

Spots open for 2023 and 2022 students

# Be a Global Scholar

Spring 2026

Application  
Deadline  
March 21

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Successful applicants will have a 3.0 GPA.

**RIT** Saunders College of  
Business

# Global Scholar Program

## Overview

The Global Scholar program is RIT's premier exchange/study abroad initiative, offering RIT China students a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the academic and cultural life at the main campus in Rochester, New York. This program allows students to spend up to two semesters at the Rochester campus, providing a comprehensive international education experience.

## Purpose

This program aims to:

1. Enrich students' educational experience
2. Foster cross-cultural understanding
3. Promote international collaboration

The program is designed to bridge the gap between RIT's global campuses, fostering a sense of unity and shared identity among all RIT students. It offers a platform for cultural exchange, academic growth, and personal development in a diverse and stimulating environment.

# Role as Ambassadors

Global Scholars serve as distinguished ambassadors for RIT China, embodying and promoting the core values of our campus. These values are encapsulated in the acronym "TIGER," reflecting RIT's mascot and spirit:

## **T - Togetherness**

- Foster a sense of community among RIT students globally
- Actively participate in cross-cultural events and activities
- Encourage collaboration between students from different campuses and backgrounds

## **I - Inclusivity**

- Embrace and celebrate diversity in all its forms
- Promote an environment of respect and understanding for all cultures
- Actively work to include and integrate students from various backgrounds

## **G - Greatness**

- Strive for academic and personal excellence
- Showcase the high standards and achievements of RIT China
- Inspire fellow students to reach their full potential

## **E - Endurance**

- Demonstrate resilience in facing challenges of studying abroad
- Persist in academic pursuits and personal growth
- Embody the spirit of continuous improvement and lifelong learning

## **R - Responsibility**

- Act as role models for ethical behavior and academic integrity
- Engage in community service and social responsibility initiatives
- Represent RIT China with professionalism and dignity

The Global Scholar program at RIT offers students a transformative experience, combining academic excellence with cultural immersion. This unique opportunity allows participants to expand their horizons, develop crucial skills, and prepare for success in an increasingly interconnected world.

## Key Benefits:

1. **Academic Enrichment:** Access specialized courses and diverse teaching methods.
2. **Cultural Immersion:** Experience American life and interact with international peers.
3. **Language Skills:** Improve English proficiency in an immersive environment.
4. **Personal Growth:** Develop independence, adaptability, and problem-solving skills.
5. **Professional Advancement:** Gain a competitive edge and build a global network.
6. **Global Citizenship:** Broaden worldview and intercultural communication skills.
7. **Leadership Opportunities:** Take on campus roles and act as an RIT China ambassador.
8. **Travel and Exploration:** Discover new places in and around Rochester.
9. **Lifelong Connections:** Form international friendships and join a global alumni network.
10. **Enhanced RIT Experience:** Gain a comprehensive understanding of RIT's global presence.

By participating in the Global Scholar program, students not only enhance their academic credentials but also develop into well-rounded, globally competent individuals. This experience equips them with the skills, knowledge, and perspectives necessary to become future leaders in their chosen fields, ready to tackle global challenges and seize international opportunities.

# Safety

RIT's commitment to providing a safe, supportive, and enriching environment for international students, including those from China, is evident in every aspect of the Global Scholar program. The university has implemented six key safety measures to ensure scholars' well-being:

1. A secure 1,300-acre campus with emergency notification kiosks
2. A dedicated Public Safety team serving the diverse RIT community
3. The TigerSafe app for quick access to safety resources
4. On-campus health services, including a Student Health Center
5. Fraud and scam awareness education for international students
6. Confidential support from International Student Services

These comprehensive safety measures, combined with RIT's world-class educational offerings, create an ideal setting for scholars to grow both academically and personally. The university's long-standing experience in hosting international students ensures that Chinese scholars will find a respectful and understanding community, helping them feel at home even while far from China.

Rest assured that at RIT, scholars will be in good hands, receiving top-quality education in a safe, supportive, and multicultural environment. The combination of rigorous academics, cultural immersion, and comprehensive safety measures makes RIT an excellent choice for Chinese students seeking a transformative international education experience.

The RIT Global Scholar program offers a unique and cost-effective opportunity for international students:

- A. **Home Tuition Continuity:** Students pay their regular tuition to their home institution, maintaining financial consistency.
- B. **Affordable Additional Costs:** Semester costs at RIT range from \$8,371 to \$11,833, student activities, health services, and mandatory health insurance.
- C. **Flexible Housing Options:** Students can choose from various accommodations, balancing comfort and cost.
- D. **Transparent Pricing:** All mandatory costs are clearly outlined, helping students plan effectively.
- E. **Investment in Future:** Additional expenses like visa fees and textbooks are minimal compared to the program's long-term academic and career benefits.
- F. **Cultural Immersion:** The program offers invaluable exposure to American academic and social environments at a fraction of full degree program costs.
- G. **Short-Term Commitment, Long-Term Gains:** Whether for one or two semesters, the program provides significant educational value without a multi-year financial commitment.

