

We are happy that you are considering The University of Rhode Island!

Dear Exchange Student,

We are pleased that you are applying to the University of Rhode Island to enroll in undergraduate level courses as a visiting international student. In the next few months, you can expect to receive correspondence from our office that will assist with your term(s) at our institution.

Please be advised that admission and attendance as an exchange student cannot extend beyond one academic year and requires the full endorsement of your home institution. Students who wish to be admitted to URI for full admission after participating as a visiting student must apply to a university degree program through the Undergraduate or Graduate Admissions Office.

If you have questions, please contact our office at 401-874-2395 or oiie@etal.uri.edu. In the meantime, we wish you success in your current academic work.

Sincerely,

Office of International Education

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

March 1st for Fall Semester and Academic Year Applicants (September admission)

October 1st for Spring Semester Applicants (January admission)

HOW TO APPLY – This application is only to be used by bilateral exchange program applicants.

This application is for students participating on a formal bilateral exchange program between their home institution and the University of Rhode Island. The following materials must be submitted to the URI Office of International Education:

1. Visiting and Exchange Application - Complete the form electronically. In the “Applicant Information” section, please enter your name and personal information exactly as it appears on your passport.

Application must be signed by the applicant and their study abroad advisor and/or designated officer in the international/global education office. We will only consider applications that have the endorsement of the international exchange coordinator from the applicant’s home institution.

2. Copy of Applicant’s Passport - A legible copy of the biographical information page of the applicant’s valid passport.

3. Letter of Recommendation - The letter of recommendation must be from a dean, department chair, professor, or assistant instructor.

4. Official Copies of Transcripts/Grade Reports - Official copies of original documents (in original language) and notarized translations in English of all previous postsecondary academic work.

HOW TO APPLY, Continued

5. English Proficiency Requirement – Applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit the official results of one of the following:

Minimum Requirements:

- TOEFL: iBT score 79
- IELTS: 6.5
- Pearson Test: 53
- Cambridge English; Advanced; 176-184
- Eiken Test of English: Completion of level Pre-1
- Duolingo English Test (DET): 61

6. Certificate of Financial Responsibility – To comply with U.S. immigration laws all International Exchange and Visiting students must demonstrate that they have the financial resources to sufficiently finance their education. To do this, all applicants must complete and submit the [Certificate of Financial Responsibility Form](#) with their application.

(Proof of funding supporting documents are preferred to arrive in original format but digital copies may be accepted. All supporting documents must arrive to our office no later than 30 days from the date issued by sponsor / bank representative.)

For the 2019/2020 academic year, bilateral exchange participants must provide proof of funds no less than the following:

- **\$10,500.00 USD** for applicants participating on one semester of exchange.
- **\$21,000.00 USD** for applicants participating on one full academic year of exchange.

Please note: No U.S. federal or state financial aid is available for international students.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND NOTIFICATION - Formal review for admission will be delayed until all supporting records and test reports have been received. It is in your best interest that you submit all required documents and other items together. All application materials should be sent to:

URI Office of International Education
International Center
37 Lower College Rd.
Kingston, RI 02881
U.S.A.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION RELATED TO YOUR EXCHANGE

1. Intended College and Curriculum - The Office of International Education facilitates the entry to the university and your orientation to the campus, however, your primary contact for academic advising will be housed within the department of your intended curriculum (studies).

2. Course Registration – After admission, the Office of International Education will notify all visiting international students of the on-line course enrollment process and registration date(s). It is imperative that admitted students give this course enrollment priority or they put themselves at risk of not gaining access to courses of preference during their exchange.

3. Housing and Meals – On-Campus accommodation provided by URI's Department & Residential Life Office (HRL) is available to undergraduate bi-lateral exchange students as long as applicants indicate this preference on their "Visiting & Exchange Application." The Office of International Education will facilitate HRL accommodation for exchange participant for those selecting this option.

