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GLOBAL LEARNING AWARD: IN-PERSON EDITION MARCH-AUGUST 2022

MARCH TO AUGUST 2022 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 **\$40,000** will be disbursed. Any unused funding will be carried over to the next term.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Applications will be open from March 7, 2022 to July 31, 2022. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until all funding has been awarded. Applications will be reviewed in batches on the following dates:

- Applications submitted between March 7th - March 13th will be reviewed on **March 14th**.
- Applications submitted between March 14th - April 17th will be reviewed on **April 18th**.
- Applications submitted between April 18th - May 15th will be reviewed on **May 16th**.
- Applications submitted between May 16th - June 12th will be reviewed on **June 13th**.
- Applications submitted between June 13th - July 10th will be reviewed on **July 11th**.
- Applications submitted between July 11th - July 31st will be reviewed on **August 1st**.
- **Please note applications may close earlier than July 31, 2021 if all funding is awarded earlier on in the term.**

We encourage applicants to submit applications at least 6-8 weeks in advance of their activity start date to ensure their application is reviewed and approved (if eligible) prior to their activity start date. However, it is important to note that we cannot guarantee that students will receive their award payments prior to the start of their activity. Award payments may take up to 4 weeks to process from the date they are requested. Award payments will only be requested to be processed after award recipients have completed the university's [International Risk Management Requirements](#) as outlined in the "Responsibilities of Award Recipients" section below.

Please note that you **must apply prior to your departure** abroad. Funding will **NOT** be provided retroactively.

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).

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for this award, students must:

- Be registered as an undergraduate, graduate, or Faculty of Law student at the 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:

- Take place outside of Canada (*note that activities within Canada may be considered when engagement occurs with Indigenous Nations)
- Be academically relevant and/or related to your professional development/goals (Students who are receiving academic credit or fulfilling a program requirement (in-part or whole) will be prioritized)
- While those who are participating in a paid internship (for example) are able to apply, applicants who are participating in unpaid opportunities will be prioritized.
- 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
 - **Faculty or Staff led trips abroad** (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
 - **Short-term programs often referred to as “study abroad” opportunities** (typically in spring/summer months and may be for credit via the [Letter of Permission process](#))
- **Please note:** Activities that are not academically relevant are **not** eligible for funding. Academically relevant refers to activities that grant course credit or activities in which you can clearly demonstrate the academic relevance and contribution to your professional and academic learning. **Important:** Students participating in Ryerson’s exchange program are not eligible for the Global Learning Award. These students should apply to the [Ryerson International Exchange Opportunities Scholarship \(RIEOS\)](#) directly.

HOW TO APPLY

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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:
 - Provide a brief description of the activity
 - How does the activity provide opportunities for academic and/or professional growth?
 - How will this award help financially assist you in participating in your proposed activity abroad?

- 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 traveling 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. RI will review applications on a rolling basis and approve eligible applications until all funding has been awarded. The final selection of the recipient will be based on the outlined criteria.

- 70% - Priority considerations:
 - First time participating in an academically/professionally relevant international activity,
 - able to demonstrate financial need,
 - first time accessing financial support for university-sanctioned international activities through Ryerson,
 - member of an equity group (includes individuals who self-identify as one or more of the following: A racialized person; an Aboriginal person in Canada (including First Nations [status or non-status], Metis, or Inuit; Black (including those that identify as Afro-Caribbean or African-Canadian); a person with a disability; 2SLGBTQ+; and/or Trans).
- 15% - Written Statement
- 15% - Academic Achievement

AWARD CHEQUE DISBURSEMENT PROCESS

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF AWARD RECIPIENTS

Successful candidates must:

- Complete the university's [International Risk Management Requirements](#). **IMPORTANT:** No funding will be disbursed to students who do not complete these 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 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 global.learning@ryerson.ca