

## Ryerson International Exchange Opportunities Scholarship (RIEOS) GUIDELINES

### 2020-2021 EXCHANGE YEAR GUIDELINES

The Ryerson International Exchange Opportunity Scholarship (RIEOS) was developed to increase participation and inclusion in Ryerson's academic student exchange programs by providing support for students with financial need. Priority consideration will be given to those students who will be traveling abroad for the first time on a Ryerson affiliated international activity, have not previously received financial support for international activities through Ryerson, and/or is a member of an underrepresented group.

### VALUE OF INDIVIDUAL GRANTS

Ryerson University will provide 35 grants of \$2,000.00 each to students taking part in an academic exchange during the 2020-2021 academic year.

### SUBMISSION DEADLINE (LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED)

February 21, 2020 is the deadline for Ryerson students to apply for both participation in exchange for the upcoming Fall 2020 and Winter 2021 academic terms, and for funding under the RIEOS program. You will apply for this scholarship BEFORE you are approved to an exchange program.

- **IMPORTANT:** This application includes **two phases**. The first phase includes a waiting period of **two-weeks** for financial information to be assessed to determine if you are eligible for the second application phase. Therefore, you will need to **start your application well in advance of the Feb. 21st deadline** in order to have time to submit a completed application. Please see the "How to Apply" section in our guidelines for more information. Late applications will not be considered.

### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Enrolled in a full-time degree program at Ryerson University and in good academic standing
- Applied for the Ryerson Student Exchange program for one or both of the Fall 2020 or Winter 2021 terms (this funding is not applicable to 'LOP' arrangements). Go here to learn how to apply for an [exchange program abroad](#).
- Demonstrate financial need, as determined by Ryerson University, through submission of a student budget form

### HOW TO APPLY

Students will complete an online application for the Ryerson International Exchange Opportunities Scholarship (RIEOS) via [Ryerson AwardSpring Application Portal](#). This application includes **two application phases**. Read the instructions carefully below:

#### Phase 1: Submit the general Award Spring Application

1. Login to [Ryerson Award Spring Portal](#)
2. If this is your first time logging into the portal, you will be prompted to complete the Award Application. **IMPORTANT:** In order to be considered for RIEOS you **must** complete the optional "Financial Information" section because RIEOS requires applicants to demonstrate financial need.

3. Once this application is complete, it will take **up to two weeks** for your financial information section to be assessed to determine if you can be considered for scholarships that require you to demonstrate financial need.

## Phase 2: Submit the RIEOS application

1. Once your financial information section has been assessed, if it is determined that you can demonstrate financial need **only** then will the RIEOS application become available for you to complete. **IMPORTANT:** Because there is a two-week turnaround time on your financial information assessment, you need to submit the general award spring application **well in advance** of the RIEOS application deadline.
2. RIEOS Application includes:
  - General information about you and your exchange program preferences
  - Written Statement (300 words max) that responds to the following question:
    - How will this scholarship help financially assist you in participating in Ryerson's exchange program?

## SELECTION PROCESS

Ryerson International (RI) will consider only complete applications submitted by the appropriate deadline. RI may ask for confirmation of any information provided. Applicants will receive results through their Ryerson e-mail account by the end of the term. The selection committee will be comprised of representatives from RI. The final selection of the recipient will be based on the outlined criteria below.

- 70% - Other priority considerations (first time abroad on a Ryerson affiliated international activity, first time accessing financial support for international activities through Ryerson, member of underrepresented group)
- 15% - Academic Achievement
- 15% - Written Statement

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF AWARD RECIPIENTS

Successful candidates must:

- Be accepted into the Ryerson Student Exchange program for one or both of the Fall 2020 or Winter 2021 terms. If a student is not approved, declines, or withdrawals from the Ryerson Student Exchange Program at any point will have their funding revoked.
- Complete Ryerson's [mandatory pre-departure process](#). **IMPORTANT:** No funding will be disbursed to students who do not complete ryerson's pre-departure requirements in advance of their travel. Students who depart Canada without completing the requirements will have their funding revoked.
- Support the sharing and promotion of Global Learning Opportunities to students upon their return (eg. participate in an event, contribute to Global Learning blog or social media, participate in an interview - video, news story, etc).

Failure to meet these responsibilities may result in the award being withdrawn.

## REVENUE CANADA

Successful applicants should be aware that under the Revenue Canada Income Tax Act, travel/research grants are considered taxable income. A T4-A form will be issued to recipients involved in such activities.

## QUESTIONS?

For further information please contact Amie Shipman-Gervais, Ryerson International Student Mobility Officer, at [ashipmangervais@ryerson.ca](mailto:ashipmangervais@ryerson.ca).

Personal information in connection with this application is collected under the authority of Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy. This information is used to process your application and decide on your eligibility for the Scotiabank-Ryerson International Mobility Scholarships. Once an award has been granted, Ryerson University may disclose certain information to the donor of the award, provincial funding organizations and/or Ryerson University academic Faculties or departments/schools.