4. Visa Documentation – Unless noted otherwise, U.S. immigration information and supporting documentation required to secure your visa will be sent directly to the international exchange staff at your home institution several weeks after admission.

5. URI Accident and Sickness Insurance - Visiting and exchange students are advised to pay careful attention to the URI Accident/Sickness Insurance requirements. **All students are billed for URI's insurance plan and will be liable for this fee unless their URI Health Insurance Waiver Form is accepted by URI Health Services.** Due to recent changes in federal law related to U.S. healthcare, more students than in the past are finding that their insurance coverage does not meet the standards provided by the University of Rhode Island plan. If your health insurance coverage is not equivalent or more comprehensive than the URI sponsored plan, students will not be able to waive the institutional insurance policy or charges. For more information on health insurance requirements visit: <http://health.uri.edu/insurance-insurance-waiver/>

5. Immunization Records - Before attending classes, Rhode Island state law requires that all students provide proof of immunity as part of its public health policy. Immunization documents can be submitted during welcome orientation events, but visiting students should plan accordingly and be prepared to provide appropriate documentation. For more information on the mandatory requirement visit: <http://web.uri.edu/healthservices/immunizations/>

6. Welcome and Support Services – As indicated above, shortly after application deadlines the Office of International Education will provide information on course registration, visas, housing, and other details related to your program of studies at URI. During the preceding months prior to your studies additional correspondence regarding arrival services, mandatory Welcome Week events, and other programs that are available to assist with a successful transition to American campus life. Please review these materials carefully and respond to office requests and deadlines in a timely manner.

**BILATERAL EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT:
ESTIMATED COSTS FOR THE 2019/2020 URI ACADEMIC SEMESTER / YEAR**
(September – May)

Please note: The tuition and fees outlined below represent 2018/2019 Academic Year rates. Updated rates for 2019/2020 will be available by June 2019.

Educational Expenses	Semester	Academic Year
Tuition & Fees ¹	Waived (Exchange students continue to pay their home institution).	Waived (Exchange students continue to pay their home institution).
URI Health & Accident Insurance ²	Fall-Only: \$753 Spring-Only: \$1,485	\$2,223
One-time transcript fee	\$50	\$50
Communications Fee ³	\$128	\$256
Room and Meals ⁴	\$6,700	\$13,400
Personal Expenses	\$1,600	\$3,200
Dual Degree Participant Fees ⁵	Varies	Varies

Minimum costs for study are shown and are subject to change without notice.

Welcome Week Orientation	Estimated Expenses
Early Move-In Housing Costs (HRL)	\$13.25 / per night
Orientation Fee	TBD
Meals & Miscellaneous Expenses	\$40 - \$50 (approximate)

NOTES

1. A credit overload fee will be charged directly to all matriculated undergraduate students who register and/or enroll in excess of 18 credits. Some specialized courses/lectures and those requiring special equipment may incur additional fees (\$25-\$75 per course).
2. All students are liable for this fee unless their URI Insurance waiver is submitted and accepted by URI Health Services.
3. Is assessed to students who reside in one of the University's residence halls, suites, or apartments.
4. This is an estimate of average costs. For specific rates visit <http://housing.uri.edu/> and <http://web.uri.edu/dining/>
Undergraduate students in residence halls should plan to bring about \$500 for bedding, rugs, lamps, etc.
5. Students participating on a 'dual-degree' exchange program are subject to additional fees. Participants should refer to their international exchange coordinator for details.

Global Education Program Application – Visiting & Exchange Student Application

Attach a
recent 2"x2"
photo of
yourself here.

Applicant Information

Last/Family Name:

First/Given Name:

Middle Name(s):

Suffix:

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):

Gender: -

Passport Number:

Country of Citizenship:

Country of Birth:

Country of Legal Residence:

City/Town of Birth:

Please indicate which statement reflects your current status:

I am NOT a permanent resident of the United States.

