



RIT Global Scholars and Transfer to Main Campus Location

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Discover the opportunities waiting for you at RIT's main campus location in Rochester, New York. Whether you are considering a semester abroad through the Global Scholars program or planning a permanent transfer, this presentation will guide you through everything you need to know about making your move to one of America's premier technology universities.

Why Study Abroad?

Studying abroad at RIT's main campus location offers transformative experiences that extend far beyond the classroom. It is an opportunity to immerse yourself in a vibrant, world-class academic environment while growing personally and professionally.



Campus Experience

Experience life on a traditional US university campus with state-of-the-art facilities, extensive resources, and a rich academic heritage spanning nearly two centuries.



Cultural Immersion

Gain deeper knowledge of different cultures while seeing your own culture through a new lens. Meet a diverse range of people from around the world and broaden your global perspective.



Expanded Opportunities

Participate in new clubs, sports, and activities unavailable at the Dubai campus location. Access all the resources, research facilities, and academic programs available at the main campus location.



Personal Development

Gain independence, learn self-reliance, and discover new aspects of yourself in an unfamiliar setting. The experience builds confidence and prepares you for a global career.

Why Go to the Main Campus location?

While RIT Dubai offers an excellent education, the main campus location in Rochester, New York, provides access to resources, options, and opportunities on a much larger scale. Understanding the differences helps you make an informed decision about your academic journey.

RIT Dubai

18

Years Old

Established as RIT's first international campus

2K

Students

Growing student body from diverse backgrounds

25

Immersion Options

Plus 18 minor options for customization

3K+

Alumni

Graduates making impact globally

RIT New York

197

Years Old

Nearly two centuries of academic excellence

20K

Students

Vibrant, diverse campus community

100

Immersion Options

Plus 135 minor options for deeper specialization

150K+

Alumni

Graduates leading industries worldwide

What Are the Options?

RIT offers two distinct pathways for Dubai students to experience the main campus location. Each option serves different goals and timelines, so it's important to understand which one aligns with your academic plans and career objectives.



Global Scholars (GS)

A temporary study abroad program to the main campus location for one or two semesters, consecutive or not. You remain a Dubai student throughout your participation.



Transfer (TR)

A permanent move to Rochester for the remainder of your program, regardless of how many semesters you have left. You officially become a main campus location student.

General Eligibility Policies

Both Global Scholars and Transfer programs require formal applications and adherence to specific eligibility criteria. Understanding these policies ensures you can plan your application strategy effectively and avoid common pitfalls.

Application Required

You must apply for admission to Global Scholars or Transfer and meet the eligibility criteria to be considered. Acceptance is determined by the main campus location department offering your program.

Selection Criteria

You will be evaluated based on your academic background and preparation, as well as available space in the desired program. For some programs, if you're very close to meeting requirements, you may receive conditional admission with specific conditions to fulfill.

No Guarantee

Meeting the eligibility criteria does not guarantee acceptance—it only means you will be considered. Applications that don't meet minimum requirements will not be submitted to the department for review.

Conduct Standards

You should not have any formal misconduct cases on your academic record. Maintaining good standing is essential for program eligibility.

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Co-ops

Cooperative education experiences are integral to your RIT education, and ensuring they're properly documented is crucial for your application success. The departments need to verify you're on track for graduation, and co-ops are a key part of that assessment.

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Ensure All Co-ops Are Reflected on SIS

All documents must be submitted, approvals obtained, and evaluations completed so the co-op can be listed and graded on SIS. This process can take time, so start at least one month before the application deadline.

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Contact Co-op Office Early

If you have questions or need assistance getting your co-op information updated, please contact [**coopdubai@rit.edu**](mailto:coopdubai@rit.edu) well in advance of your application deadline.

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Notify If Co-ops Are Pending

If you have pending co-ops when applying, immediately inform Mery at [**ritglobal@rit.edu**](mailto:ritglobal@rit.edu) and cc Toka Khalil at [**txkcad2@rit.edu**](mailto:txkcad2@rit.edu). Mery will inform the department and monitor SIS for updates—without this communication, you may face rejection.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Eligibility Criteria – Undergraduate

BS Engineering Programs

Engineering students can apply starting in their third semester, but must complete both semesters of Senior Design at the same campus to ensure continuity in their capstone experience.

