



Roger Williams University

AGENT TRAINING GUIDE



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INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE RELATIONSHIP

WELCOME

Greetings from Roger Williams University and Bristol, Rhode Island.

On behalf of our Admission team and the entire university, I want to welcome you in your role as a trusted partner and extension of our community. Roger Williams is a close-knit community where we believe the students you work with can be immersed in a new culture and thrive as a student in all they will experience during their education and time in the United States.

Global diversity in our student body is priority for us and we hope this guide will help you begin to see the opportunities that a Roger Williams education can provide. I invite you as well to come see our campus first hand if your travels bring you near Rhode Island.

We look forward to our partnership in helping counsel students in the admission process and see if Roger Williams is the right fit for their educational goals.

Thank you in advance for the work we will do together.



Dmitry Satsuk
Director of International Enrollment

MISSION STATEMENT

We firmly believe that our campus community is enhanced by the presence of international students, providing international students with a distinctive education experience while at the same time enriching the education of U.S. students through their own exposure to people from other countries and cultures.

Roger Williams University values global cooperation in a world that has increasingly become culturally, environmentally and economically interdependent. RWU is committed to developing strong global leaders by providing students with the international and intercultural experiences and competencies needed to thrive in their personal and professional lives. The University aspires to advance students' knowledge of world politics, economies and events, and to instill in all an appreciation and understanding of other cultures and customs in and out of the classroom.

WORKING WITH US



WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US

- A dedicated member of our team who will respond to your questions in a timely and professional manner.
- Applications will be processed quickly and efficiently.
- Regular updates, information and materials from the university.
- Practical information and training on all university programs.
- Promotion of our partnership through our university web site.
- Regular attendance at your events.
- A high level of customer support to both you and your clients.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Promoting Roger Williams University professionally and to the highest ethical standard.
- Applications will be complete, accurate and genuine.
- Representatives will operate in the best interest of both the student, their family and the university.
- Acting in a true partnership with the university to insure that all advice given to students is done so in a professional and accurate manner.

WHY RWU?

- RWU ranks #1 among four-year colleges and universities in Rhode Island, according to Schools.com (2019)
- Small class sizes with an average of 19 students per class
- Customizable career-focused programs
- Generous merit-based scholarship available for international students
- We are SAT and ACT optional
- Ranked #16 nationally for campus safety in 2016
- RWU offers different pathways to acceptance based on English language proficiency
- Access to more than 20 sports teams and athletics through NCAA Division III varsity, club sports, and Intra-mural teams
- 1,500 Student jobs available on campus

Roger Williams University is currently home to over 4200 students on our campus in Bristol, Rhode Island. Our Providence campus serves adult learners, online learners, and certificate programs. Students currently come from over 35 countries and over 40 of the United States. In recent years, students have joined us from the following countries:

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| Afghanistan | Morocco |
| Anguilla | Myanmar |
| Australia | Netherlands |
| Bahamas | Norway |
| Bermuda | Pakistan |
| Brazil | Panama |
| British Virgin Islands | Philippines |
| Canada | Portugal |
| China | Russia |
| Colombia | Rwanda |
| Costa Rica | Saudi Arabia |
| Croatia | Serbia |
| Dominican Republic | Singapore |
| Ecuador | Switzerland |
| El Salvador | Taiwan |
| France | Togo |
| Germany | Turkey |
| Ghana | United Kingdom |
| Greece | Venezuela |
| Haiti | Vietnam |
| India | Yemen |
| Japan | |
| Jordan | |
| Kazakhstan | |
| Korea | |
| Kuwait | |
| Laos | |
| Libya | |
| Malaysia | |
| Mexico | |





INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT

CULTURAL

At Roger Williams University, we embrace all cultures and backgrounds and further a civil discourse across global perspectives. The Intercultural Center is a resource we offer that gives life to that vision by providing a student-centered space with the motto “Welcoming people of all nationalities, faiths and personal identities.” Distinct from universities that organize their offices around separate social identities, the Intercultural Center provides a common space that houses staff with expertise in multicultural, international and LGBT student affairs. The Intercultural Center also houses the Spiritual Life Office with the University Multi-faith Chaplain and several affiliated chaplains. Together this group offers interfaith activities to help students receive spiritual support and gain religious literacy.

