

International Student Information Packet



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Special admission procedures are required of international students. For purposes of admission, an international student is defined as a student who is studying or wishes to study in the U.S. on a non-immigrant visa. This definition does not include permanent residents (who can supply a copy of both sides of the resident alien card) or refugees. For additional information please visit our website at <http://www.ric.edu/admissions/index.html> or email us at admissions@ric.edu.

International applicants who are transferring from another U.S. college or university must notify the registrar of the “sending” institution of their plans to transfer to Rhode Island College.

Required Materials:

- ✓ Completed application and \$50 application fee – international students currently living or studying in the U.S. must also supply a home country address on the application
- ✓ Official copies of all academic records with a certified English translation **and** evaluation.
- ✓ English language proficiency test scores.
- TOEFL minimum score of 79 Web-based, 213 computer based, or 550 written.
- ✓ Declaration and Certification of Finances Form (see attached) is required before final acceptance. Students must show funds available to cover the cost of one year’s tuition, room and board, fees and books. **2009-2010 total cost: US \$27,116**

Deadlines:

Fall Admission-

Freshman Deadline- March 15

Transfer Deadline- June 1

Student seeking on campus housing should have all materials in prior to March 1. Housing is guaranteed for new freshmen who have been admitted and enrolled (and return Housing Card) prior to May 1.

Spring Admission-

Freshman Deadline- November 15

Transfer Deadline- November 15

On-campus housing is rarely available for the spring semester.

Financial Guarantee Statement

The United States government requires all international applicants to provide proof of ability to pay tuition and living expenses before a formal letter of admission or the forms needed for obtaining a visa will be issued. International students are also required to have health and accident insurance. The cost of university-provided insurance will be added to the student's fees unless he or she presents proof of adequate coverage.

Each applicant relying on personal or family support must furnish, at the time of application, an original financial-guarantee letter — preferably a bank letter — indicating the sponsor's name and address and verifying the ability to pay the annual cost in education-related expenses for the first academic year. This document must be verified by bank seal. It is crucial for students to submit their financial-guarantee letters with their applications if they wish to receive notification of admission in the most timely manner possible.

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service rarely allows students to work off-campus, and employment opportunities are further limited by legislation that requires holders of student visas to be full-time students (minimum of 12 credit hours for undergraduate students and 9 credit hours for graduate students each semester). International students may be eligible for on-campus employment.

Rhode Island College International Student Office

<http://www.ric.edu/iso/>

The Rhode Island College International Student Office is a most important official resource for international students who are currently attending or applying to Rhode Island College. The International Student Office will help you find answers to your specific questions about U.S. government forms, the process of entering and leaving the country, employment requests, Practical Training, financial needs, taxes, health, housing, academic and personal problems.

The International Student Office is located in the Faculty Center and the advisor is Dr. Audrey Olmsted (email aolmsted@ric.edu).

Where to Have Credentials Evaluated?

Rhode Island College requires all students to have any coursework completed outside the U.S translated and evaluated by an approved agency. This is a very important step in the application process and does require a significant amount of time (generally 4-6 weeks). You must contact the agency directly. In the past, Rhode Island College students have used:

Education Evaluators International
11 South Angell St. #348
Providence, RI 02906
(401) 521-5340
FAX (401) 437-6474
www.educei.com

Center for Educational Documentation, Inc.
P.O. Box 199
Boston MA 02117
(617) 338-7171
FAX 617-338-7101
www.cedevaluations.com

World Education Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 745
Old Chelsea Station
New York, NY 10113-0745
(212) 966-6311
FAX 212-966-6395
Toll Free 800-937-3895
info@wes.org
<http://www.wes.org>

Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc
PO Box 514070
Milwaukee WI 53203-3470
(414) 289-3400
Fax 414-289-3411
<http://www.ece.org>

Notice of Affirmative Action and Nondiscrimination

Pursuant to the philosophy of the Board of Governors for Higher Education and Rhode Island College and its administration, the College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, gender, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation, disabled veteran, veteran of the Vietnam era, or citizenship status. This nondiscrimination policy encompasses the operation of the College's educational programs and activities, including admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic, and all other programs. It also encompasses the employment of College personnel and contracting by the College for goods and services. Rhode Island College is committed to taking affirmative action to ensure that this nondiscrimination policy is effectively observed in all the College's endeavors.

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(Amount of funds in U.S. dollars)

Applicant's personal savings
(Your bank's name)

_____ \$ _____

Parent/Guardian/Sponsor
(Please print the name of each person providing support)

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

I certify that the total amount available for my
first year of study at Rhode Island College is:
(This total must be at least U.S. **\$27,116 for 2009-2010**)

\$ _____

Official certification of sources of funds and amounts

- ◆ This is to certify that I have read the information furnished by the applicant on this form, that it is a true and accurate statement, and that the funds described above are available.

Parent/Guardian/Sponsor's name: _____

Parent/Guardian/Sponsor's signature: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____ Relationship to applicant: _____

- ◆ This is to certify that I have read the information furnished by the applicant on this form, that it is a true and accurate statement, and that the funds described above are available.

Bank official's name: _____ Title: _____

Bank official's signature: _____ Date _____

Name of bank: _____ Official bank stamp/seal

Address: _____

I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate. I take financial responsibility should my source(s) of funding, as specified above, be interrupted or stopped.

Applicant's signature _____ Date: _____

English Language Proficiency

Scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) for students whose native language is not English is required. SAT scores may be required for students whose native language is English.

Where to take the test?

TOEFL: Web-based test
Available in the U.S. as of 11/05, other countries being added
Minimum Score 79

TOEFL: Computer Based Test (CBT)
Cost: \$100-\$125
Available worldwide
12 times per year
Minimum Score 213

TOEFL: Supplemental Pencil and Paper Test
Cost \$75-\$80
Available at selected locations
12 times a year
Minimum Score 550

Please contact the Educational Testing Service directly
to obtain information about other testing sites.

Educational Testing Service
P.O. Box 6155
Princeton, NJ 08541-6155
Phone: 609-921-9000
Fax: 609-520-1093
Web: <http://www.toefl.org>

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