

**RICE UNIVERSITY**  
Houston, Texas, U.S.A.

**Fact Sheet for Exchange Partners, 2019-20**

*Rice University is a private and independent university dedicated to the "advancement of letters, science, and art." Rice attracts a diverse group of highly talented students with a range of academic studies that includes humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, engineering, architecture, music, and business management (<http://www.rice.edu/>).*

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<b>Nomination deadlines</b>	<b>September 15</b> for the Spring Semester <b>March 1</b> for the Fall Semester and Academic Year
<b>Application deadlines</b>	<b>October 1</b> for the Spring Semester <b>March 15</b> for the Fall Semester and Academic Year
Application form and supporting documents	On-line application. Link will be provided to partner institutions to share with nominated students only. No hard copies needed.
Eligibility	Only undergraduate students regularly enrolled at a partner institution, who are in good academic and judicial standing, and who are nominated by their home institution, are eligible to apply.
Language requirement	If the language of instruction in the student's country of origin is not English, <b>TOEFL or IELTS scores must be submitted</b> , even if the language of instruction at the partner university is English. Minimum acceptable <b>TOEFL</b> scores are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>600</b> on the paper-based test</li> <li>▪ <b>250</b> on the computer-based test</li> <li>▪ <b>100</b> on the Internet-based test.</li> </ul> Minimum acceptable score for <b>IELTS</b> is <b>7</b>

Mandatory orientation dates	Fall Semester: August 16 – 23, 2019 Spring Semester: January 10, 2020
Semester dates	Fall Semester: August 26 - December 18, 2019 Spring Semester: January 13 - May 6, 2020
Course load	Minimum: 12 credits (full-time) Maximum: 15-18 credits
Courses	Course catalog: <a href="http://courses.rice.edu/admweb/swkscat.main?p_action=cata">http://courses.rice.edu/admweb/swkscat.main?p_action=cata</a>  Course Schedule: <a href="http://courses.rice.edu/admweb/swkscat.main">http://courses.rice.edu/admweb/swkscat.main</a>
Courses available to exchange students	Provided that pre-requisites for courses are met, all undergraduate courses in the Schools of Engineering, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, and Humanities are open to exchange students.
Courses not available to exchange students	Courses in the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Management, the Shepherd School of Music, and the School of Architecture are not available to exchange students unless they are offered specifically to non-major undergraduates.
Housing	On-campus housing: automatic placement for admitted students (no separate application needed).
Health & Insurance	Health and vaccination requirements: <a href="http://health.rice.edu/Content.aspx?id=106">http://health.rice.edu/Content.aspx?id=106</a> Medical insurance requirement: <a href="http://oiss.rice.edu/gateway.aspx?id=208">http://oiss.rice.edu/gateway.aspx?id=208</a>
Cost Estimates per Semester for 2018-19:  Fall: \$11,509 Spring: \$11,284	Tuition: Waived Fall orientation: \$670.00 iPREP Fee \$195.00 Room and board: \$7,000.00 Fees: \$373.00 Personal: \$1,300.00 Books: \$600.00 Transportation: \$350.00 Insurance: \$1,021.00 / \$1,661

Web links of interest	<p>Rice Study Abroad Office: <a href="http://abroad.rice.edu/">http://abroad.rice.edu/</a></p> <p>Undergraduate Admissions: <a href="http://futureowls.rice.edu/home.aspx">http://futureowls.rice.edu/home.aspx</a></p> <p>Schools and Departments: <a href="http://www.students.rice.edu/students/Departments.asp">http://www.students.rice.edu/students/Departments.asp</a></p> <p>Majors and Minors: <a href="http://futureowls.rice.edu/futureowls/Majors_Minors_Programs.asp">http://futureowls.rice.edu/futureowls/Majors_Minors_Programs.asp</a></p> <p>Academic Calendar: <a href="http://registrar.rice.edu/calendars/">http://registrar.rice.edu/calendars/</a></p> <p>Residential Colleges: <a href="http://students.rice.edu/students/Colleges1.asp">http://students.rice.edu/students/Colleges1.asp</a></p>
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## **(1) THE NOMINATION PROCESS AND DEADLINES**

*All prospective exchange students must apply first at their home institution to be nominated for the exchange program. Only nominated students whose eligibility has been verified may access the on-line application.*

### **Eligibility requirements:**

- Undergraduate students
- Good academic and judicial standing
- Minimum GPA 3.00 on 4.00 scale (or equivalent)
- Demonstrated language proficiency
  - The minimum acceptable score on the **TOEFL** is 600 on the paper-based test, 250 on the computer-based test, and **100 on the Internet-based test.**
  - The minimum acceptable score for **IELTS** is 7.)
- Home school nomination

**Nominations by the home institution must be submitted by e-mail to Beata Loch ([bloch@rice.edu](mailto:bloch@rice.edu)), using the spreadsheet provided to partners when the call for nominations is sent, by the following dates:**

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| <b>March 1</b>      | - for Fall and Academic Year applications |
| <b>September 15</b> | - for Spring applications                 |

## **(2) THE APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINES**

*Only nominated students whose eligibility has been confirmed may access Rice University's on-line exchange application - link will be shared with partner institutions only.*

**Checklist** for complete applications:

- ✓ **Photo** (upload passport-type photo onto online student profile)
- ✓ **Student Information Form** (biographical and contact information)
- ✓ **Personal Statement** (500-word essay explaining motivation)
- ✓ **Preliminary Course Information** (placement in desired courses is NOT guaranteed)
- ✓ **Exchange Program Participation Agreement, including Release of Transcript to Home Institution** (online signature document)
- ✓ **Release of Information** (online signature document)
- ✓ **Official University Transcript** (upload scan of most recent official transcript)
- ✓ **TOEFL or IELTS results** (If the language of instruction in the candidate's country of origin is not English, official scores from the past two years **must be submitted**, even if the language of instruction at the candidate's current university is English. – upload scan of official score report)
- ✓ **CV or Resume** (all years must be accounted for – no time gaps permitted)
- ✓ **Color Copy of Valid Passport Identification Page** (upload scan)
- ✓ **Faculty Recommendation** (attesting to applicant's suitability for program: academic and personal match) **Please note: We cannot accept a letter from a faculty administrator who has not had the candidate in class.** Only faculty who has taught the candidate may submit a recommendation letter.
- ✓ **Home Institution's Program Approval** (to be completed by designated exchange official)

**Deadlines for complete applications:**

**March 15** - for Fall and Academic Year  
**October 1** - for Spring

**Please note:**

- The entire application is online; no hard copies need to be submitted.
- Please follow instructions carefully: scans of **OFFICIAL** documents are required.

*Only complete applications will be reviewed. Late applications cannot be considered.*