

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

# THE RICCI SCHOLARS PROGRAM

**Application,  
Recommendation Forms  
& Admission Requirements**



*Preparing people to lead extraordinary lives*

## Ricci Scholar Requirements

Loyola University Chicago undergraduates completing their first year of study at Loyola with a GPA of 3.7 or above will be invited to apply. Other Loyola students completing first-year studies with a GPA of 3.6 or better may apply. Currently, the program is open only to Loyola University Chicago students.

Ricci Scholar applicants are expected to meet all standard criteria set by Loyola University Chicago for study abroad: acceptable GPA; good disciplinary record; and favorable recommendations from faculty, their college and from the division of Student Life. For Ricci Scholar applicants, a letter of recommendation must be submitted from a faculty mentor.

Students apply to the program in the Fall of their sophomore year. Winners are announced at the beginning of the second semester. Ricci scholars are expected to participate in three one-hour seminars: A preparation seminar in Spring of sophomore year; a “West” seminar at the Rome Center and an “East” seminar at the Beijing Center. Students will earn three credit hours for their participation in each one-hour seminar.

Applications must be submitted by November 15th. Interviews will be conducted in December. Scholarship winners are announced in January.

## Research Proposal

A key component for acceptance into the program is the student’s potential for developing an intercultural research project in conjunction with their study abroad. Each applicant must have a faculty mentor with whom the student will develop a research topic. The topic for the project is open to any discipline and should involve some cross-cultural or intercultural dimension that makes use of travel to Italy and China. Students may propose a research paper, internship program or portfolio as is appropriate to the topic and disciplinary category. Applications will be considered only from students with proposals having the endorsement of a full-time Loyola University Chicago faculty member in a letter of recommendation. Faculty members of the Rome Center Advisory Committee and the Beijing Center Academic Oversight Board can supply basic information about research proposals but need not be the only faculty consulted in preparation of a proposal.

**Conducting research:** Students are expected to conduct some of their research, especially any field or experiential research, in Rome and Beijing. A faculty member or other staff person will be available at both the Rome Center and the Beijing Center as the on-site Ricci Scholar program liaison and will assist students in Rome and Beijing with program seminar meetings, with local contacts, and with research support.

The final redaction of their paper, thesis, or portfolio must be completed within the first semester of senior year. Students successfully completing the research project will present these to a convocation of Ricci Scholars in February, in which all stateside Ricci Scholars, including newly awarded scholarship recipients, will participate.

Students may apply for three credit hours for successful projects and will receive three credit hours for participating in the seminars. Those Scholars who successfully complete all aspects of the program will have a special designation as Ricci Scholars at graduation. Senior Ricci Scholars are expected to provide advice and support to sophomore Ricci applicants and awardees.

## Provisions of the Ricci Scholars Scholarship

Ricci Scholars are expected to pay tuition and room and board at Loyola University Chicago during their junior year, adjusted according to the rates for the Rome Center and the Beijing Center. Normally, institutional aid from Loyola University Chicago and financial assistance apply to enrollment at the Rome Center and the Beijing Center.

The Ricci Scholarship covers the following expenses:

- One roundtrip ticket between Chicago and Rome and one roundtrip ticket between Chicago and Beijing.
- Funding for one Rome Center study trip
- Optional Italian and Mandarin language tutorials
- Research stipend

## Required Application Materials

- Completed Ricci Scholars Application
- Letters of recommendation from Academic Advisor/Dean and Faculty mentor
- One-page research proposal
- Copy of passport ID page

Please note that all applicants must have a letter of recommendations from the faculty member who is their project mentor. The letter must include commentary about the student's research proposal.

## Review Process

The Ricci Scholars Selection Committee will evaluate applications during November and may conduct student interviews in December, depending on the number of applicants and the wishes of the committee. The committee reserves the right to make discreet inquiries in the university about applicants. Students awarded the scholarship will have two weeks to indicate their intentions.