I am a permanent resident of the United States. *(Submit copy of both sides of Alien Registration Card with this application).*

Applicant's Contact Information

Email:

Permanent mailing address:

City/Town:

State/Province:

Country:

Postal Code:

Cell/Mobile (include area code and country code):

Telephone (include area code and country code):

Emergency Contact Information

First Name:

Last Name:

Email:

Cell/Mobile (include area code and country code):

Telephone (include area code and country code):

What is your relation to emergency contact?

Academic Information

Name of your home institution:

Intended terms of study at URI: _

Year: -

Major at your home institution:

What College/Department at URI is of primary interest to you? _

What areas of study are you most interested in taking courses at URI?

Please list the courses/modules you are currently enrolled in at your home Institution:

Personal Statement

In the space provided, please tell us about your background, activities and interests, and how studying at The University of Rhode Island relates to your academic and personal goals. Should you exceed the space below, you may attach an additional sheet of paper.

Accommodation

The Office of International Education is able to secure on-campus accommodation provided by URI's Department of Housing & Residential Life (HRL) for **undergraduate** students only. All undergraduate students not living in units with kitchens are required to purchase a resident meal plan. For information on URI's Dining Services, visit: <http://web.uri.edu/dining/>

Please answer the following:

Would you like the Office of International Education to secure HRL housing for you?

- #1: Yes, I am an undergraduate student seeking on-campus accommodations provided by HRL.
- #2: No, I am part of the International Engineering Program (IEP) exchange and have made arrangements to stay at the IEP/Texas Instruments (TI) House.
- #3: No, I will be making my own housing arrangements OR I am a graduate student.

If you selected #1 above, please answer the following questions:

Do you smoke? - Do you object to roommates who -

smoke? Which types of roommate would you prefer? -

Which of the following best describes you? -

Do you prefer going to sleep: -

Do you prefer your room to be: -

If you selected #2 above, the Office of International Education does not process housing applications for those wishing to live in the International Engineering Program House or Texas Instruments House. For those seeking to live at either of these residences, you must contact the International Engineering Program House directly in order to make arrangements:

Telephone: 401-874-4283

Email: iep@etal.uri.edu

Web: <http://web.uri.edu/iep>

Home Institution Endorsement

SIGNATURE OF THE APPLICANT

I certify the above to be correct and authorize the secondary school and/or college(s) I have attended to release transcripts, test scores, recommendations, and other required information to The University of Rhode Island.

Applicant's name:

Applicant's signature:

Date:

After completing this form electronically, print and request a signature and stamp from your home institution's International Coordinator.

SIGNATURE OF INTERNATIONAL COORDINATOR/DESIGNATED PERSON

The student presenting you with this form is planning to spend a semester or year at The University of Rhode Island as visiting international student. URI requires the signature of his/her study abroad advisor or other designated person's in the international/global education office. This form should be returned no later than March 1st for fall arrivals and October 1st for spring arrivals.

I approve/recommend this student's plans to participate in The University of Rhode Island's visiting international student program.

Full name:

Title:

Signature:

Date:

E-mail

Telephone:

Name or seal of sending Institution:

Submission of Application Materials

This application is not considered complete until all of the following documents are received by the URI Office of International Education:

1. Completed application with all signatures.
2. Copy of applicant's biographical/picture page of passport.
3. One letter of recommendation.
4. Official copy of transcript(s)/grade report(s) of all previous post-secondary work.
5. TOEFL or other approved English Language Proficiency test scores – if applicable.
6. Completed "Certificate of Financial Responsibility" (CFR) documents with signatures, seal, and supporting documentation. Click [HERE](https://web.uri.edu/iss/files/Certificate-of-Financial-Responsibility_Bi-Lateral-Exchange-Form.pdf) for the CFR form or go to:
https://web.uri.edu/iss/files/Certificate-of-Financial-Responsibility_Bi-Lateral-Exchange-Form.pdf