Ryerson University
As we race toward a future defined by increasingly complex challenges, developing new ways of thinking has never been more urgent. It’s not about hatching one big idea. It’s about forging a collaborative vision to improve communities big and small. It’s about challenging convention to create new possibilities. It’s about merging ingenuity and action to become agents of change.

This is what we do at Ryerson.
The Ryerson way

Every university claims a culture of innovation, but here, it’s embedded in our DNA. It’s the strand that connects our commitment to experiential learning and our culture of entrepreneurship. It’s why we believe inclusion is a strength that propels us forward. It’s also why we measure ourselves against real-world impact and apply our knowledge to improve lives. The drive for increased access and to create positive change defines our mission and identity.

Our faculties consist of:

Faculty of Arts
Faculty of Communication and Design
Faculty of Community Services
Faculty of Engineering and Architectural Science
Faculty of Science
Ted Rogers School of Management
Yeates School of Graduate Studies
Our students lead

From their willingness to embrace bold ideas to their determination to make an impact, Ryerson students learn to think differently about the future and their ability to shape it. We equip them with the knowledge, skills and competencies required to establish fulfilling careers, start new businesses and contribute meaningfully to society. Our vibrant and inclusive student body forms the energetic core of life at Ryerson.

36,700 2,700 60+
Undergraduate students Graduate students Graduate programs

6,200 2,500 55+
Students in The G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education International students from 130 countries Undergraduate programs

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Bilal Farooq is an engineering professor and Canada Research Chair who studies emerging transportation technologies and solutions to problems like congestion and emissions.

Professor Shelagh McCartney, director of Together Design Lab, works in partnership with First Nations in northern Ontario developing community-based housing solutions that deeply engage all community members in planning, development and design processes.

Ryerson faculty are diverse, progressive and highly respected as educators and researchers. They’re committed to the art of teaching and to tackling complex problems with their scholarly and creative activities. From critical work in urban sustainability and transportation to leading research on the politics of migration and democratic engagement, our researchers strive to drive economic growth and improve quality of life for Canadians and people around the world.

Professor Pawel Pralat uses computational and mathematical methods (such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, simulations, modelling complex networks, cloud computing and optimization) to solve challenging real-life industry problems.

#1
In not-for-profit research income growth from 2013-17 among comprehensive universities (Research Infosource, 2018)

18%
Increase in SSHRC funding in 2017-18
Professor April Lindgren examines the state of local news coverage across Canada in light of massive disruption in the journalism industry.

Hayden King is Anishinaabe from Beausoleil First Nation and is a researcher and executive director of the Yellowhead Institute, a First Nations-led think tank focused on Indigenous land and governance policies.
Athletics as community

While Ryerson’s varsity sports teams enjoy success at the provincial and national levels, athletics here is about more than winning streaks and championships – it’s about cultivating human potential through physical activity. The Ryerson Rams Care mentorship program is a powerful example of this. It connects our student-athletes with kids in Toronto who benefit from positive role models. Athletics helps connect us to one another and the community at large.

2017-18
Women’s volleyball U SPORTS (national) champions
2017-18
Women’s volleyball OUA champions
2016-17
Men’s basketball OUA champions

11
Varsity teams
17
Competitive clubs
Ryerson is a culture that’s innovative and entrepreneurial, a community that’s welcoming and inclusive, and a learning environment that’s incredibly creative.

MOHAMED LACHEMI  President and Vice-Chancellor, Ryerson University
Toronto has been ranked the best city in the world thanks to its livability, diversity, and its booming tech and startup sectors (The Economist).

Ted Rogers School of Management ranked in the top 25 of international MBA programs (Bloomberg Businessweek, 2017).

Ryerson boasts multiple urban-focus research centres, devoted to subjects that range from clean energy and water scarcity to land development, infrastructure and transportation.

Countries where Ryerson has partners
Languages spoken by Ryerson students and faculty

38%
52%

Of Canada’s head offices based in the Toronto region (Toronto Global)
Increase in tech jobs in Toronto since 2012 (CBRE)

Urban impact with global reach

With the world’s population concentrated in cities, Ryerson’s distinctly urban character and commitment to city building place us in a unique position to make an impact both locally and internationally. Our research and teaching programs are at the forefront of innovation, tackling some of the world’s biggest challenges. As a leading university for experiential learning, entrepreneurship, sustainability and urban inquiry, Ryerson is uniquely positioned to contribute to the city and beyond. Urban innovation on campus translates and drives societal change. Our connections extend across the city and around the globe.

The DMZ is ranked the #1 university-based business incubator in the world (UBI Global, 2018).