The Global Scholars Program is a first year experience

course for international students. It will offer assistance and education in academic and social adjustment leading to a better connection with Roger Williams University, peers, and professors while serving as a basic foundation for building community. The program covers the following areas:

- Cultural and social adjustment
- Classroom participation and communication
- Academic Support for CORE Seminar assignments
- Campus services (security, healthy relationships, and more)
- Use of the institution’s online platforms
- Immigration law pertaining to visa category

Each international student will be partnered with a current international student who will act as a mentor for the new student’s first year as a part of our International Ambassador program.

FINANCIAL

- All international applicants will have the advantage of working with a dedicated member of our financial aid team to build a financial plan.
- All international applicants will be reviewed for a merit-based scholarship. Typical awards are available from \$20,000 to \$28,500 a year and will move with a student all four years as long as they maintain the required minimum GPA. RWU has recently updated the minimum GPA requirements for scholarship renewal to reduce barriers for students to maintain their funding, and allow students to take academic risks with greater confidence. A student must maintain a minimum GPA of a 1.7 following their first semester, 1.8 GPA in the second semester, 1.9 GPA in the third with a 2.0 GPA required in all following semesters. Additional aid opportunities may exist for qualified students following their first year on campus.
- To better support our international students and families, we have created a special **RWU Travel Grant** for students living outside of the northeast of the United States. This \$1500 grant is awarded to all qualified students in addition to merit scholarships awarded at time of admission and is designed to assist with the costs associated with traveling to Bristol. **The RWU Travel Grant** is renewed annually for the four years of your undergraduate education. Students meeting the geographic criteria will automatically qualify for this award.

- With over 1,500 jobs available on campus, any student can apply for work here at RWU. International students included!
- The Stempel Corps allows for international students to receive up to \$1,500 a semester to assist with expenses related to an internship.

ACADEMIC

The Center for Student Academic Success is an integrated hub of various academic support programs and a primary resource for academic success. The Center is located on the first and second floor of the Learning Commons and is comprised of the Advising and Peer Mentorship Office, The Tutoring Center and Student Accessibility Services.

PERSONAL

- At Roger Williams University we are committed to providing quality health care and disease prevention in a manner that exhibits compassion, professionalism and excellence.
- We acknowledge the need for physical, mental, spiritual and environmental health required to achieve academic and personal goals. We believe an individual shares the responsibility for their health and well being thus health education is an integral component of all care provided.





FAQ

HISTORY

- With a state charter in 1956, Roger Williams Junior College became a two-year, degree-granting institution housed inside the Broad Street Providence YMCA. Soon after, the school became Roger Williams College and began conferring bachelor's degrees, quickly outgrowing the space at the YMCA building.
- The Bristol campus was built in 1969 on 80 acres of waterfront land that was formerly Ferrycliffe Farm, a dairy farm known for its prized Jersey cows.
- In 1992, Roger Williams College became Roger Williams University and another 50 acres of land was added to the campus.
- A year later, in 1993, the university established the Roger Williams University School of Law, Rhode Island's only law school and a leader in public-interest law.
- In 2015, RWU opened its new Providence campus at One Empire Plaza, where we are uniquely positioned in the heart of the capital city to deploy our faculty and students to lend expertise and service to the greater community.

LOCATION

Bristol, Rhode Island has been the home to Roger Williams University since 1969. Bristol is 30 minutes from Providence, the capital of Rhode Island, 60 minutes south from Boston and 3.5 hours east from New York City by both car and rail. Rhode Island is the smallest state in the U.S. geographically, and is considered a part of New England, in the northeast part of the United States. Our campus consists of over 140 acres along Mount Hope Bay, leading to the Atlantic Ocean. Rhode Island is famous for its beaches and is commonly known as The Ocean State.

