

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

ECCO on the Move!

An early orientation experience for Kate Gleason College of Engineering incoming AALANA (African American, Latino American & Native American) students

Am I required to attend the ECCO on the Move Program?

No, but we strongly encourage you to participate. This is an important program for engineering students of color to give you an edge on confidence and prepare you for success during your first year at college as an engineering student. You will have the opportunity to meet and build relationships with other like-minded students, receive hands-on engineering experiences, meet professors, move-in early, develop student-mentor relationships, and have fun!

What does the \$50 program registration cost cover?

This nominal cost covers a portion of the direct costs of the event's early dorm move-in, meals, hands-on engineering lab sessions, social activities, T-shirt, lunch bag, upper-class mentors and more. Kate Gleason College of Engineering subsidizes the remaining costs associated with hosting this event.

What are the hands-on engineering experiences like? How many are there?

A detailed lab description document will be available on our website. Each lab is a unique, hands-on experience meant to give the student experience and exposure to the various engineering disciplines, along with an introduction to various professors within KGCOE. There is a choice of 9-12 different labs for you to choose. You will have the opportunity to participate in 4 sessions. The schedule indicates what labs are available during what session.

What does the schedule look like for the ECCO on the Move Program?

Please see the sample schedule document on the ECCO website. It includes meals, activities and events.

How is the early move-in a benefit to me?

*You will have a special move in on Monday; only a few hundred students are moving-in vs. a few thousand students on freshman move in day on Tuesday. Students need to check in at the ECCO Table in ENG Hall/ENG for ECCO on the Move program information, folder, T-shirt, and sign up for engineering lab choices. **YOU WILL BE MOVING INTO YOUR FULL YEAR ASSIGNMENT!** You get this extra time to get to know campus better and meet other students.*

Can I be part of the ECCO on the Move program if I am a Commuter to RIT?

Yes, you can enroll in this program and be engaged in all the activities. We want you to be part of the community and meet the professors and your fellow students. The fee will be the same.

If I am also part of the Honors Program, or MCAS how do I coordinate with the ECCO Program?

RIT Honors & MCAS also coordinates an Early Orientation program. Students have been able to attend elements of each program successfully. Each of the programs is intended to be informational, student friendly and assist with helping you be part of a community.

If you want to participate in several programs, it will be up to you to coordinate between the events.

Please let us know if you should have any questions regarding this. We are happy to assist with your planning.

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I am also on-campus early due to Sports team commitments – can I participate in ECCO on the Move?

Attendance at all ECCO on the Move activities is not mandatory. You will want to try to attend the engineering lab experiences and as many program activities as possible. The schedule is integrated with informational sessions, social, and team building to help build a sense of community within the College of Engineering. But please coordinate with your coach to establish what time frames you will be available and therefore figure out which program activities you can attend. It will be up to the student athlete to coordinate between events. We are happy to assist with your planning efforts - please let us know if you should have any questions regarding this.

How are the mentors involved?

You will be assigned to an upper-class engineering student mentor for special group functions. They will be your connection during this program and into the school year. All mentors will be in attendance to assist at all program events, will do personalized visits to your room and will run various group activities throughout the event. You will have an opportunity to meet all the mentors throughout the ECCO on the Move program.

Do I also attend the RIT New Student Orientation if I participate in this program?

Yes, all incoming freshman students are REQUIRED to attend the RIT New Student Orientation.

How is this different from the RIT New Student Orientation?

*This program is a specific and unique program only for new KGCOE AALANA engineering students (includes freshmen and transfer students). Current AALANA engineering students will be the program mentors. The program involves **a relatively small group, the activities will build your confidence, and some activities are engineering specific, skill based, or team based. Great food and fun!** Program activities and agenda are unique and different from the RIT New Student Orientation program.*

What if I register but then have a change in plans, is there any refund?

ECCO will refund up to 30 days before the start of the program less a \$15 processing fee.

What is the Schedule for Parents?

Parent Schedule can be found through New Student Orientation linked here <https://www.rit.edu/studentaffairs/orientation/>

How do I get my Student ID card?

*You will **need** to physically pick up your ID card in Grace Watson Hall at the same time you check into housing. You will need your ID card to get into your dorm room during the event.*

Please visit <https://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/registrar/id-photo> for information regarding requirements to obtain your ID card.

Do I need extra money?

Please bring extra spending money for your personal needs. Your student accounts will not be set up until the RIT New Student Orientation begins.