

## POLICY FOR ADOPTION AFFILIATE GROUPS

- a. An affiliate student group is a group comprised of RSU members who share an interest in academic related projects, academic programme-based issues, political views, or creating a Ryerson chapter of a third-party non-profit organisation.
- b. To apply for designation as an affiliate student group, a RSU member representing the group must submit to the RSU executive committee a written outline of the group's mandate and list of possible programming ideas for the year. Applications must include a written endorsement from the program chair of the corresponding academic department, or from a supervisor of the corresponding organisation, assuming risk and liability for the group. Executive members of the group shall consist of RSU members and be currently enrolled students of Ryerson.
- c. The Executive Committee approves or denies affiliate student group status for a group of RSU members who apply in accordance with this policy.
- d. Affiliate groups are self-governing, and responsibility of the group solely lies within that of the academic programme or organisation of which the affiliate group is a part of.
- e. Affiliate groups must be open to all RSU members.
- f. Organisations that restrict membership, charge a fee to be part of the local Ryerson chapter or conflict with the mandate of the Students' Union will not be granted Affiliate status. Sororities, Fraternities and other similar organizations will not receive Affiliate status.
- g. The affiliate group's actions must coincide with the Ontario Human Rights Code and all RSU and Ryerson University policies.
- h. Affiliate groups are subject to RSU policies on room bookings, postering, and use of student space in regards to restrictions and terms of use.
- i. Affiliate groups have the right to place posters in designated areas with the RSU's stamped approval, space on the RSU website.
- j. Affiliate groups may have up to two room bookings per semester during the academic year.
- k. Affiliate groups also have tabling privileges for no more than two (2) days maximum in any given week, up to a maximum of eight (8) days per each semester.
- l. Affiliate groups are not permitted to table for the sole purpose of fundraising for any third-party non-profit or charitable organisation. Tabling, outreach and/or events hosted by affiliate groups must include some aspect of education and awareness to the Ryerson community and RSU members.
- m. Chapter organisations cannot book space on behalf of third-party organizations, including their "parent" organisation.
- n. Affiliate groups are not eligible to receive an operational budget from the RSU. An affiliate group is eligible to apply for up to **\$2000** in RSU grant funding per academic year, but no more than **\$1000** is available per semester.
- o. If the affiliate group wants to renew its status annually, they must submit the contact information of the executive members, along with an RSU Affiliate Group form signed by the program chair of the academic programme or supervisor of the parent organization by September 30 of each year. Groups who do not comply will be deemed defunct and must reapply via the aforementioned process.