Program	GPA	Additional Requirements
BS Electrical Engineering	3.0	Can apply starting in your 3rd semester
BS Industrial Engineering	3.0	Can apply starting in your 3rd semester
BS Mechanical Engineering	3.2 (GS) 3.4 (TR)	When applying, must at least be completing MECE 203 Strength of Materials and MECE 210 Fluid Mechanics. Maximum of 5 students accepted per semester. Transfer students can only apply for Fall semester.

Eligibility Criteria – Undergraduate

BS Computing Programs

Computing programs have specific credit requirements and course prerequisites that must be carefully planned. Pay close attention to timing and ensure all co-ops are documented on SIS before applying.

Program	GPA	Additional Requirements
BS Computing Security	>3.5	Can apply in any semester you're completing 30 credits. Latest you can apply is the semester you are completing no more than 90 credits.
BS Computing and Information Technologies (CIT)	2.5	Can apply from 3rd semester onward. Both co-ops must be on SIS to enroll in ISTE 500. Must submit Course Request Form. Must enroll in courses listed on Selection Form—any substitutions require approval.

Eligibility Criteria – Undergraduate

BS Business / Psychology / BFA New Media Design

These programs each have unique requirements regarding course completion and timing. Working closely with your academic advisor to plan your course sequence is essential for a successful application.

Program	GPA	Additional Requirements
BS Business	3.0	Can apply from 3rd semester onward. Must submit Course Request Form.
BS Psychology	3.0	Must have 2nd year standing by the semester you go. Must complete PSYC 101 before applying and additional PSYC courses before going. Completion of PSYC 250 and 251 Research Methods I/II before going is recommended. Must submit Course Request Form.
BFA New Media Design	2.5	Can apply from 3rd semester (to attend 2nd year Spring) to 6th semester (to attend 4th year Fall). Must submit Course Request Form.

Eligibility Criteria – Graduate

Graduate programs have credit completion requirements and specific timing considerations. Some programs limit the number of students accepted per semester, so early planning and strong academic performance are critical.

Program	GPA	Additional Requirements
MS Electrical Engineering	3.0	Apply from the semester you're completing 9 credits
MS Computing Security	>3.5	Must have completed 9 credits before applying. Maximum of 2 students accepted per semester.
MS Mechanical Engineering	3.0	Apply when you've completed 18 credits and need to have 12 credits left when you go. The Department will assist in finding you a research advisor.
ME Engineering Management	3.0	Apply from the semester you're completing 9 credits. Apply no later than 2 semesters before graduating. Must attend main campus location for 1 semester before enrolling in capstone.

GLOBAL SCHOLARS ONLY

(GS) Course Request Forms

Course Request Forms are a critical component of the application process for certain majors. These forms help departments assess space availability and ensure you can complete the courses necessary for your academic progress while at the main campus location.

Required For

- BS Computing and Information Technologies (CIT)
- BS Business
- BS Psychology
- BFA New Media Design

Process and Timing

The form must be submitted with your application. You'll select courses you plan to take in New York, though courses are not guaranteed. Meet with your advisor at least 3 working days before the deadline to discuss your course choices and complete the form, which can be downloaded from Compass.

Why It Matters

This affects your admission decision because the department needs to verify there will be space in the courses you want and need. Proper planning ensures your semester abroad advances your degree progress efficiently.

 **All other majors:** You do NOT need to submit this form. Simply skip any notices about the form and submit your application.

(GS) Application Deadlines

Applications are accepted the semester before you intend to go to Rochester. Understanding these deadlines and planning accordingly is essential, especially for Spring applicants who face tight visa processing timelines.

Application Period Opens

Applications open on the first day of each semester for the main campus location. You can apply for one or two consecutive semesters.

Fall Semester Deadline: February 25th

This deadline allows more time for visa processing. However, you should still begin preparations early to ensure all documents are ready.

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Spring Semester Deadline: September 30th

Critical timing consideration: Be aware of the extremely tight turnaround time to obtain your visa. Because of this compressed timeline, absolutely no late applications will be accepted under any circumstances.