Students from 150+ countries across the globe
$485M Raised by Ryerson Futures and Zone Startups

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46
80+

38%
52%

150+

Partners around the world
Our startup culture

Ryerson has built an entrepreneurial culture through a unique model of experiential education we call Zone Learning. The zones we’ve created span various disciplines and enable students to apply their degree coursework towards creative and socially engaged projects. Whether they develop a company, a social venture or champion a cause, this sector-specific incubation network allows them to gain real-world skills and solve real-world problems, all before they graduate.

Ryerson offers its students access to state-of-the-art workspaces and technologies, such as the latest 3D printers, in the Design Fabrication Zone.

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On-campus zones

500+
Zone startups as of March 2018

3,000+
New jobs created by Ryerson startups since 2010

$340M+
Seed funding received for startups
In the Fashion Zone, Leen Al-Taiber and her co-founders started House of Anesi and designed a bra that uses high-tech materials to adapt to women’s breast size changes and reduce back pain.

Incubated in the Clean Energy Zone, Paul Stevers’ Think Renewables builds solar-powered communication systems for developing countries that have unreliable power grids and/or intermittent internet access.
Alumni who make us proud

Our alumni are remarkable representatives of Ryerson’s unique approach to education. Their success powerfully endorses our culture of inclusion and innovative approach to learning. As Ryerson’s research, reach and reputation continue to advance, we honour their legacy and all they have accomplished.

198,000 Alumni worldwide

128 Countries across the globe

Our Ryerson graduates include:

Stephanie Asare Nti
Founder, Social Workers Beyond Borders

Karla Avis-Birch
VP, Capital Projects Group, Metrolinx

Rick Brace
President, Rogers Media

Edward Burtynsky
Award-Winning Photographer

Dwight Drummond
Host, CBC Toronto News

Brad Fedosoff
SVP, Enterprise Architecture & Data Management Governance, CIBC

Alex Finlayson
Senior iOS UX Engineer, Google

Brian Gluckstein
Designer, GlucksteinHome

Marci Ien
Broadcast Journalist, CTV

Jean Major
CEO, Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario

Erdem Moralıoğlu
Fashion Designer, ERDEM

Terry O’Reilly
Host, CBC’s Under the Influence

Sangita Patel
Host, HGTV Canada’s Home to Win; ET Canada

Louise Penny
Award-Winning Author

Jeremy Podeswa
Director, Game of Thrones; The Handmaid’s Tale

Marzio Pozzuoli
CEO, NuraLogix

Annie Roper
CFO & CAO, Canada Infrastructure Bank

Rhiannon Rosalind
President & CEO, The Economic Club of Canada

Isadore Sharp
Founder & Chairman, Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts

Mehrnaz Shokrollahi
Data Scientist, Flipp

Frank Walwyn
Partner, WeirFoulds LLP

Nicole Winstanley
VP, Penguin Random House Canada

Todd Young
VP & GM Head of Q Series Aircraft Program, Bombardier Commercial Aircraft

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Alumnus and Will and Grace actor Eric McCormack speaks with Ryerson performance students about the industry. Photo Alia Youssef
Partnerships that define us

Collaborating with other organizations and companies is crucial for Ryerson to achieve a diversity of perspectives and real-world connections. The resulting relationships enrich student experiences and increase civic engagement. Our partnerships open up valuable research opportunities for Ryerson faculty and allow us to apply our knowledge and amplify its impact.

Our partnerships include:

- Audible
- Bombardier Aerospace
- Bombay Stock Exchange
- Cirque du Soleil
- Environics Analytics
- IBM
- Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment
- National Ballet School of Canada
- Rockwell Automation Canada
- Rogers Communications
- Royal Bank of Canada
- Schneider Electric Power Monitoring and Control
- Siemens Canada
- St. Michael’s Hospital
- Toronto Hydro
- Toronto Stock Exchange
- Universal Music
- Warranty Life

Master’s student Selena Osman works at the Institute for Biomedical Engineering, Science and Technology (iBEST) – a partnership between St. Michael’s Hospital and Ryerson that drives research innovation in health care.
Donors who drive change

The Ryerson community of donors includes alumni, friends, parents, faculty and staff, industry partners and more. Collectively, they represent a legacy of giving that has helped build our university into the dynamic institution that it is today. Their generous donations to bursaries and scholarships, as well as buildings and facilities, enrich the quality of life at Ryerson and ultimately empower students and faculty to make an impact in the world.

$33M+ in scholarships and bursaries awarded (2017)

14,500+ students received scholarships and bursaries (2017)

Since creating their first student award in 1968, the Rogers family has played a vital role at Ryerson, including making a landmark gift in 2007 to create the Ted Rogers School of Management.
Our future starts here

We’ve always been city builders, but today our vision goes beyond bricks and mortar. Ryerson’s bold thinking and culture of collaboration place us at the forefront of a paradigm shift that will transform everything from urban sustainability to global democracy. At the intersection of mind and action, we harness a chorus of creative ideas to foster healthy communities and improve the lives of people around the world.