WEATHER

Students will experience all four seasons while attending Roger Williams University. Summers can be hot with a cool breeze that comes off the ocean. Autumn provides crisp temperatures as well as the world renowned vibrant colors New England is famous for as the leaves change for the season. Snow will fall regularly in the winter months while the campus will green up in the spring.

SIZE

4,200 students currently attend classes on the Bristol Campus.

WHO IS ROGER WILLIAMS?

- The university is named for Roger Williams, founder of the state of Rhode Island. Roger Williams was an early European settler in North America and the first major figure in colonial America to instill democracy, religious freedom, and understanding and inclusion of America's native cultures – what he called his “lively experiment.” Through his scholarship in language, theology and law, and fearless advocacy for freedom and tolerance, Roger's life reflected the value of learning and teaching.
- At RWU, we dedicate our efforts to that spirit of love of learning and service toward the greater good. We are a private university with a public purpose, devoted to strengthening society through engaged teaching and learning. We are committed to making a great education accessible by investing in people and resources while holding the line on cost.

SAFETY

- In 2022, Bristol was named Safest College Town in America by SafeWise. The Department of Public Safety here on campus strives to provide a safe and secure environment conducive to living and learning. Our efforts to maintain a safe and secure environment rely on our ability to develop collaborative relationships with the many communities that make up the University. We believe that through partnering and problem solving, we can continue to make RWU one of the safest universities in the country.
- RWU is a weapons-free campus. No student, employee, vendor or visitor shall carry a prohibited weapon on campus or keep them in their dorm room. Only Campus Security and Law Enforcement officials are allowed to carry weapons on campus. There are no exceptions to this rule. Please refer to the Weapons-Free Campus Policy on the university web site.





STUDENT HOUSING

REQUIREMENTS

- A student intending to enroll at Roger Williams will be required to make both a tuition and housing deposit. The housing deposit of \$350 will reserve their space in university housing.
- Incoming first-year students are required to live on campus their first two years.
- First year students are not allowed to have cars on campus.
- Shortly after the deposit, students will be contacted electronically to select housing options and fill out the roommate survey.

ACCESSIBILITY

Roger Williams University and The Department of Residence Life and Housing are committed to the full participation of students with disabilities in all aspects of college life, including residential and dining experiences. In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Roger Williams University has established procedures to ensure that students with documented disabilities have access to reasonable University housing and meal plan accommodations. Virtually all student needs can be met through the standard room selection process or new student assignment process.

RESIDENT ASSISTANTS

Each housing option for students will include a Resident Assistant to oversee life in the unit. Many are upperclassmen who are reimbursed for their work within housing unit. International students are allowed to take on this role as a part of their visa status and are strongly encouraged to apply!

HOUSING TYPES

- When you live at Roger Williams University, you'll discover a safe, supportive, and fun community you'll be proud to call home.
- The Roger Williams University is a tight-knit community of open, accepting and affirming citizen scholars, leaders, world travelers, athletes, environmentalists, artists, music fans, thinkers and doers. Our campus is vibrant and filled with opportunities for learning and growth. The Department of Residence Life and Housing is committed to making Roger Williams your home away from home, and helping you discover your path and your passion.
- University residence halls are comprised of eight different communities, each with a unique vibe. Traditional residence halls are reserved for our first-year students, while returning students can choose from suites and apartment-style residences. All of our halls provide wireless internet access and laundry facilities.
- RWU began offering Living Learning Communities more than a decade ago, when the University Honors Program chose to include a living component to accompany the overall honors experience. Since then, the University has hosted many types of LLCs – from theme-and major-based to special interest, self-proposed and everything in between. We believe that LLCs are an integral piece of the RWU education, especially for incoming students.

