

Ryerson International Exchange Opportunities Scholarship (RIEOS)

GUIDELINES

2022-2023 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 50 grants of \$2,000.00 each to students taking part in an academic exchange during the 2022-2023 academic year.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE (LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED)

The application deadline is **February 14, 2022**.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Good academic standing
- Applied for the Ryerson Student Exchange program for one or both of the Fall 2022 or Winter 2023 terms (this funding is not applicable to virtual exchange programs or '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 financial information in their General Award Spring Application (see How to Apply section below).

HOW TO APPLY

Students will complete an online application for the Ryerson International Exchange Opportunities Scholarship (RIEOS) via [Ryerson AwardSpring Application Portal](#). **Please note:** In order for the RIEOS application to appear in your Award Spring's dashboard, you must have completed the **General Award Spring Application including the optional "Financial Information" section found on the "Application" tab of your portal** as RIEOS requires applicants to demonstrate financial need. In order to complete this section you will need to first select "Yes" to the question "Would you like to be considered for awards, scholarships and bursaries that require you to demonstrate financial need?" in your General Award Spring Application (Please see screenshot below).

Would you like to be considered for awards, scholarships and bursaries that require you to demonstrate financial need?

- ☒ Yes, please complete all questions in this Section
- ☐ No, you can skip to the Qualification Questions Section

Once you have completed the above steps, you should be able to find the Ryerson International Exchange Opportunities Scholarship (RIEOS) listed under the "Scholarships" tab of your portal.

The RIEOS application includes:

- Questions:
 - Please confirm which option applies to you: I am applying to participate in exchange during the 2022 - 2023 academic year. (*select this option*)
 - Have you travelled abroad before on a Ryerson affiliated International activity? (Yes/No)

- Have you received financial support before for an international activity through Ryerson? (Yes/No)
- 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 and eligible 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 composed 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 (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% - Academic Achievement
- 15% - Written Statement (max 300 words) that responds to the following question: How will this scholarship help financially assist you in participating in Ryerson's exchange program?

RESPONSIBILITIES OF AWARD RECIPIENTS

Successful candidates must:

- Be accepted into the Ryerson Student Exchange program for one or both of the Fall 2022 or Winter 2023 terms (this funding is not applicable to virtual exchange programs or 'LOP' arrangements). If a student is not approved, declines, or withdrawals from the Ryerson Student Exchange Program or the student's exchange program is cancelled at any point will have their funding revoked.
- Complete Ryerson'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 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 global.learning@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.