



Introduction to Ryerson

Ryerson University's vision is to be Canada's leading comprehensive innovation university, a leader in high-quality, career-related education fostering innovation and entrepreneurship. With a mission to serve societal need, and a long-standing commitment to engaging its community, Ryerson offers more than 100 undergraduate and graduate programs in the Faculties of Arts; Communication & Design; Community Services; Engineering and Architectural Science; Science; the Ted Rogers School of Management, Faculty of Law, and the Yeates School of Graduate Studies.

Distinctly urban, culturally diverse and inclusive, the University is home to more than 46,000 students, including 2,900 master's and PhD students, over 3,800 faculty and staff and nearly 200,000 alumni worldwide.

Ryerson has the highest number of first-choice applications in Ontario relative to undergraduate spaces available. In September 2020, Ryerson opened a new faculty of law, it is the first new law school to open in Toronto since 1889. More than 60 career-oriented graduate programs, including 18 at the doctorate level, are being offered through the Yeates School of Graduate Studies.

Research at Ryerson is on a trajectory of success and growth, receiving \$79.4 million in research funding in 2018-2019 (an increase of more than 60% in funding from the previous year). Scholarly, research and creative activity is central to Ryerson's mission. Ryerson's new Strategic Research Plan identifies six strategic themes that highlight where the institution is driving SRC intensity, impact, and excellence. The new strategic themes are: Urban Innovation; Justice, Equity & Society; Culture & Creativity; Work, Skills, Industry; Health & Well-Being; and Technology & Intelligent Systems. Ryerson is home to the Canada Excellence Research Chair (CERC) in Migration and Integration, as well as two Tier I and 17 Tier II Canada Research Chairs (CRC).

A selection of centres and institutes include the Future Skills Centre, the Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst, the Brookfield Institute for Innovation + Entrepreneurship, Ryerson Centre for Immigration and Settlement, the Centre for Urban Energy (CUE), the Institute for Biomedical Engineering, the Centre for Urban Research and Land

Development (CUR), Science and Technology (iBEST), Ryerson Urban Water, and the Yellowhead Institute.

Ryerson is reshaping the downtown core of Toronto. In the past few years the University has taken major initiatives to transform the neighbourhood, most recently opening the Daphne Cockwell Health Sciences Complex on Church Street that brings together four schools within the Faculty of Community Services and provides state-of-the-art learning spaces including labs and classrooms, as well as a student residence. Other major construction projects have included the Ryerson Image Centre, the Mattamy Athletic Centre formerly Maple Leaf Gardens, the Student Learning Centre, and the Centre for Urban Innovation, which houses a research, incubation and commercialization hub focused on alternative energy, water management, food production and data analytics.