



Welcome Guide
2021



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Welcome

As you begin your journey, there are a few things you should know. Let's start right here: *your Welcome Guide*. This guide contains useful information to help you and your family know what to expect this summer – what you will need to do, how you can connect with RIT resources and other new students and families, and how and when you can expect to receive information from us.

And don't forget – if you have any questions, our team is here to help. Email us at orientation@rit.edu.

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Welcome, **Tigers!**

On behalf of everyone at RIT, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our Tiger family. Your decision to attend RIT is the beginning of what I know will be an extremely rewarding experience for both you and your family.

Our students – YOU – are essential to the future and direction of RIT. Here you will find endless opportunities to make your mark on our RIT community, the greater Rochester area, and beyond. As you embark on this exciting journey, I encourage you to let your dreams soar – take advantage of our one-of-a-kind opportunities to discover and explore. But remember, you are not alone in this journey. The staff and faculty at RIT are incredibly passionate about their work and are eager to help you in a time of need as well as celebrate your successes along the way.

Our team is diligently planning for your arrival this fall, of course with much thought in regard to the current circumstances. Throughout the summer, you and your family will receive frequent email communications containing updates and information as well as action items that you will need to complete to ensure a smooth transition. Please reach out if you have any questions or if there is any way that we can help you as you prepare to launch your RIT experience.



I wish you all the best in the coming year!

Sandra (Sandy) S. Johnson, Ed. D
Senior Vice President for Student Affairs

Welcome, Tiger Families!

We at RIT know the important role parents and family members play in their student's life. You will be a major support to your student – not just during their transition to RIT this summer but throughout their entire college experience!

While college is a time for students to gain independence, this transition can be overwhelming and they will need your support. Reminders and assistance from you will be helpful as your student begins to navigate campus on their own.

The Parent and Family Programs office is here to support you during this transition and beyond. Please connect with our resources and reach out with any questions along the way.

This Welcome Guide is a great place to start! Throughout this guide, and in our Family Orientation Newsletter – arriving soon to your inbox – you'll find pro parent tips, which will help prepare you and your student for the transition to RIT.

Please have your student check and update your email address at rit.edu/studentcontact.



Best,
Chelsea Petree, Ph.D.
Director, Parent and Family Programs
parents@rit.edu



Parent and Family Checklist

- ☒ Read the RIT Welcome Guide.
- ☐ Ask your student to go to rit.edu/studentcontact to confirm that your email address is accurate in our system.
- ☐ Read all Family Orientation Newsletters – delivered straight to your email inbox starting May 25.
- ☐ Participate in the Tiger Resource Series webinars with your student on Tuesday evenings.
- ☐ Engage in the Tiger Resource Series: Tiger Parent Talks to connect with fellow new RIT families.
- ☐ Check out the Parent and Family Programs website at rit.edu/parents.
- ☐ Follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/RITParents.

Are you RIT Ready?

RIT is proud of the way our community has rallied together in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We firmly believe that our success thus far is a result of an individual commitment made by each and every member of our RIT family – a promise to take safety as a personal responsibility.

In the coming months, you'll learn what it means to be RIT Ready but we'll start here with the basics – the 3W's – wear a mask, wash your hands, and watch your distance.

Important COVID-19 updates and pre-arrival requirements will be delivered straight to your RIT email inbox, so be sure you check your email frequently throughout the summer. You should also familiarize yourself with the RIT Ready website – your central resource for all information related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including the RIT Safety Plan, student requirements, information, and past COVID-19 communications.

rit.edu/ready

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New Student Checklist

Start Here

There are a number of things that you must complete this summer – some have mid-summer deadlines and others must be completed before you arrive. Start checking a few things off of your list today with the items outlined below.

☐ **Activate your RIT computer account and RIT email**

You will receive an account activation email from RIT when your enrollment deposit has been received and posted to our system. Please allow 1-2 business days for deposit payment processing. The account activation email will go to the email address supplied on your admissions application. For detailed account management information or to contact the RIT Service Center, visit rit.edu/its/help.

☐ **Pay your bills and authorize access to eServices**

Email notifications are sent to you and authorized payers (parents, guardians, etc.) when bills become available. Student Financial Services has information on fee rates, billing, payment options, loan repayment, and educational tax credit at rit.edu/sfs. You can authorize up to three people to receive eBill reminder notifications and access Dining Dollars, course schedules, and grades by logging in at rit.edu/eservices.