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(GS) Applying for 2 Semesters

You can participate in the Global Scholars program for a maximum of two semesters, either consecutive or non-consecutive. This flexibility allows you to structure your experience based on your academic needs and personal goals.

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Maximum Duration

You can participate for up to two semesters total, which can include your last year or final semester of study.

Important exception: BS Engineering students must commit to two consecutive semesters for their final year to complete Senior Design I and II in Rochester.

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Application Process for Consecutive Semesters

Complete a separate application for each semester (two total applications) by the deadline for the first semester. If your program requires it, submit a Course Request Form for each semester as well.

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Conditional Second Semester

If accepted for both semesters, your acceptance for the second semester is contingent upon satisfactory academic performance and conduct during the first semester. Maintain strong grades and university standards throughout.

(GS) How to Apply

The application process is straightforward but requires attention to detail and proper document preparation. Follow these steps carefully to ensure your application is complete and submitted correctly.

01

Review Program Information

Visit <https://www.rit.edu/global/global-scholars> and thoroughly read all the information about the program, requirements, and expectations.

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Submit Online Application

Click on "How to Apply" and follow the instructions for the online application. Search for: "RIT Global Scholars: Croatia, Kosovo and Dubai".

02

Complete Course Request Form (If Required)

For BS Business, Psychology, or CIT students: Meet with your academic advisor to complete the Course Request Form, which you'll upload with your application.

04

Prepare Required Documents (If Admitted)

You'll need these documents in PDF format (not pictures):

- Official bank statement dated within 6 months showing sufficient funds (Fall only: \$9,622; Fall & Spring: \$19,982)
- Signed letter of support if financial documents aren't in your name (**sample support letter**)
- Passport bio page

📌 *If applying for 2 consecutive semesters, submit 2 separate applications at the same time.*

TRANSFER ONLY

(TR) Policies

Transferring to the main campus location is a permanent change that makes you an official Rochester student. Understanding the policies and implications helps you make an informed decision and prepare properly.



Department Decision

The decision to accept transfer students is made by the academic department in the same way as Global Scholars applications, based on academic preparation and available space.



Internal Transfer Process

This is an internal transfer within RIT, so you do not apply through either campus' Admissions Office. The process is streamlined for current RIT students.



Academic Record Continuity

You're already an RIT student, so your complete academic record stays the same—there's no "transferring of credit." However, there may be slight changes to your graduation requirements, so check carefully with your advisor.



Requirement Changes

Undergraduate students will no longer need to complete the Islamic Culture requirement after transferring to the main campus location.



Advisor Consultation Required

You must meet with your Academic Advisor to discuss your transfer plans. Your advisor will help you complete a Change of Program form, which must be uploaded with your application.

TRANSFER ONLY

(TR) Application Deadlines

Unlike Global Scholars, most transfer applications are accepted on a rolling basis, giving you more flexibility in timing. However, certain programs have specific deadlines that must be observed.

General Rolling Admission

Applications are only accepted the semester before you intend to transfer. Most programs accept applications on a rolling basis throughout that semester.

Mechanical Engineering Exception

BS and MS/ME Mechanical Engineering: Application deadline is **March 15th**. These students can only transfer in the Fall semester.

Computing Programs Exception

BS CIT and Computing Security:

Application deadline is the day grades are officially published in New York for the semester before you plan to go.

(TR) How to Apply

The transfer application process requires coordination with your academic advisor and careful preparation of required documents. Follow these steps to ensure a smooth application experience.



Review Transfer Information

Visit <https://www.rit.edu/global/transfer-global-campus> and carefully read all the information about transferring from a global campus.



Consult Your Academic Advisor

Discuss your transfer plan with your academic advisor. They will help you complete the Change of Program form that you'll submit with your application.



Access Application Portal

Go to [rit.edu/global](https://www.rit.edu/global), click "Enter The Compass" and sign in with your credentials.



Complete Application

Follow the instructions to apply. Search for "Transfer To Rochester For Students In RIT Croatia, Kosovo And Dubai".