National research has shown that LLCs:

- Improve self-confidence
- Open students' minds to new ideas and experiences
- Increase student engagement in classes
- Lead students to think more critically and gain deeper knowledge
- Create a greater sense of connection to the university community



QUALIFIED STUDENTS

HERE IS WHAT WE LOOK FOR!



UNDERGRADUATES

- GPA – We are looking for a 2.5 GPA or higher from our applicants. Students who have below a 2.5 GPA will still be considered and can be accepted to the university if their overall academics are showing strong upward growth over their time in high school, or if their extracurricular accomplishments are exceptional.
- Test Scores – SAT and ACT scores are not required for admission to RWU. Scores will be considered if a student would like to include them as a part of an application package. However, a student is not penalized if they do not submit test scores.
- Essay – We are looking for strong writing skills as a student does their best to tell us their unique story.
- Letters of Recommendation – RWU only requires one letter of recommendation. Many students will send us two. Letters must be from teachers and school administrators. Letters from family and friends will not be accepted.
- Activities – We know that students who are active outside of the classroom excel here at RWU. We encourage students to let us know of all of their activities in their lives, from athletics and the arts, to academic clubs, volunteer activities, jobs, internships, travel and community projects. The Activity list will show us things we can never see in a student's grades or test scores, including qualities like leadership, initiative and maturity.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PATHWAYS

DIRECT ADMISSION

Students that meet one of the requirements below will be considered for direct admission to their program of study or major.

Minimum Score Requirements:

- TOEFL that is 79 IBT/550 PBT/213 CBT or greater
- IELTS that is a 6.5 or greater

Test scores can be waived if the student meets one of the following requirements:

- The student is a citizen of a country where English is the primary language
- Two years of standard English with a B or better in a high school where English is the primary language used in the classroom
- A score of 550 or greater on the EBRW section of the new SAT
- A score of 20 or greater on the ACT English Writing Score
- A score of 6 or greater in IB English SL or HL
- AP English score of 5
- A-Level English score of B or higher
- GTEC score of 1200 or greater
- Satisfactory completion of an agreed upon program from a partnered ESL program

BRIDGE PROGRAM

For those international students whose test scores indicate that they would benefit from additional English as a Second Language (ESL) support, we offer the RWU ESL Bridge Program. This program allows advanced-level ESL students to take appropriate ESL courses in addition to their academic courses, supplemented by ESL tutoring in preparation for taking a full-time academic course load. This program is for non-native English speaking students interested in RWU's undergraduate program.

Minimum Score Requirements:

- TOEFL that is between 61-79 IBT/ 500-550PBT / 173-213 CBT
- IELTS that is between 5.0 and 6.0

CONDITIONAL ADMISSION

International students applying to RWU with English language test scores below qualifying standards, or with no scores submitted, can be considered for conditional admission. A student would then have one year from the time they are accepted to complete an ESL program from one of our preferred partners, or provide us with the required test scores necessary to qualify for the Bridge Program or for Direct Admission.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

UNDERGRADUATE

Unique link access

As a valued recruiting partner, for undergraduate admissions candidates, you will have a unique URL to use to access our free application for your students. All information in regard to the student, their program of interest, start date, and educational background will be available on this online application. Complete directions will be available within the application. All required documentation, including transcripts, essay, letters of recommendation, resume/CV/activity list and portfolio upload instructions will be included.

Common Application

- Students can also apply using the Common Application. If you have a student applying using this method, you must let us know as soon as possible so we can credit the student to your organization and track the application appropriately.

Application Requirements

- Completed Application
- Essay
- Letter of Recommendation
- High School Transcript – in English
- English Language Proficiency Submission
- Documentation of Financial Support
- Portfolio or Audition
 - Architecture
 - Visual Arts
 - Dance

Deadlines – RWU utilizes a modified rolling admissions process. The following are our priority deadlines:

- Spring – November 1
- Fall
 - Early Action – November 15
 - Honors Candidate - November 15
 - Regular Decision – February 1

Applications will continue to be accepted by the admissions team following the priority deadlines on a space available basis. The RWU admissions team will communicate updated admissions deadlines on a regular basis to our partners.

