline for your program.

- Complete and submit the RIT Compass application.**
Go to rit.edu/StudyAbroad and login to the Compass with your RIT username and password. Click on the 'Search Programs' tab and use the keyword box to find your program. Start an application for the appropriate term and complete all steps. You will be notified of acceptance decisions a few weeks after the program application deadline.
- Let your Academic Advisor(s) know you are interested in your study abroad program (and what course(s) you will be taking) to ensure that the study abroad course(s) fit into your program of study.**
- Ensure you have uploaded your COVID-19 vaccination status to the RIT COVID-19 Vaccination Information website (rit.edu/ready/covid-19-vaccine-information)**
In order to be eligible to study abroad, all students must be vaccinated against COVID-19 or have a valid RIT exemption.
- Once you receive a budget worksheet from the Faculty Director or Study Abroad office, make an appointment with your RIT Financial Aid Assistant Director to understand what aid is available to you.**
Call (585) 475-2186 to make an appointment, mention that it is for study abroad and send your financial aid assistant director a copy of your budget worksheet a few days in advance. Please have this meeting PRIOR to the program application deadline so that when acceptance decisions are made, you already know if you have appropriate finances available.
- If you will require RIT Access Services support, make an appointment with them to discuss your needs.**
Email Anglea Hauser at abhdis@ntid.rit.edu
- Explore study abroad scholarship options**
www.rit.edu/global/international-fellowships-overview. Note that scholarship deadlines tend to be early.

After You're Accepted to your Faculty-Led Program

- Log in to your Compass application and complete STEP 3 to confirm your participation by the deadline in your acceptance email.**
By confirming your participation, you agree to be billed for the program to be billed a non-refundable deposit. Be sure to read the refund and cancellation policy carefully.
- Apply for (or renew) your passport**
Passport processing times may take up to 12 weeks. If you already have a passport, check the expiration date - some countries require that your passport be valid at least six months beyond the dates of your trip.
- Complete visa paperwork (if necessary).**
Your faculty-director will notify you if visa paperwork is required. Visas are usually required for non-US citizens depending on the country and may require a small fee.
- Complete the passport information in the 'My Profile' tab in your Compass home page.**
- Visit the Preparing to Go section at rit.edu/StudyAbroad.**
For important resources on host country research, health/safety, banking, communication and identity abroad.
- Attend the mandatory Bon Voyage meeting.**
Your Faculty Director and/or Study Abroad office will email you with a date, time and location.
- Enroll in the U.S. State Department Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)**
This registers your travel with the US Embassy in case of an emergency (step.state.gov).
- Complete the RIT Pre-Study Abroad Survey**
The Study Abroad office will email you a link shortly before your program departure.

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When You Return

- ❑ Complete the RIT Post-Study Abroad survey - you will receive an email with a link once you return.
- ❑ Attend a mandatory Global Engagement Workshop. You will receive an email with date, time and location.
- ❑ Participate in the Global Learning Symposium and ROC Your Global Future conference that take place each fall (watch for emails with info.)
- ❑ Become a Study Abroad Global Ambassador. Applications are open in August. Email global@rit.edu for more information.
- ❑ Be a guest blogger or featured student on RIT Education Abroad social media - email michelle.fitz@rit.edu if you're interested.
- ❑ Connect with us on LinkedIn (@RITGlobal) to start building an international professional network.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Course Registration:

Your faculty director or Education Abroad office will register you for the class(es) you will take on your faculty-led program (NOTE: you are not able to register for your study abroad class(es) yourself in SIS).

Budget Worksheet:

This document details the exact and estimated costs of your program and is provided by the RIT Education Abroad office. If you would like to use financial aid (federal and local grants, scholarships and loans) towards your study abroad program costs, set up a meeting with your RIT Financial Aid Assistant Director before your application deadline. Provide a copy of the budget worksheet to the financial aid office at least 2 days prior to your scheduled appointment.

Billing:

All charges you can expect to be billed are outlined on your Budget Worksheet. The RIT Education Abroad office will work with RIT Student Financial Services to list the study abroad charges on your eServices account. Payments can be made online or in person. If you would like to request a payment schedule, contact Student Financial Services.

Grading:

You will receive letter grades which will count toward your GPA.

If part of your coursework is taking place in Rochester prior to the program travel, you will receive an Incomplete at the end of term until the successful completion of the overseas portion and required reflection activities are completed.

Contacts

MAIN CONTACT

Your main contact will be the faculty director for the program you are interested in. They will be able to answer questions about the course(s), itinerary and program logistics.

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