Submit Required Documents (If Admitted)

Prepare these documents in PDF format (not pictures):

- Official bank statement dated within 6 months, showing sufficient funds for 1 year
- Letter of support if financial documents aren't in your name (**sample support letter**)
- Passport bio page
- Unofficial transcript (download from SIS)

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Application Timeline

Understanding the complete timeline from application to arrival helps you plan effectively and avoid missing critical deadlines. Each stage has specific timeframes you need to be aware of.

Task	Deadline / Estimated Time
Meet with Advisor to discuss Course Request Form, if required	At least 3 working days before application deadline
Application Deadline (if applicable)	GS: February 25 (Fall) / September 30 (Spring) TR: Rolling basis / ME: March 15 / Computing: when grades published
Decision Emailed from RIT Global	GS: 3-4 weeks after deadline TR: 3-4 weeks after application sent
Confirm Your Participation	Within 1 week of receiving acceptance
Receive Scan of I-20 for Visa Application	3-4 weeks after all required documents received by New York

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Application Timeline

Meeting deadlines and maintaining clear communication with the RIT Global office throughout the process is your responsibility. Failure to do so can have serious consequences for your participation and future eligibility.

Respect Deadlines

Be mindful of the deadlines to submit required documents and confirm your participation. If you need an extension, request it from the RIT Global office immediately—don't wait until the last minute.

Consequence: Failure to meet deadlines or communicate with the RIT Global office will result in automatic withdrawal of your acceptance.

Communicate Changes Promptly

Once you've confirmed participation, it is your responsibility to notify the RIT Global office immediately if you decide not to participate in the program at any stage of the process.

Consequence: Failure to communicate promptly may result in loss of future program eligibility. You must also cancel your housing contract and drop your enrolled classes as soon as possible to avoid financial penalties.

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Visas

Unless you hold a US passport or green card, you'll need to apply for a student visa to study in the United States. Understanding the two types of student visas and their implications for work authorization is crucial for planning your experience.

F-1 Visa: Regular Student Visa

This is the standard student visa for international students. You can work off-campus (including co-ops) through the CPT (Curricular Practical Training) program only after studying for two consecutive semesters (not including summer) as a full-time student in the US.

Note: Co-op approval will still be processed through the Dubai co-op office.

J-1 Visa: Exchange Visitor Visa

This visa allows you to work or complete a co-op off-campus after just one term in the US, making it ideal for one-semester Global Scholars. However, the job duration cannot exceed the length of your study period in the US.

Important: There may be residency requirements in your home country after completing your program, depending on your nationality. Check with your embassy to understand any two-year home residency requirements that may apply.

Understanding Your F-1 Visa Journey

All international students at RIT Dubai will apply for an **F-1 student visa** by default. This is the most common visa type for academic studies in the United States and allows you to pursue your degree full-time at RIT's New York campus location.

Exception: J-1 Visa Option

If you wish to apply for a **J-1 visa** instead (typically for exchange or internship programs), you must take the following steps:

- Send a formal request via email to **ritglobal@rit.edu**
- Provide an offer letter from the company where you plan to complete your Co-op or Internship
- If you don't have an offer letter yet, request a meeting with Mery Palarea and your academic advisor to discuss your US plans in detail

Understanding which visa type suits your academic and career goals is crucial for a smooth transition to studying in the United States.

Your Step-by-Step Visa Process

Once you've been accepted to RIT and confirmed your attendance, here's your clear path to obtaining your student visa and arriving in Rochester:

01

Receive Your I-20 Form

After submitting all required documents, RIT New York will issue your **I-20** form, the official document certifying your acceptance and eligibility for F-1 status.

03

Schedule Your Visa Appointment

Book your **visa appointment** at the nearest US Embassy or Consulate. Early scheduling is recommended as wait times can vary.

05

Notify Your Advisor

Immediately **inform your advisor and RIT NY** of your interview result, whether approved or if additional processing is needed.

02

Complete Pre-Departure Clearance

Ensure you've cleared all **financial obligations and library dues** at RIT Dubai before proceeding with your visa application.

04

Attend Your Visa Interview

Present required documents at your **visa interview**, including your I-20, passport, financial evidence, and academic records.

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Book Your Flight

Once your visa is approved, purchase your **ticket and prepare to fly** to Rochester! Your adventure begins!