☐ **Request your official final transcripts**

High school students: Your official final high school/secondary school transcripts should verify your graduation date. Please contact your high school counseling office or school official and request that they send this information in an official electronic format or in a school envelope. To check the receipt, you can log in to your RIT applicant account to review your checklist at join.rit.edu/status.

Transfer students: Please contact the Registrar's Office at your current or previous college(s) to request that they send your final official college transcript in an official electronic format or in a school envelope to:

RIT Undergraduate Admissions Office
60 Lomb Memorial Drive
Rochester, NY 14623
admissions@rit.edu

☐ **Complete and submit your health history and immunization forms**

You must complete all required health documents located online at wellnessportal.rit.edu. These include your immunization record, health history, tuberculosis screening, treatment authorization, insurance plan, and proof of COVID-19 vaccination. For more information, visit rit.edu/studenthealth/immunizations.

☐ **Update parent and emergency contact information**

Take two minutes to update your parent and emergency contact information in the Student Information System at rit.edu/studentcontact. If you are unable to access the Student Information System, visit rit.edu/its/help to report an issue.

☐ **Download and complete the full New Student Orientation Checklist** rit.edu/orientation/new-student-checklist



We'll be sharing a lot of new information with you this summer, but don't worry if you feel like your brain has temporarily run out of storage space – we don't expect that you'll remember all of it. The RIT Orientation website will be your information hub for the summer.

Here, you'll find information about RIT resources, your summer to-do list, a calendar of upcoming virtual engagement opportunities, links to past communications, and more.

rit.edu/orientation

We look forward to connecting with you in a number of ways this summer:

New Student Newsletters

Weekly updates and information delivered straight to your RIT email inbox. The New Student Newsletter will introduce you to on campus resources, provide you with important updates, and will serve as a timely reminder for important tasks that must be completed prior to your arrival.

Family Orientation Newsletters

Parents and family members of new Tigers will receive bi-weekly Family Orientation Newsletters throughout the summer with information that helps you and your family prepare to start your RIT journey together.

RIT Emails

Throughout the summer, you'll receive emails from RIT on a number of topics. Pay close attention, as many of these emails will provide you with important updates on your pre-arrival requirements and unique opportunities available to you.

Reference past email communications online at rit.edu/orientation/communications.

Tiger Resource Series Webinars

On Tuesday evenings (and an occasional Wednesday), you and members of your family will have an opportunity to connect with and learn more about the many resources available to you at RIT. Topics for the Tiger Resource Series range from academic success to campus safety and student life.

Tiger Resource Series: Student-to-Student

On Thursday afternoons, you'll have the chance to chat with current RIT students and ask your questions. Learn about Student Government, engage with fellow commuter students, and ask your questions about being a member of our LGBTQ+ community.

Tiger Resource Series: Tiger Parent Talks

On Thursday evenings, your family will have a chance to connect with fellow families of new RIT Tigers.

College Virtual Events

Connect with your college and meet your classmates at college virtual events in July.

View the calendar of events at rit.edu/orientation/calendar.

Follow us on Social Media.

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RIT Student Life

Connect with and get updates from your fellow RIT Tigers. These #RITstudentlife ambassadors will share weekly event highlights and timely tips to help you get connected and be successful during your time at RIT.

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Parents

Engage with Tiger families, find out what's happening on campus, and receive important timely updates.

 [RIT Parents](#)



Orientation 2021

Save the Dates:
Aug. 15-21, 2021

Your on-campus Orientation experience will begin with your family the evening of your selected Move-In Date. Information about selecting a Move-In Date will be sent to you later this summer.

At Orientation, you will launch your RIT experience with events, activities, and unique opportunities for connection. The on-campus Orientation experience is designed to provide you with the information and resources you need to be successful.

Whether you are a freshman or transfer student – there is something for you. Information will be updated frequently throughout the summer on the Orientation website at rit.edu/orientation.

If you have questions, contact us at orientation@rit.edu.

Virtual Orientation

In August, you'll be added to our virtual orientation platform, where you'll participate virtually in Orientation activities before you come to RIT. Instructions will be sent to your RIT email later this summer.