## For More Information

Please direct questions regarding The Ricci Scholars Program to:

Marian Carlson  
Office for International Programs  
206 Sullivan Center  
Lake Shore Campus  
Phone: 773.508.3899  
E-mail: [ricci@luc.edu](mailto:ricci@luc.edu)  
Visit: [LUC.edu/ricci](http://LUC.edu/ricci)

# The Ricci Scholars Program Application

By applying to The Ricci Scholars Program, students apply at the same time to both The John Felice Rome Center and The Beijing Center for Chinese Studies, and must meet the admission requirements for each program.

## PART I. STUDENT INFORMATION (Please type or print clearly)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Gender

Present (Campus) address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address

City State Zip Valid until

Telephone (day) Telephone (evening) E-mail address

University/College attending \_\_\_\_\_

Major / Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Work experience \_\_\_\_\_

Foreign language skills \_\_\_\_\_

Previous international travel experience \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Birth place \_\_\_\_\_

Passport number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please enclose a photocopy of the data page of your passport with this application form. No decision will be made about admission to The Ricci Scholars Program without proof of this document.*

Permanent address \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip Country

Telephone (day) Telephone (evening)

How did you learn about The Ricci Scholars Program? \_\_\_\_\_

**PART II. ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last First Student ID# (Office use)

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Academic Advisor (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Department of College \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

List college courses you have taken or are presently taking in Chinese and/or Italian language and literature:

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List the courses you would like to take while attending The Rome Center:

| (For Office use only) | Course # | Title | Sem. Hrs. |
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List the courses you would like to take while attending The Beijing Center:

| (For Office use only) | Course # | Title | Sem. Hrs. |
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For course information, please visit: **LUC.edu/locus**.

Please list your two emergency contacts while you are abroad:

1) Contact's name: \_\_\_\_\_ -- \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2) Contact's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list three persons who could serve as references for you:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe in a succinct paragraph your academic goals while at Loyola University Chicago:

**Review of Student Conduct Record:**

*I understand that the Dean of Students and Office of Student Conduct will be communicating information contained in education records maintained by the university concerning my disciplinary history and current disciplinary status and will be making a recommendation to the Office for International programs regarding my participation in study abroad. I hereby authorize the communication of this information.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

*A recommendation writer should be aware that Public Law 93-380 permits the student to inspect recommendations unless he/she has signed the waiver below. The undersigned student hereby waives his/her right to inspect this form under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (Buckley Amendment).*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

### **PART III. RESEARCH PROPOSAL**

Describe in no more than one page your research proposal for The Ricci Scholars Program. Please refer to The Ricci Scholars Program brochure for additional details. Proposals will be judged on the basis of originality, clarity, and feasibility.

### **Please return your completed application materials to:**

Office for International Programs, 206 Sullivan Center, Lake Shore Campus

#### **For more information, contact:**

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Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
*Applicant's Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

- 1) Has the applicant ever been on academic probation? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No
- 2) Grade point average as of this date: \_\_\_\_\_ on scale of \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Total number of college credits completed as of this date: \_\_\_\_ Semester hours \_\_\_\_ Quarter hours
- 4) Applicant is: \_\_\_\_ Recommended \_\_\_\_ Recommended with Reservation \_\_\_\_ Not recommended
- On the basis of: \_\_\_\_ Records \_\_\_\_ Personal Acquaintance
- Additional comments:

Advisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to:**  
Office for International Programs  
Sullivan Center 206  
6339 North Sheridan  
Lake Shore Campus

*Please make your research proposal available to your faculty mentor before submitting this recommendation form to him/her.*

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*Applicant's Signature*

*Date*

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

How would you describe the applicant's scholarly aptitude?

Please assess the candidate's suitability for a two-semester study program in Italy and China.

Offer a candid evaluation of the candidate's research proposal.

Provide any other information that might be helpful to the scholarship selection committee.

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Lake Shore Campus