Where Will I Live?

Your housing experience at RIT depends on your student status and preferences. RIT offers multiple accommodation options designed to support your academic success and personal growth.

Global Scholars Housing

Recommended: RIT on-campus housing provides convenience, community, and comprehensive support services. Living on campus helps you immerse yourself in student life and make lasting connections.

Transfer Students Housing

Flexible options: You may apply for RIT housing or arrange your own off-campus accommodations based on your preferences and budget.

Housing assignments and costs vary based on availability and the type of accommodation you select. You'll receive detailed information about available housing options, pricing, and the application process once you've been accepted and confirmed your participation in the program.

Explore virtual tours of RIT housing options [here](#) to get a preview of your potential home away from home.



Option 1: Global Village

Experience vibrant community living in **Global Village**, RIT's premier international student housing complex designed to foster cross-cultural connections and academic collaboration.



Private Bedrooms

Each student enjoys their own **private bedroom**, giving you personal space to study, rest, and recharge.

Global Village is strategically located just a short distance from the Campus HUB, where you'll find restaurants, a hair salon, print center, post office, and the fitness center—everything you need for convenient campus living.



Suite-Style Living

Share a **full kitchen, living room, and bathroom** with suitemates, creating a home-like environment perfect for building friendships.



Convenient Amenities

Laundry facilities are located nearby, along with easy access to dining, printing services, post office, fitness center, and more.

Option 2: Perkins Green

Located on the **eastern edge of campus**, **Perkins Green** offers apartment-style living with modern amenities and a strong sense of community. It's just minutes from residence halls, academic buildings, Gracie's dining hall, and The Commons.



One-Bedroom Apartments

Available for one or two persons, perfect for those seeking more privacy and independence.



Two-Bedroom Apartments

Spacious four-person apartments ideal for sharing with friends while maintaining personal space.

Perkins Green residents enjoy exceptional community amenities including **volleyball courts, barbecue areas, and picnic spaces**—perfect for socializing and unwinding between classes. The apartment-style living provides greater independence while keeping you connected to campus life.

Option 3: University Commons

Situated on the **west side of campus**, **University Commons** delivers a premium apartment experience just minutes from the heart of campus activity, academic buildings, and dining facilities.



University Commons features **furnished and carpeted four-bedroom suites** designed for comfortable, connected living. Each suite includes a full kitchen, spacious living room, two full bathrooms, and an in-suite laundry room for ultimate convenience.



High-Speed Connectivity

Wireless access and Ethernet connections throughout ensure you're always connected for classes and entertainment.



Recreation Facilities

Basketball courts provide opportunities for exercise and socializing right outside your door.



Entertainment Included

Free standard cable TV and local phone service come with your apartment.



In-Suite Laundry

Washer and dryer in each suite eliminate trips to communal laundry facilities.

Option 4: RIT Inn & Conference Center

For upperclassmen seeking a **premium living experience**, the **RIT Inn & Conference Center** offers hotel-quality accommodations with the convenience of dedicated campus shuttle service.



While located off-campus, the RIT Inn maintains excellent connectivity with a **shuttle bus running every 15-20 minutes** to campus, ensuring you never miss a class or campus event.

Room Furnishings Include:

- Two comfortable double beds for you and your roommate
- Two spacious desks and ergonomic desk chairs for productive studying
- One convenient nightstand
- One six-drawer dresser for ample storage

The RIT Inn provides a unique living experience that balances independence with community, offering hotel-quality amenities while keeping you connected to campus life. This option is particularly popular with students who value a quieter, more private environment.

Global Scholars: Costs & Scholarships

Understanding the financial aspects of your Global Scholars experience is essential for planning. Here's what you need to know about tuition, additional costs, and scholarship opportunities.

Same RIT Dubai Tuition

Great news! You'll pay the **same tuition rate as RIT Dubai** during your Global Scholars program, ensuring cost predictability for your education.

Additional Campus Costs

Beyond tuition, you'll pay **room and board, fees, and insurance** directly to the main campus. These costs cover your housing, meals, health services, and mandatory student activities.

