

RIT Global Scholars: Frequently Asked Questions

Spring Semester - Academic Year 2017-2018

The RIT Global Scholars program provides BJTU students the opportunity to study for the spring semester of the academic year 2017-2018 at RIT in Rochester.

Requirements to apply:

- An RIT GPA of 3.0 or above
- Complete the electronic application at <http://tinyurl.com/GlobalApplication> Make sure to submit all the required information and paperwork:
 - o Scan of the bio page of your passport
 - o A bank statement showing at least USD\$6,395
 - o If the bank statement is not to your name, you must submit a signed letter of support from the owner of the account that states the following,
"I (name of the owner of the account) will be financially responsible for (name of the student) during their time at RIT in Rochester NY."
- Ask an RIT professor to fill out a recommendation form for you, they will know what to do.

Applications are currently open and close on October 12 at 11:45PM EST.

If you have any questions about the Global Scholars application, please contact Mery Palarea at ritglobal@rit.edu or via WeChat at mery_di .

How much does the program cost?

The following are cost estimates based on rates published for AY17-18. These estimated costs may vary based on student housing placement, student preferences, and meal plan selection. Note that all options may not be available. All costs listed in the tables below are required for every student selected for this program. The textbook and miscellaneous costs are dependent on RIT course requirements, and personal spending decisions made by you.

Spring Semester Cost Estimates:

Expenses paid by you to RIT	
Option 1 – Global Village (GV)	Option 2 – RIT Inn
Double occupancy with kitchen \$3,339	Double occupancy room \$2,121
RIT food costs \$1,400	RIT Inn mandatory meal plan \$2,645
RIT student health and activity fee \$281	RIT student health and activity fee \$281
Insurance** \$1,075	Insurance** \$1,075
RIT program fee* \$300	RIT program fee* \$300
Total paid to RIT: \$6,395	Total paid to RIT: \$6,422

*RIT program fee includes: orientation, bed linens (only if you are staying in RIT housing) and group activities while in Rochester.

**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. For additional information on the insurance and waivers, please visit <https://www.rit.edu/studentaffairs/iss/life-at-rit/health-insurance>

Other expenses associated with the program	
SEVIS fee	\$200
Visa application fee (where applicable. Visa estimated costs vary by country)	\$200+
RIT food costs \$1,000	\$285
RIT student health and activity fee \$281	\$500
Insurance** \$725	\$200

The following are questions you may have if you get accepted to the Global Scholar Program:

How do I pay? You will continue to pay your regular BJTU tuition at BJTU. Once you arrive at RIT you will be charged for your housing, meal plan, health insurance, health and activity fee and program fee. You will be able to see your account balance by going to <https://www.rit.edu/eservices/> You can pay via check or wire transfer. If you wish to pay via credit card (Visa, Master Card or Discover) there will be a charge of 2.55% service fee by the vendor.

DO NOT MAKE ANY PAYMENTS until you have received communication from the RIT Global Office confirming the amount that you owe and the date that you need to pay by.

When should I arrive and how long will I stay at RIT? Arrive ON JANUARY 13, 2018. DO NOT arrive before this date. International Student Orientation activities start on Monday, January 15. RIT classes for the Spring start on Tuesday, January 16. Move out of RIT housing date is May 12 by 10AM. According to immigration regulations, you must return to your home country within 30 days after the end date as it shows on your certificate.

For a complete calendar which includes holidays and breaks, please visit: www.rit.edu/calendar.

Who will pick me up at the airport? You will be picked up at the airport by an RIT staff. Please share your flight information with the RIT program coordinator (Mery) as soon as possible and she will confirm who will be picking you up before your departure.

Will I have health care The Student Health Center provides a wide variety of health care services including comprehensive primary care, injection services and health education. The staff includes physicians, nurse practitioners and trained nurses. The Student Health Center staff will refer you to a local specialist if you need one. This is covered through your RIT student health and activity fee.

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 you are covered, RIT will automatically enroll you in the program in RIT's Basic Student Sickness & Accident Plan. Certain international students will be eligible for an automatic exemption from this insurance plan as determined by the Undergraduate Admissions and Graduate Enrollment Services Offices. All other requests for exemption must meet the criteria outlined at https://www.universityhealthplans.com/secure/waiver.cgi?school_id=238

What vaccinations will I need? The immunizations and costs through the RIT Student Health Center include:

- Meningococcal vaccine: 1 dose of Tetravalent (A.C.Y. W-135) vaccine required: \$135
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine: 2 doses at least 30 days apart: \$70 each shot
- Hepatitis B vaccine: series of 3 shots over 6 months: \$80 each shot

All students, undergraduate and graduate, must complete a health history form and are required by New York State to provide evidence of immunization against certain diseases. If the student does not have a medical record of these vaccines, students will be required to be immunized before starting classes.

For more information on RIT's required health forms and immunization policy, please go to <https://www.rit.edu/studentaffairs/studenthealth/> and click on Immunizations on the left side menu.

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