**Rhode Island School of Design**

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| About partner | About partner | Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) is one of the oldest and best-known colleges of art and design in the US. Each year approximately 2300 students from around the world pursue a creative, studio-based education at RISD, which offers rigorous academic programs in the areas of architecture, design, fine arts and art education.  RISD has stood out as a leader in art and design education, attracting extraordinary people who thrive in its creative culture. It was one of the first colleges of its kind in the US—founded simultaneously with the RISD Museum of Art—it has always been something of a maverick.  The campus is located in Providence, Rhode Island, which offers its own vibrant art scene and is conveniently located between two other major cultural centres: Boston and New York. |
|  | About Providence | Providence is a thriving American capital city with an edgy arts, music and cultural scene. Known as the creative capital, Providence boasts modern attractions that attract a young and energetic crowd, making it a great destination for exchange students. |
|  | Did you know? | RISD was founded and nurtured by women—more than 40 years before women in America even gained the right to vote. In 1877, the 34 members of the Rhode Island Women’s Centennial Commission voted to invest their group’s surplus funding of $1,675 in founding Rhode Island School of Design. |
| Academic information | Main areas of study | * Architecture * Graphic Design * Jewellery and Metals * Photography   **Note:**   * The listed areas of study are not necessarily exhaustive and other fields of study might also be available at the partner institution. Moreover, names for fields of study may be different overseas. * A discipline being listed does not in indicate the suitability of the program, nor does it indicate that the discipline is taught in English. * Approval to study particular subjects at any institution is always at the discretion of the departmental/discipline and faculty advisors at RMIT University and subject to available places at the host institution. |
|  | Language requirements | Programs are taught in English. |
|  | Full time load [Equivalent to 96 RMIT Credit Points] | 12 – 15 US credits is considered the full-time load per semester. |
|  | Link to courses | <http://departments.risd.edu/registrar/web/index.html>  Note: RMIT students are required to have completed two years of full-time study prior to their exchange semester. |
| Living | Accommodation | RISD recommends off-campus housing as the most convenient option for incoming exchange students. Neighbourhoods to look for an apartment include the East Side of Providence (*not* East Providence), or the downtown area. Other options include the West Side, Armory District, or Federal Hill. The Global Partners and Programs office can connect students with resources for finding housing: <http://www.risd.edu/academics/global-partners-programs/> |
|  | Health insurance | All incoming exchange students are required to sign up for travel insurance.  For more information go to: <http://www.risd.edu/Policies/Health_Insurance/> |
|  | Living cost | A number of external services provide comprehensive overviews of global living costs, for example:   * [www.expatistan.com](http://www.expatistan.com) * [www.numbeo.com](http://www.numbeo.com)   **Note:**  RMIT University is not affiliated with any of these page |
| Funding Opportunities | OS-HELP information | [OS-HELP Information page](http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/os-help)  <http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/os-help> |
|  | Link to scholarships page? | [All travel scholarships](http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/travel)  <<http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/travel>> |
| Useful information | Link to partner exchange page | <http://www.risd.edu/Home.aspx> |
|  | Visa | Exchange students need a J-1 visa to study in the US.  Please note that immigration requirements are subject to change. Please visit <http://www.state.gov/> for the most updated information. |