Personal Expenses

Budget for **visa fees, airfare, textbooks, and vaccinations**. These one-time and recurring costs vary based on individual circumstances and travel arrangements.

Scholarship Information

Your **RIT Dubai scholarships DO apply** to your Global Scholars program, helping offset the cost of your education abroad.

Important Limitations

- Scholarships apply **only to tuition**, not other expenses
- RIT Dubai scholarships are **capped at 30%**
- **No additional scholarships or financial aid** available from main campus

Global Scholars: 2025–26 Cost Breakdown

Here's a detailed breakdown of the estimated additional costs you'll encounter during your Global Scholars program for the 2025-26 academic year. All amounts are in **US Dollars**.

 **Important:** The program fee is charged **only once** if you attend two consecutive semesters, providing cost savings for year-long participation.

Cost Category	Fall (Single)	Fall (Double)	Spring (Single)	Spring (Double)
Housing	\$6,586	\$3,904	\$6,586	\$3,904
RIT Food Costs	\$3,640	\$3,640	\$3,640	\$3,640
RIT Activities Fee	\$235	\$235	\$235	\$235
RIT Health Services Fee	\$315	\$315	\$315	\$315
Health Insurance	\$1,533	\$1,533	\$2,123	\$2,123
Program Fee	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
TOTAL	\$12,809	\$10,127	\$13,399	\$10,717

These estimates help you plan your budget effectively, though actual costs may vary based on individual choices and circumstances.

Global Scholars: Personal Expenses

Beyond the semester fees paid to RIT, you'll need to budget for several personal expenses. Here's a comprehensive breakdown of estimated costs for the 2025-26 academic year in **US Dollars**.

	Visa Application Costs SEVIS Fee: \$350 (required for I-20 processing) Visa Application Fee: \$185 (US Embassy/Consulate fee) Visa Interview Fee: \$260 (if applicable at your location) Total Visa Costs: \$795
	Health Requirements Vaccinations: Approximately \$330 (varies by location and medical history) Required immunizations may include MMR, Hepatitis B, Meningitis, and others as specified by RIT Health Services.
	Academic & Living Expenses Per Semester: Approximately \$1,445 This covers textbooks, course materials, personal items, local transportation, entertainment, and miscellaneous expenses.

Planning ahead for these personal costs ensures a smooth transition to studying in Rochester. Consider exchange rates, travel timing, and seasonal expenses when creating your budget.

\$2,570

Total Estimated Personal Costs

(excluding per-semester expenses)

Transfer Students: Main Campus Location Costs

Transfer students will pay regular **main campus tuition and fees**, which differ from RIT Dubai rates. Understanding the full cost structure helps you plan your finances effectively.

For the most current tuition information, visit the official [RIT tuition and fees page](#).

2025-26 Academic Year Undergraduate Cost Estimates (US\$)

Cost Category	On-Campus Student
Tuition	\$63,508
Student Activities Fee	\$470
Health Fee	\$630
Room (varies by housing type)	\$10,090
Meals	\$7,280
Books, Supplies, Transportation, Living Expenses	\$2,890
ESTIMATED TOTAL	\$84,868

❏ **Please Note:** These are estimates for planning purposes. Actual costs may vary based on your housing selection, meal plan choices, course requirements, and personal spending habits. Additional costs may include course-specific fees, lab fees, and art/design supply costs depending on your major.

Transfer Students: Scholarship Opportunities

Financial support for transfer students differs from Global Scholars. Understanding the scholarship landscape helps you navigate funding opportunities effectively.



RIT Dubai Scholarships

RIT Dubai scholarships **do NOT transfer** to the main campus location. Your scholarship status resets when you become a main campus location student.



Main Campus Location Awards

International transfer students are eligible to apply for **merit-based scholarships up to 30%** of tuition costs.

Application Process by Level

Undergraduate Students

Indicate your interest in scholarship consideration directly on your **transfer application form**. Awards are determined based on your academic achievements, test scores (if applicable), and application strength.

Scholarship decisions are typically made during the admission review process, so submit a complete, compelling application.

Start exploring scholarship opportunities early and maintain strong academic performance to maximize your funding potential.

Graduate Students

Graduate scholarships are **very limited** and determined by individual academic departments rather than central admissions.

