

GLOBAL LEARNING AWARD 2019 – 2020

2019 - 2020 GUIDELINES

This award was developed by Ryerson International to increase participation and inclusion in international activities as it is often financially inaccessible for a large portion of the student population. Eligible international activities include work, research, conferences and global learning programs taking place abroad (Please see below for further eligibility requirements). The chance to participate in an academic activity in another country offers a tremendous opportunity for academic development, network building, broadens the professional potential of students, and builds Ryerson's international profile. This program is administered by Ryerson International (RI).

VALUE OF GRANTS

This fund will provide multiple awards up to \$1,000. Award amounts will be determined based on the duration of activity. Students participating in activities with durations of 3 days or less will receive \$250, 7 days or less will receive \$500, or more than 7 days will receive \$1,000.¹ A total of \$15,000 each will be disbursed for activities taking place in Fall 2019 and Winter 2020 terms, and \$40,000 for activities taking place in Spring/Summer 2020 term. Any unused funding will be carried over to the next term.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

For activities taking place in Fall 2019, applications are due **September 30th**.

For activities taking place in Winter 2020, applications are due **November 15th**.

For activities taking place in Spring/Summer 2020, applications are due **March 20th**.

Please note that you must apply prior to your departure abroad. Funding will **NOT** be provided retroactively (with the one time exception of activities taking place in the Fall 2019 term prior to the September 30th deadline. These students with early fall activities may apply to the September 30th deadline even if they have already departed abroad).

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for this award, students must:

- Be registered as an undergraduate or graduate student at Ryerson University and have clear academic standing (applications are welcome from both part-time or full-time students and international or domestic students)

To be eligible for this award, the proposed activity must:

- Be approved by your school or department (Ryerson International will reach out to your academic department directly for this confirmation during the review/selection process)
- Take place outside of Canada (*note that activities within Canada may be considered when engagement occurs with indigeneous nations)

¹ Duration is based on the program activity dates, with the addition of 1 travel day on either side of the activity (only if travel is not already included in activity dates, as is often the case with GLPAs).

- Be aligned with one of the following activity categories:
 - **Work Abroad** (placements, internships, etc)
 - The activity must be eligible for academic credit or fulfill, in whole or in part, an academic requirement
 - Must be an unpaid work experience
 - **Research Abroad** (including research internships, as well as conference participation)
 - Priority is given to supervised research abroad and research internships that involve in country supervision
 - For conference attendance, priority will be given to students that are either presenting and/or playing a key role at the conference
 - **Global Learning Programs Abroad (GLPA)** (refers to short-term experiential learning programs abroad led by Ryerson Faculty and/or staff members)
 - Programming that provides academic credit and/or is linked to a specific course and/or program will be prioritized
- **Please note:** Activities that are **not** eligible for funding include: Any non-Ryerson (i.e. via LOP process) and/or non-academic related travel. **Important:** Students participating in Ryerson's exchange program are not eligible for Global Learning Award. These students should apply to the [Ryerson International Exchange Opportunities Scholarship \(RIEOS\)](#) directly.

HOW TO APPLY

Students will complete an online application for the Global Learning Award via [Ryerson AwardSpring Application Portal](#). Applications should be submitted individually (no applications submitted as a group will be accepted). The application includes:

- General information about you and your program
- Detailed information about the activity
- A written statement (750 words max) that responds to the following questions:
 - How does the activity provide opportunities for academic, professional and/or personal growth?
 - Traveling abroad can be challenging and can push you outside of your comfort zone. Tell us about your experiences and/or skills that will help ensure your well-being while abroad.
 - If you are travelling to a region in the Global South or in a context of heightened power differentials (i.e. low income countries / regions), how will you manage your relationships to mitigate the potential to cause harm or be disruptive?

SELECTION PROCESS & CRITERIA

Ryerson International(RI) will consider only complete applications submitted by the appropriate deadline. RI may ask for confirmation of any information provided. The selection committee will be comprised of representatives from RI. They will review the eligibility and application information and prepare a ranked list of qualified award recipients. Representatives from the academic programs of the student applicants will be invited to review the ranking and provide feedback. The final selection of the recipient will be based on the outlined criteria.

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

RESPONSIBILITIES OF AWARD RECIPIENTS

Successful candidates must:

- 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?

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