Academic Semester Dates
Fall Semester (1): August 30 - December 17
Spring Semester (2): January 13 - May 10

Nomination Deadlines
Fall Semester/Full year: Opens December 15, closes April 1
Spring Semester: Opens May 1, closes September 15
Nominate through this link.

Application Deadlines
Fall Semester: Opens March 1, closes May 1
Spring Semester: Opens August 1, closes October 15

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About Clarkson
Clarkson University is a private, nationally recognized research university delivering rigorous academics, and developing a collaborative community for students with an emphasis on real-world experience. With enrollment totaling over 3,800 students, Clarkson’s focus is on providing an educational experience in a friendly and personal environment that encourages teamwork and leadership development.

Located in Potsdam, New York, USA, Clarkson is near the major Canadian cities of Ottawa and Montreal. Students also take advantage of Clarkson's proximity to the six-million-acre Adirondack Park and Lake Placid, New York, the site of the 1932 and 1980 Winter Olympics, which both provide for great outdoor entertainment.

Semester Places & Duration of Exchange
In most Memorandums of Understanding and/or Agreements, a specific number of semester places are set. We honor the amount set in these agreements, but are willing to consider offering more semester places if needed. Students may apply for one semester or one academic year.

Application Requirements
Students must complete an online application. We do require an English Ability Form (found in the application) completed by the student’s home university or a TOEFL test scores (recommended score of 90 iBT and speaking score of 18-15). Students will need to submit 7 classes they are interested in taking while at Clarkson, but will have the opportunity to submit their final class requests later in the process. In order for students to obtain a visa, they must complete the Certificate of Finances (COF) form (found in the application) and supply bank statements and/or letters from the bank that support at least the amount identified on the COF. Students will also be required to upload a copy of their passport and most up to date transcript. Please see the link to the application/admission flowchart to the left for more details.
Credits and Transcripts
Undergraduate exchange students must enroll in 12 US credits (about 4 classes) to maintain their visa status, but cannot enroll in more than 18 credits. Graduate students must enroll in 9 US credits (about 3 classes) to maintain their visa status, but cannot enroll in more than 15 credits.

Transcripts will be shipped to the student’s home university’s international office within two weeks of the end of the semester. If there is an outstanding balance on the student’s account, the transcript will be held until the account clears.

Living Expenses
The estimated cost for attending one semester at Clarkson is about $10,649 USD (this changes each year). This estimate includes housing, food, books, personal expenses, and travel. We are unable to offer scholarships. Students must be able to prove they have the funding to attend Clarkson before visa documents will be issued.

Accommodations & Activities
All exchange students are required to live on campus. Students do not need to apply for housing, it is guaranteed. Students will be housed in self-catering apartments with other international and US students. Students are required to depart campus within 24 hours after their last final exam.

Clarkson has over 250 student organized clubs and groups that exchange students are welcome to join! Social@Clarkson is the place to search!

Health Forms and Insurance
Students must complete health forms before coming to campus and absolutely before attending classes. Students may need to see a doctor prior to being able to complete these forms. These forms are accessible to the student after they receive their acceptance letter and must be completed in English.

Health insurance is mandatory and proof of health insurance will be required upon arrival. Students holding a J-1 visa status must meet required standards as outlined in their documents.

Travel insurance is not health insurance.

Arrival Transportation
The airports of arrival are Hancock International (SYR) in Syracuse, New York and Ogdensburg International (OGS). Students may use Trailways buses that leave multiple times a day from SYR airport and arrive directly at Clarkson’s campus! We also provide transportation from OGS. We discourage arrivals through Canada. Once students arrive on campus, they will be greeted by our Global Ambassadors and be shown to their accommodations.