After receiving your acceptance, you must request scholarship consideration directly from the director of your specific program. Early communication increases your chances.

Enrolling in Your Classes



Work Closely With Your Advisor

Make sure you select classes that keep you on track for graduation while also exploring new and interesting course options not available at RIT Dubai. This is your chance to diversify your academic experience!

Course Planning Phase

Courses may not be offered in the same semester as in Dubai, so **carefully plan what you'll take when you return** to ensure smooth progression toward your degree.

Enroll Immediately

ENROLL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE—popular classes fill up very quickly in Rochester! Set reminders and be ready when your enrollment window opens.

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Wait for Open Enrollment

You must wait for **Open Enrollment** (about a week+ after enrollment opens for Seniors) to register for courses from other campuses. Mark this date on your calendar!

Second Semester Advantage

For your second consecutive semester, you can **enroll with your year-level** (earlier access), giving you better course selection opportunities.

For the complete academic calendar including holidays, breaks, and important deadlines, visit www.rit.edu/calendar.

Class Enrollment: Requirements & Opportunities

Understanding enrollment requirements and exploring unique opportunities will help you make the most of your main campus experience.



Full-Time Status Required

To maintain your US Student visa (F-1), you **must be enrolled as a full-time student**:

- **Undergraduates:** 12 credits or more per semester
- **Graduates:** 9 credits or more per semester



Online Course Limits

While on an F-1 visa, you can take online courses, but **most credits must be in-person**:

- **Undergraduates:** At least 9 credits must be in-person
- **Graduates:** At least 6 credits must be in-person
- These **do NOT count** toward the 6 online credits allowed under Dubai tuition



Immersions & Minors

Take advantage of **immersions and even minors not offered in Dubai**! With careful planning, you can add valuable credentials to your degree that distinguish you in the job market.



Wellness Courses

Explore an incredible variety of health and wellbeing courses: **Dance, Kickboxing, Wilderness Survival, Nutrition, Archery, Dodgeball, Juggling, Yoga, Rock Climbing, Swimming**, and more! *(fees may apply)*



Course Fees

Some lab courses and art/design studio courses may have **additional fees** beyond standard tuition. Always read the complete course details before enrolling to avoid surprises.

Islamic Culture Course Requirement

The **Islamic Culture Requirement** is a graduation requirement for **ALL RIT Dubai students**, but how it applies to you depends on your student status.

Transfer Students

Great news! **Transfer students do NOT need to take** the Islamic Culture course. This requirement does not apply to students who complete their degree at the main campus location.

Global Scholars

Global Scholars **still must fulfill** the Islamic Culture course requirement as part of their RIT Dubai degree.



Critical Information for Global Scholars

Islamic Culture courses are **NOT OFFERED at other RIT campus locations**, including Rochester, Croatia, and Kosovo. This means:

- The requirement **must be completed at RIT Dubai**
- Take the course **before departing** for your Global Scholars experience, OR
- Complete it **after you return** to Dubai

Plan ahead! Check your degree audit and speak with your advisor to ensure this requirement doesn't delay your graduation.

Don't let this requirement catch you by surprise. Early planning ensures smooth progression toward your degree, whether you complete it before or after your time at the main campus location.

Campus Life at RIT



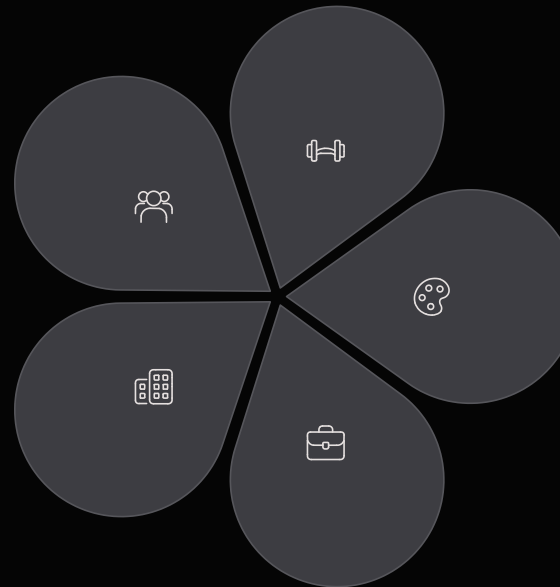
Life at RIT's Rochester campus location is vibrant, diverse, and full of opportunities to grow both academically and personally. From cutting-edge facilities to thriving student organizations, you'll find countless ways to engage, explore, and connect.