# Expenses

In essence, the RIT Global Scholar program represents excellent value, offering a high-quality U.S. education experience with transparent, manageable costs. It's an investment in global education and future opportunities at a competitive price point.

# APPLICATION

## Eligibility

Individuals who consider themselves as global citizens possess a conscious awareness of the world beyond their immediate surroundings and their role in it. They believe in the importance of collaborating with others to promote a harmonious, just, and sustainable planet. To be part of the program, Global Scholars must represent the Weihai Campus. Their responsibilities include organizing RIT China Experience sessions, providing guidance to potential and new scholars, and supporting the Global Office in Rochester by volunteering when needed.

To apply for the Global Scholar program, students must meet the following requirements:

- Be a 3rd or 4th year student
  - ➔ The fall semester is not recommended for students planning to study for the National Exam
- Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0

## Process

1. RIT China students must obtain a recommendation from the Campus Dean and Academic Affairs to be eligible to apply.
2. Request a recommendation form from:

Julie / Campus Associate Dean  
Email: [Jtccada@rit.edu](mailto:Jtccada@rit.edu)

**Friday, October 10, 2025:**

Students must submit a **Recommendation Request Form** to Julie at [jtccada@rit.edu](mailto:jtccada@rit.edu).

**Wednesday October 15, 2025:**

**LAST DAY FOR APPROVED STUDENTS TO APPLY FOR FALL**

**Applications will close at 11:59 PM EST**

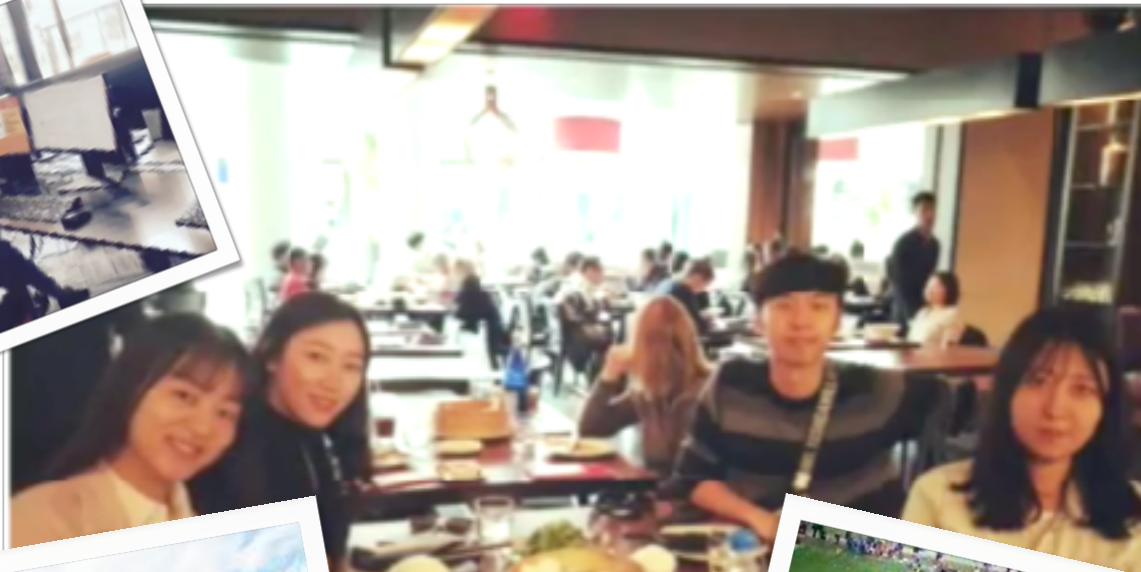
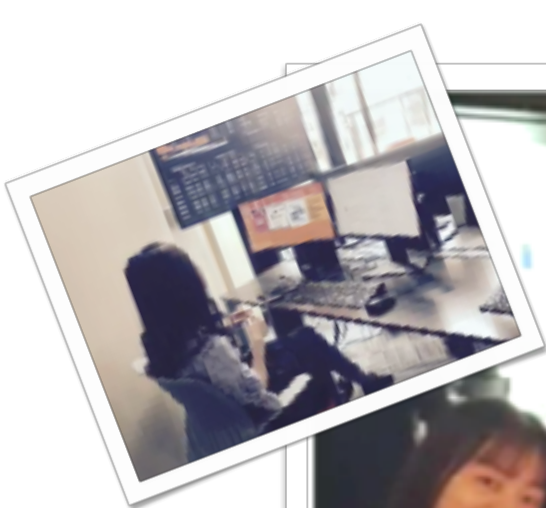
**Early November:** Students will be informed of department decisions

**Late November:** Students will have one calendar week, from the time they are notified of their acceptance, to confirm their participation in the program

**December:** Students should be getting their I-20s via e-mail

**January:** Arrive in Rochester.

**TIMELINE**



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