

# RIT FACULTY-LED STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

## STUDENT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

**Instructions:** All these steps are mandatory. 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](#).

- Complete and submit the RIT Compass application.  
Visit [studyabroad.rit.edu](http://studyabroad.rit.edu) 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](http://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](mailto:abhdis@ntid.rit.edu) prior to the application deadline.
- Talk with your family and support system about your plans to study abroad.  
Have conversations about finances and other commitments that you should prepare for. Directing them to the Parent section of our website is a good place to start ([rit.edu/global/welcome-parents](http://rit.edu/global/welcome-parents)).
- Explore study abroad scholarship options  
[www.rit.edu/global/international-fellowships-overview](http://www.rit.edu/global/international-fellowships-overview). Note that scholarship deadlines tend to be early. Email [global@rit.edu](mailto:global@rit.edu) if you would like to make an appointment with a study abroad scholarship advisor for help with essays.
- When you are accepted into the program, log in to your Compass application and complete STEP 3 to confirm your participation by the deadline in your acceptance email.  
When you confirm your participation, your RIT eServices account will be billed a non-refundable program deposit.
- 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 [studyabroad.rit.edu](http://studyabroad.rit.edu).  
For important resources on host country research, health/safety, banking, communication and diversity abroad.
- Attend the mandatory Bon Voyage meeting.  
Your Faculty Director and/or Study Abroad office will contact you with a date, time and location.
- Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to register your trip with the US Embassy in case of an emergency. [Go to step.state.gov](http://Go.to.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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# WHILE ABROAD

- Tag us in your social media posts while abroad @RITStudyAbroad and #RITStudyAbroad.

# WHEN YOU RETURN

- Complete the RIT Post-Study Abroad survey - you will receive an email with a link once you return.
- Attend re-entry events such as the Global Engagement Seminar or ROC Your Global Future regional conference for study abroad returnees. You will receive an email with dates, time and location. Email michelle.fitz@rit.edu for more information.
- Participate in the Study Abroad Symposium in November to showcase a class project, internship, research or volunteer experience with the RIT community. You will receive an email with more information about participating. Email michelle.fitz@rit.edu for more information.
- Become a Study Abroad Global Ambassador. Applications are open in August. Email global@rit.edu for more information.
- Send us your Tigers Abroad photos via global@rit.edu.
- Connect with us on LinkedIn (@RITGlobal) to start building an international professional network.

# CONTACTS

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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