GRADUATE

- All Applications must go through the dedicated link on the Graduate Admission page at <https://www.rwu.edu/graduate/admission/how-apply>.
- All students attending a university(s) outside the US must submit a course-by-course evaluation for all undergraduate courses, unless they have attended a university with US accreditations.
- For all other application requirements and program tuition costs, please see the Graduate Program Guide.



TUITION & FEES

THE ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR THE 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR IN U.S. DOLLARS (USD) ARE:

FULL-TIME TUITION & FEES	UNDERGRADUATE	ENGINEERING MAJORS	ARCHITECTURE MAJORS
TUITION	\$43,292	\$44,996	\$48,113
HEALTH INSURANCE* (ESTIMATED)	\$2,321	\$2,321	\$2,321
ROOM & BOARD	\$16,294	\$16,294	\$16,294
TOTAL	\$61,907	\$63,611	\$66,728

** Required for all students but does not need to be purchased from the University. This price is an estimate and reflects 2022-23 cost when purchased from RWU.*

PROMOTION

HOW CAN WE ASSIST YOU?

IN PERSON

RWU International Admissions is committed to participating in your recruitment events at least once a year if not more often. We recognize the importance of visiting your offices for regular training opportunities as well as to connect with you, your team, your students and families. The International Coordinator will be your primary point of contact at all times.

IN PRINT

Many of our promotional materials specifically for international recruitment will be made available through a special link within the university web site. As the university continues to be as environmentally friendly as possible, this will give you an opportunity to print specific documents when needed as well as share PDF's with students you may be working with at a distance.

ONLINE

RWU International Admissions promises to respond to your emails within 48 hours, if not sooner! We are also committed to setting up Skype meetings with you, your team, and your students and families at a time that will be convenient for all involved.



COMMISSION PROCESS

- Our commission is in our contractual agreement. It will be a fixed price agreed upon by both parties and only paid when a student enrolls and continues with classes beyond the initial Add/Drop period.
- Half commission will follow the first Add/Drop period of the student's first semester. The second half will come following the student's completion of their second semester's Add/Drop period.
- Complete details are in the contractual agreement.



CALENDAR

JANUARY

- Spring Orientation
- Spring Classes Begin

FEBRUARY

- Priority Application Deadline for Fall
- Spring Commission Payments following Add/Drop

MARCH

- Spring Break for Students
- Bi-Annual contract review

JULY

- First tuition payment for Fall is due

AUGUST

- International Orientation
- Student Move-in
- Fall Classes begin

SEPTEMBER

- Fall Commission Payment following Add/Drop

APRIL

- Fall Priority Deadline for Transfer Applications
- Graduate Application Deadline for Fall

MAY

- Deposit Deadline for Fall
- Spring Term Ends
- Graduation

JUNE

- Orientation for incoming Fall students (US citizens only)
- Transfer orientation (US citizens only)

OCTOBER

- Spring Graduate Application Deadline for Architecture

NOVEMBER

- Fall Early Action Priority Application Deadline
- Fall Honors Priority Application Deadline
- Spring Graduate Application Deadline

JUNE

- Fall Term Ends
- Spring Priority Application Deadline

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The Admission office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 5pm. The office is open most Saturdays from September through May. To contact our front desk call 401-254-3500.

Campus tours and information sessions are available for visitors most days at 9am, 12:30pm, and 2pm. To see the complete schedule and to reserve a spot, please use this link: rwu.edu/go/visit

The RWU admissions team includes team members who are fluent in several languages including Spanish and Portuguese.

For students who cannot make a personal visit to campus, we offer a virtual tour. The virtual tour offers an opportunity to see what life is like on our campus with a tour guide who guides you in English and in Spanish! rwu.edu/go/virtual-tour

TRANSPORTATION

BY AIR

Rhode Island is served by T.F. Green Airport just outside downtown Providence, Rhode Island. Many Students will also fly to Logan Airport in Boston, Massachusetts.

