



## RYERSON UNIVERSITY AT A GLANCE

- Ryerson University is Canada's leader in innovative, career-focused education and a university clearly on the move. Located in downtown Toronto, Ryerson is a distinctly urban university with a mission to serve societal need and a long-standing commitment to engaging its community.
- Ryerson is the most applied-to university in Ontario relative to available spaces, and its reputation with business and community leaders continue to rise.
- The university has more than 38,000 students, including 2,300 master's and PhD students – a culturally diverse student population from 146 countries. The university employs 780 faculty and 1,700 administrative staff.
- Ryerson offers more than 100 undergraduate, master's and PhD programs.
- 95.3% of Ryerson graduates report employment two years after graduation.
- The G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education is the country's largest, offering 1,400 courses and 80 certificate programs.

## ACADEMICS

- Many Ryerson programs are distinguished by experiential learning opportunities, including co-op, internships and placements.
- The university has a range of partnerships with organizations in the community and around the world. Ryerson recently launched joint programs with Osgoode Hall Law School and St. Michael's Hospital.
- Entrepreneurship education is in the spotlight at Ryerson with more than 10 per cent of the student population actively engaged in entrepreneurial-focused degrees or courses, research, mentoring programs or workshops.

## **SIX FACULTIES:**

- **Ted Rogers School of Management:**  
Largest business school in Canada and accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business – a designation achieved by less than five per cent of business schools worldwide.
- **Faculty of Engineering and Architectural Science:**  
One of the largest faculties of its kind in Canada, and home to one of the fastest-growing biomedical physics groups in the country. It offers one of only two aerospace degree programs in Canada.
- **Faculty of Communication & Design:**  
Offers eight programs, many that are unique in Canada. The Faculty is a leader in experiential learning and creative research.
- **Faculty of Community Services:**  
Home to nine schools offering professional programs that prepare students for addressing the health and social care needs of Canada's population.
- **Faculty of Arts:**  
Brings the traditional university focus on liberal arts to Ryerson's unique brand of education, with degree programs in English, history, sociology and a range of other disciplines.
- Recognizing the growing depth and breadth of science-related activity at the university, Ryerson has launched a Faculty of Science in 2012 with four schools: Chemistry and Biology, Physics, Math and Computer Science.

## **YEATES SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES**

- Graduate students from 57 countries around the world study at Ryerson.
- 10 PhD and 42 master's programs
- Three new PhD programs launched in fall 2011: molecular science, physics and computer science.
- The Master's of Architecture program at Ryerson is the first new professional program in architecture to be launched in Canada since 1971.

## **OUTSTANDING FACULTY**

- The university attracts and retains outstanding faculty from around the world. In 2011, Ryerson history professor Arne Kislenko won the most prestigious university teaching award in Canada: the 3M National Teaching Fellowship.
- Distinguished visiting scholars and practitioners include: Tony Burman and Diane Francis, journalists; Marie Bountrogianni, politician; Stephen Lewis, humanitarian and activist; Atom Egoyan, filmmaker; and Buzz Hargrove, labour leader.

## **THE DMZ**

- The DMZ at Ryerson University is the top-ranked university-based incubator in Canada and fifth in the world, as rated by the University Business Incubator (UBI Global) Index. It is one of the country's largest incubators for technology startups, helping entrepreneurs succeed by connecting them with customers, advisors, influencers and other entrepreneurs.
- Since its launch in April 2010, 209 startups have been incubated and accelerated; nearly 2,000 jobs have been fostered and created through newly formed startups and market-driven research. Presently, the DMZ is home to approximately 418 innovators in 84 startups.
- The DMZ has created links to top-tier incubators and accelerators around the world, including establishments in Tunisia, Jordan, India, the UK and South Africa. The DMZ has also hosted international fellows from China, South Africa, India, Israel and more.

## **RESEARCH**

- Research at the university is focused on these themes: digital media; energy, sustainability and the environment; health and well-being; civil society; design, creative expression and cultural industries; innovation and entrepreneurship; and learning and teaching effectiveness.
- Research funding and publications have doubled in the past five years and the university has established a reputation nationally and internationally with a focus on digital media, energy, biomedical, creative industries and social innovation.
- The university ranks in the top half of Canadian non-medical universities for research, with a focus on real world solutions to real world challenges.
- Ryerson was ranked #1 in the undergraduate category for research publication intensity by Research Infosource 2011.

## **NOTABLE ALUMNI**

- There are more than 155,000 alumni worldwide including Isadore Sharp, founder, Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts; Wendy Mesley, broadcast journalist; Jeremy Laing, Lida Baday, fashion designers; Eric McCormack, actor; and Ed Burtynsky, photographer.
- Three alumni have won Academy Awards for technical achievements -- Frieder Hochheim, for the Kino Flo lighting system; Doug Walker, for his Maya special effects software; and Mike Lewis, part of a team of four who won the Scientific and Engineering Award for high-tech camera technology that helps moviemakers take better aerial film.

## **WE ARE GROWING**

- Ryerson has a host of new capital projects underway:
- Mattamy Athletic Centre at the Gardens opened in 2012 featuring a multi-purpose court with 1,000 seats for volleyball and basketball; an NHL-sized rink with 2,800 seats; and fitness and recreational facilities.

- The Ryerson Student Learning Centre is a university space for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Located on Yonge Street in downtown Toronto, the centre will add study and collaborative space for students and help revitalize the city's downtown core. It has won a national design excellence award from Canadian Architect magazine.
- The School of Image Arts building recently underwent a state-of-the-art renovation and expansion, made possible with \$32.9 million from the federal and provincial governments. The building, which opened in 2012, also houses the Ryerson Image Centre.
- The university expects to open a new student residence in 2016, housing 500 students.
- With \$56 million from the province, Ryerson is planning construction of a Health Sciences building to house health-related programs. The new building will facilitate and enrolment increase of 1,800.