Student Organizations

Over 300 clubs and organizations covering interests from robotics to photography, cultural groups to professional societies.

Campus Facilities

Modern libraries, collaborative study spaces, maker spaces, and cutting-edge labs and studios.



Recreation & Wellness

State-of-the-art fitness centers, intramural sports, outdoor adventures, and comprehensive health services.

Arts & Culture

World-class galleries, theaters, music venues, and cultural events celebrating creativity and diversity.

Career Development

Co-op programs, career fairs, networking events, and professional development workshops.

Your time at RIT is about more than classes—it's about building connections, discovering passions, and creating memories that last a lifetime.

Explore Rochester & Beyond



Rochester, New York offers the perfect blend of urban culture and natural beauty, with countless opportunities for adventure and exploration just beyond campus.



Downtown Rochester

Vibrant downtown featuring restaurants, museums, theaters, shopping, and nightlife. The Strong National Museum of Play and the Eastman Museum are world-renowned attractions.



Four Distinct Seasons

From colorful autumn foliage to winter sports, spring blossoms to summer festivals—experience the beauty of all four seasons. Don't forget your winter coat!



Arts & Entertainment

Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Geva Theatre, Rochester International Jazz Festival, and numerous concerts and cultural events throughout the year.

Rochester provides the perfect backdrop for your academic journey, combining the resources of a mid-sized city with small-town friendliness and access to incredible natural landscapes.



Natural Wonders

Experience the stunning beauty of the Finger Lakes region, Letchworth State Park (the "Grand Canyon of the East"), and of course, **Niagara Falls**—just 90 minutes away!



Culinary Scene

Rochester's diverse food culture includes the famous "Garbage Plate," farm-to-table restaurants, international cuisine, craft breweries, and vibrant farmers' markets.



Easy Travel Access

Convenient location for exploring the Northeast: Toronto (2.5 hours), New York City (5.5 hours), Boston (6 hours), and Washington DC are all within reach for weekend trips.

Experience American Culture



Your time at RIT offers more than academic growth—it's an opportunity to immerse yourself in American culture, build lifelong friendships, and develop a global perspective that will serve you throughout your career.

Campus Traditions

Participate in signature RIT events like Imagine RIT (innovation festival), Brick City Homecoming, SpringFest, and countless cultural celebrations.

Personal Growth

Navigate new environments, adapt to different teaching styles, and develop independence and resilience that will benefit you throughout life.



Sports Culture

Experience American sports enthusiasm! Cheer for RIT Tigers hockey, attend Buffalo Bills or Sabres games, or join intramural sports teams.

Network Building

Connect with students from across the US and around the world, creating professional networks that span continents.

These experiences—from navigating snowy winters to understanding American classroom dynamics—become part of your personal story and professional identity. Embrace the adventure, stay curious, and make the most of every moment!

Ready to Begin Your Journey?

Thank you for taking the time to learn about the incredible opportunities awaiting you at RIT's main campus location. Whether you're joining us as a Global Scholar or Transfer student, you're about to embark on a transformative educational experience.

Learn More

Visit the **Global Scholars page** for detailed information, application forms, and helpful resources.

Get Answers

Have more questions? **Meet with the Global Scholar Advisor** to discuss your specific situation and get personalized guidance.

Contact Us

Email **ritglobal@rit.edu** for visa inquiries, program questions, or to schedule an advising appointment.

Your Future Starts Here

From navigating the visa process to selecting your courses, from finding your housing to exploring Rochester—every step brings you closer to an unforgettable experience. We're here to support you throughout your journey.

Don't wait—start your application today and take the first step toward studying at one of America's leading technological universities!

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. Your journey at RIT will equip you with the knowledge, skills, and connections to turn those dreams into reality."

We can't wait to welcome you to campus! 🎓🌍✨