BY RAIL

Providence Station is serviced by Amtrak and provides connections to and from both Boston – South Station and New York – Penn Station.

BY BUS

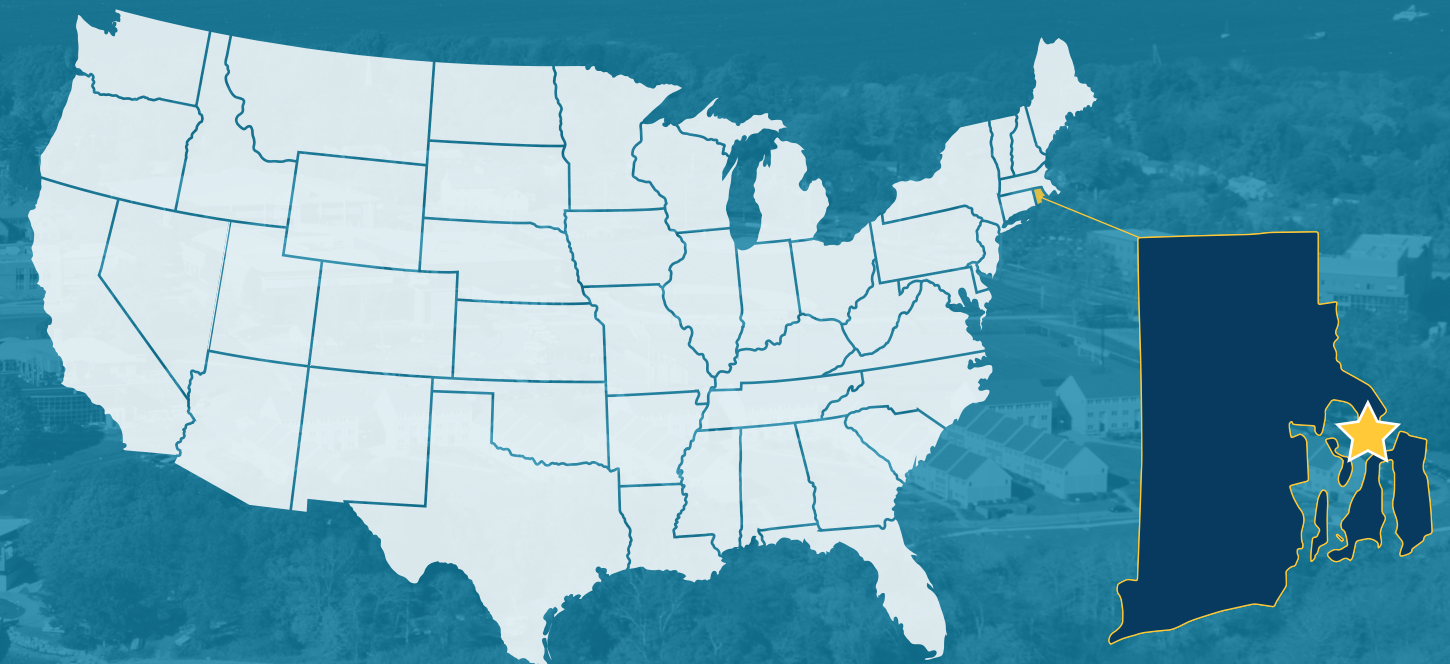
The RIPTA Bus 60 runs regularly from Kennedy Plaza in Providence and stops directly across the street from our Bristol Campus. RIPTA will also take students to Newport, RI, a nearby resort destination.

BY CAR

- Our address is One Old Ferry Rd in Bristol, RI and is found easily by all GPS mapping systems as well as by taxi, Uber, and other ride-sharing services.
- RWU students also have access to Zip Cars on campus. Qualified students can use a Zip Car rental to get to any destination.
- RWU has charging stations for students with electric vehicles.

SHUTTLE

The RWU Shuttle will take students to a number of designated locations around campus. All you need is your student ID!



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