

Trek New York City 2024 - August 18-23

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Application Deadline: Monday, May 6, 2024, 12:00 PM NOON ET

Application opens: April 1, 2024

Acceptances are announced: Week of May 13th, 2024

Trek New York City takes place: August 18-23, 2024

Please make careful note of the deadline date, time, and time zone. In order to be fair to all RISD applicants who submitted on time, we do not accept incomplete or late applications.

DESCRIPTION

Trek New York City is a program designed to provide students with an opportunity to see firsthand the professional fine arts world and the creative culture in New York City. The trip blends on-site visits to artist's studios, galleries, community arts non-profits, artist residency programs, arts incubators, museums, panel discussions with alumni and alumni networking opportunities.

Students that participate in Trek NYC will gain a deeper understanding of what it takes to be a new fine arts graduate and discover ways to establish a professional career path that is supported through a fine art interdisciplinary ecosystem. They will develop a clear understanding of how to engage with art world professionals and organizations for future opportunities, and begin to build their networks with professionals, alumni and mentors.

Trek NYC will take place from Sunday, August 18 through Friday, August 23, 2024. To participate, students must be returning to RISD for the Fall 2024 semester. All expenses for the trip arranged by RISD will be covered for participants including: round trip train fare from Providence to New York City, hotel accommodations, travel to and from Trek New York City sites, and daily meals. Selected students are required to pay a non-refundable \$100 program fee to hold their space to participate. Some financial assistance is available for students who might not otherwise be able to participate due to the non-refundable deposit or other travel costs if not departing from Providence.

RISD Trek New York City is a collaboration between the RISD Alumni Association, Institutional Advancement, and the Career Center, as well as various regional Alumni Clubs and Affinity Groups.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants:

- Students may only attend one RISD Trek trip during their RISD career.
- Applicants must be currently enrolled Undergraduate Students: rising juniors, rising seniors or rising 5th year students, or Graduate students that are not graduating in 2024.
- Applicants must be enrolled for the Fall 2024 semester.
- Applicants can be of any major and work in any medium.
- Applicants of any citizenship are eligible.
- Each participating student must ensure that their student account is paid in full both at the time of travel registration and departure. If a balance remains outstanding, the student will be ineligible for travel and may not be reimbursed for travel expenses already paid.
- Students must be considered an active student at the time of departure in order to participate.
- Students must have a current resume, on-line portfolio, and LinkedIn profile.

RISD Nondiscrimination Statement: Rhode Island School of Design does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, national origin, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law in admission to, participation in, or administration of its educational programs and activities; in employment; or in its other programs and activities.

SELECTION CRITERIA

APPLICATION MATERIALS

- Application materials must be complete by the due date.
- All requirements must be met and instructions followed.
- Attention should be paid to the quality and presentation of materials. Attachments are formatted neatly and scanned documents are legible.
- Responses must answer the questions asked and must be clear, concise, and give insight to your interest in Trek NYC and how attending will help to meet your professional goals.

STUDENT READINESS

- Student articulates a solid understanding of and interest in the purpose of Trek NYC.
- Student demonstrates the ability to be successful as a participant in an intensive off-campus travel program that provides unique exposure to the professional world.
- Student demonstrates interest in actively engaging in the art world, and working in these markets.
- Student presents readiness to engage with alumni and other professionals for networking and possible mentorship.

APPLICATION PROCESS & COMPONENTS

- Students must fill out and submit the RISD Trek NYC 2024 Application online by the **DEADLINE: 5/6/24 at 12:00 PM NOON ET.**
- All items are submitted as PDF uploads to the online application.
- The link to the online application can be found at: <https://connect.risd.edu/f/trek-new-york>
- The application components are:

➤ **APPLICANT PERSONAL AND ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

➤ **RESPONSES** to the following in 1 PDF. Please include the question text as headers before your responses, and use 1 inch margins, Times New Roman 12-point font, and single spaced rows:

- **ESSAY 1)** Why do you want to participate in Trek NYC (exploring the creative culture and art world in New York City)? (200 word max)
- **ESSAY 2)** What are your professional goals and what do you hope to gain from attending Trek NYC? (200 word max)
- **ESSAY 3)** What makes you a strong applicant for Trek NYC? (200 word max)
- **ESSAY 4)** Please describe any financial barriers that would prevent you from attending Trek NYC if you are selected and why you would need additional funding. While most costs are covered, we understand that students may still have a financial barrier to cover the costs of the non-refundable \$100 deposit, or to travel to New York City if they do not plan to depart from Providence. (200 word max)

➤ **RESUME.** Include most recent employment, skills, community involvement, volunteer service, exhibitions, awards, and other accomplishments. Use the [Career Center Resume & Career Essentials booklet](#) for tips and advice on creating an effective resume.

➤ **LINKEDIN PROFILE URL.** Consider [meeting with a Career Advisor](#) to review your profile before submitting.

- **PORTFOLIO WEBSITE URL.** Tips and advice on preparing an online portfolio can be found [here](#).
- **Unofficial TRANSCRIPT.** This can only be accessed on a computer; not through the mobile or iPad app. 1) Go to Workday, then Menu, then Academics. 2) Under Academic Records, select Generate Unofficial Transcript. 3) File outputs as a PDF. Your submitted transcript should include the courses you are registered for in the Spring 2024 semester. Check the size of this document. The transcript file you receive is often quite large. You will likely need to compress this file considering your application cannot exceed 25MB in uploads. Upload this PDF into your application. Make sure the PDF is legible

TIPS FOR APPLICANTS:

- **Each attachment can be up to 3MB, however, please note that the TOTAL upload cannot be over 25MB.**
- **Avoid submitting at the last minute. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.**
- Review the guidelines and required materials carefully before you begin the application.
- Follow all directions carefully.
- Prepare your application in advance in a word document and check your spelling. **The application form will not save your answers once you leave the page.**
- Documents/Responses within a PDF should be in the same order as listed in the guidelines. Please include the question text as headers before your responses, and use 1 inch margins, Times New Roman 12-point font, and single spaced rows.
- Attachments should be named in the following way: FirstnameLastname.Documenttype. So Jane Smith would name her files JaneSmith.Reponse, JaneSmith.Transcript, etc.
- After you submit you will see a submission screen and receive an email confirming a successful submission.

STUDENT EXPENSES

- Selected students are required to pay a non-refundable \$100 program deposit fee to hold their space to participate.
- All program expenses will be provided for students including, hotel accommodations, travel to and from Trek New York City sites and daily meals. Students are responsible for any and all additional expenses including, personal items, toiletries, additional meals/food outside of those provided, and anything done outside the program schedule, ie. fees for sightseeing tours, entertainment etc.
- RISD will book and pay for transportation via Amtrak train for students who depart from and return to Providence, RI. Students who may be traveling from elsewhere will be responsible for booking and paying for their own transportation, but can be reimbursed after the trip.
- The reimbursement amount will be equal to the amount paid for students traveling round trip between Providence and New York City. Some additional financial assistance is available for students who might not otherwise be able to participate due to the non-refundable deposit or cost of their travel if they are not departing from Providence.

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