Welcome to the
GLOBAL SCHOLARS
(formerly Study Abroad at RIT)
Info Session
Why Global Scholars?

✓ Experience life on a US university campus
✓ See the world-class university that you are a part of
✓ Gain a greater knowledge of different cultures
✓ See your own culture through a new lens
✓ Meet a diverse range of people
✓ Participate in new clubs, sports, activities
✓ Study and learn differently
✓ Access all the resources available at the main campus
✓ Gain independence
✓ Learn self-reliance
✓ Learn about yourself in a new setting
✓ Gain life experience
### Criteria

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<th>Year Level</th>
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<td>Must have completed 2 semesters full-time at RIT</td>
<td>Must have completed 1 semester at RIT</td>
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<td>Minimum GPA</td>
<td>Good Standing (2.0 cum GPA)</td>
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<td>• complete MECE 203, MECE 210</td>
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Application Requirements

1. Application form (needs advisor’s signature)
   - Go to: www.rit.edu/global → International Students → RIT Global Scholars

2. Official bank statement dated within 6 months, showing enough funds for 1 semester: US$ 5,182

3. A letter of support if financial documents are not in student’s name

4. Passport bio page

5. Your latest Study Plan (From Academic Advisor)

   - NOTE: Submit all documents together, if possible, to the email listed on the application
Visa Types

- 2 types of visas:
  
  1. **F-1**: *regular* student visa
     - You can work (coop) only after a full academic year in the US
  
  2. **J-1**: student visa that *allows you to coop* after 1 term in the US
     - The job must be a formal position in your field of study
     - The job can be no longer than the term you studied in the US
     - You must have your offer 4-6 weeks before the semester ends

  **There may be residency requirements in your home country depending on your nationality! Check with your embassy!!**
Timeline

- October 29th, 2015: Application deadline
- After 3-4 weeks: Decisions announced by your College
- Within 1 week: Confirm your participation
- After 2-3 weeks: Receive your I-20 form for your visa application
- January 18th, 2016: Housing Opens
- January 24th, 2016: Orientation
- January 25th, 2016: Classes Start
- May 20-21, 2016: RIT Commencement (optional)
Visa Procedures

- After your have confirmed your attendance:
  1. RIT NY issues your I-20
  2. You will receive a **scanned copy** to check for errors
  3. You will make your **visa appointment** with the US embassy/consulate
  4. **Hard copy** will be sent to your academic advisor
  5. Complete RIT Dubai **Pre-departure form** before picking up I-20
  6. Go to your **visa interview**
  7. **Notify** your advisor and NY of the result of your interview
  8. Buy your **ticket** and FLY!
Where Will I Live?

- Housing assignments and cost is dependent on availability and determined by the RIT Housing Office.
- You will receive more details about housing options once you’ve been accepted and confirmed your participation.
The RIT Inn & Conference Center offers upperclassmen a premium living experience. The RIT Inn is located off campus, but a shuttle bus runs every 15-20 minutes to campus. Furnishings in the room include two double beds, two desks, two desk chairs, one nightstand, one six-drawer dresser.
Global Village Housing: Students will live in suite-style housing where they will share a kitchen, living room, and bathroom. Students will have their own bedroom. Laundry facilities are located nearby. Just a short distance away, students have access to the HUB print center and post office, restaurants, hair salon, and fitness center.
All students are required to enroll in a residential meal plan

Students residing in RIT Inn require a more inclusive and higher priced meal plan since cooking options are not available

Students residing in Global Village will have a kitchen and they can choose a more flexible meal plan
Students continue to pay the same tuition to RIT Dubai according to your payment plan. Below are the additional costs which will be paid to RIT – this does not include personal costs, including airfare, textbooks, vaccinations.

**Spring Semester Costs Estimates to be paid to RIT:**

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<th>Option 1 – Global Village</th>
<th>Option 2 – RIT Inn</th>
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<td>Double occupancy w/ Kitchen $3000</td>
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<td>RIT food costs $900</td>
<td>RIT food costs $1558</td>
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<td>RIT Student health and activity fee $264</td>
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<td><strong>Total: $5524</strong></td>
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If you are selected for the Global Scholars program, your advisor will help you to select classes that complete your necessary degree requirements and also provide you with new and interesting course options!
For more info: www.rit.edu/global

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Any Questions?